

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Blue 
Cross of Idaho

Foundation
for Health, Inc.

Friends and Colleagues

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health takes great pride in fulfilling its mission of giving back to Idaho and addressing root causes that impact health. We launched a revamped strategy in 2021 that gives back to our state where it's most needed.

Our strategy comes from continually listening to our valued partners, experts, looking at data and identifying what is needed in Idaho. This research guided us to prioritize addressing root causes that impact health in the areas of community, education and healthcare.

We gave back more than \$4.1 million to Idaho in 2021 for programs, projects and grants, and we supported more than 175 nonprofit organizations, schools and Idaho communities.

One of the most exciting and rewarding parts of our work is collaborating with amazing partners and organizations. We worked with more than 350 partners throughout Idaho in 2021. We wouldn't be able to address root causes that influence health and make the impact we do without these trusted partnerships.

We are pleased to share our annual report to show how the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health is working to create a healthier Idaho.

Our strategy isn't the only thing we revamped in 2021. We also redesigned www.bcidahofoundation.org to align with our current focus areas and make it easier for you to learn about our work, funding opportunities and more.

In good health,



Mike Reynoldson
President and Board Chair,
Blue Cross of Idaho
Foundation for Health

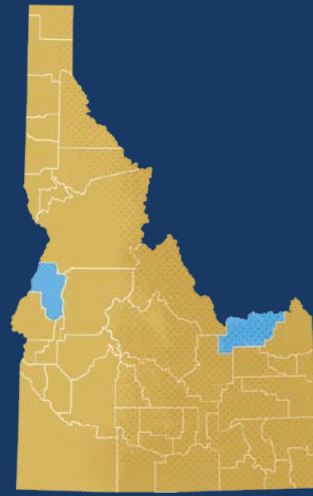


Kendra Witt-Doyle, PhD, MPH
Executive Director,
Blue Cross of Idaho
Foundation for Health





MORE THAN
\$4.1 MILLION
toward programs, projects
& grants



42/44 COUNTIES
received funding



MORE THAN
350 PARTNERS
in 2021



210
grants & awards
distributed in 2021

Our Board of Directors

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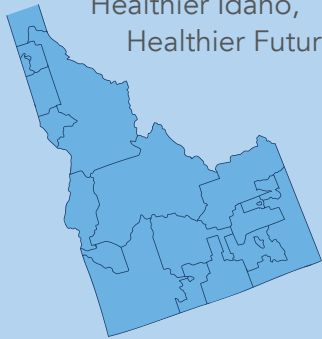
Kaylee Wells
Programs Coordinator

Nick Jezierny
Communications
Specialist

Our Strategy and Focus Areas

VISION

Healthier Idaho,
Healthier Future



MISSION

We're dedicated to giving
back to Idaho by
addressing the root causes
that impact health



VALUES

- Transformational,
Not Transactional
- Sustainable Change
- Building Relationships
- Forward Thinking
- Catalytic
- Continuous Learning

Focus areas where we address **root causes that impact health**



COMMUNITY



EDUCATION



HEALTHCARE

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health is dedicated to giving back to Idaho by addressing the root causes that impact health.

We believe that to do our role effectively, we need to continually assess where and how we give back to Idaho. We must meet the needs of the state to create a healthier Idaho. If we are not constantly assessing where we need to be giving back, then we are failing Idaho.

Our research led us to focusing on Community, Education and Healthcare. We will work to address root causes that impact health in these important areas. We're continuing our successful programs and developing new ways to give back to our state.

COMMUNITY

Build healthy communities and address root causes that impact health by engaging and working with local elected officials and organizations

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Thank you for your consistent role as an outstanding Corporate Citizen in all Idaho communities!!

Marc Carroll
Mayor of Blackfoot

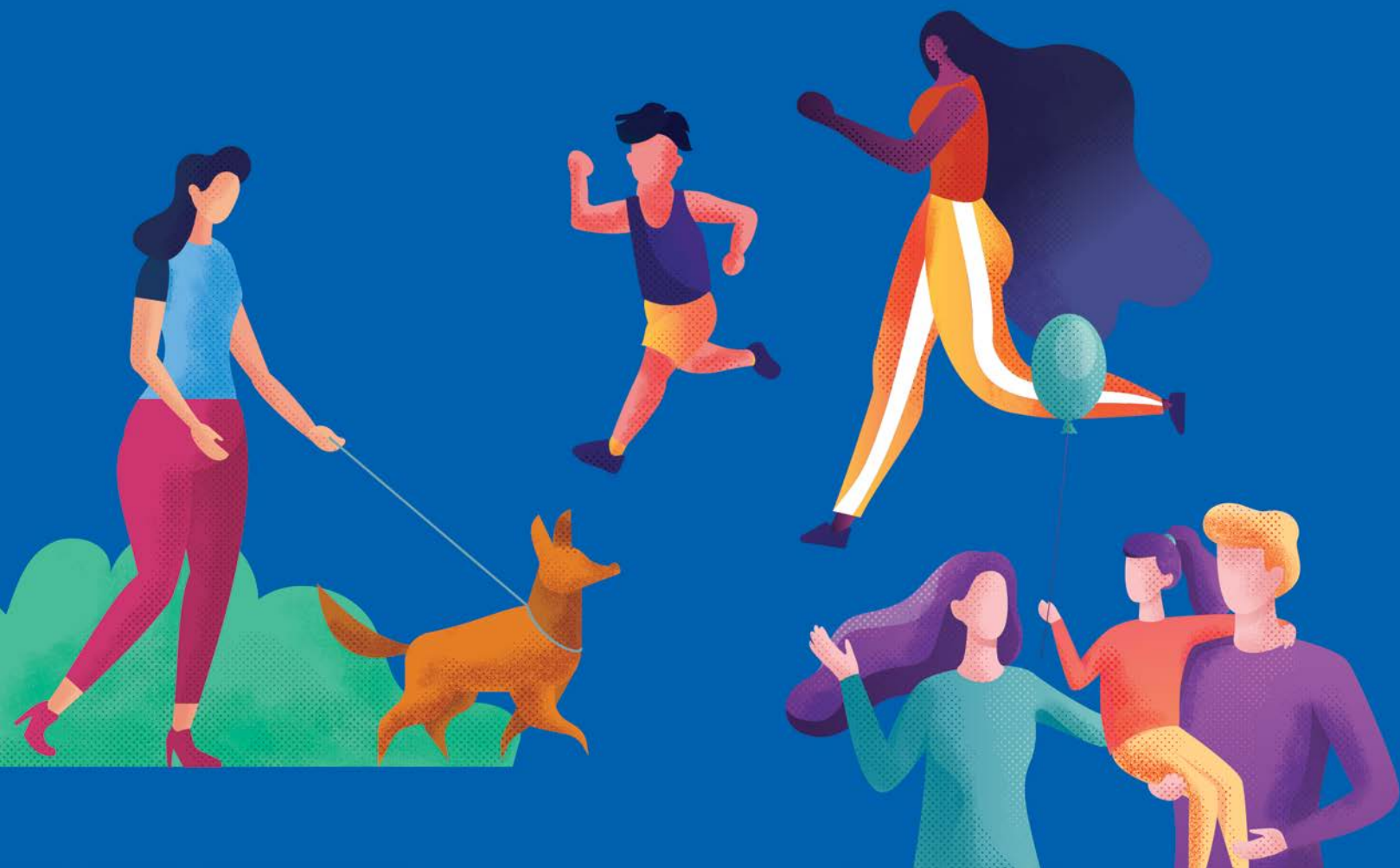
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ELECTED OFFICIALS

171

SUPPORTED PROJECTS
AND PROGRAMS



Community Transformation Grants

Focusing on **access to physical activity**

Our Community Transformation Grants (CTG) are two-phased, \$250,000 multiyear grants that mobilize Idaho communities and identify transformational change focusing on physical activity and healthy foods for youth. The CTG model includes technical assistance and grant funding to create sustainable change that lasts for generations.

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health works with the community to create transformational change. This type of relationship allows us all to better understand the community and learn where additional assistance is needed to create change.



CTG PRINCIPLES

UNDERSTANDING

The Foundation does not bring any preconceived notions or prescriptive projects to each community. The grant starts with understanding community assets, needs, and opportunities to make impact.

COLLABORATIVE

The grant focuses on building a collaborative effort. Many community partners come to the table to craft a plan to create change.

CATALYTIC

The focus of CTG is “lighting a fire” that creates momentum and energy to create change.

ADAPTING

The Foundation embraces being adaptive and not getting stuck on one solution. This method has enabled previous CTG communities to be agile and shift focus as needed.

SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

CTG focuses on creating sustainable change that will last for generations.





Orofino and Twin Falls focused on their designed action plans in 2021 and aimed to **create access to healthy foods and physical activity**

The cities of Orofino and Twin Falls were awarded Community Transformation Grants in 2019. Both communities spent much of 2021 allocating funds toward projects and programs to build healthier communities.



OROFINO VISION STATEMENT

Orofino will be a vibrant and flourishing community connected by creating accessible programs that enhance self-sustainability of nutrition and physical activity.

Projects and Programs Funded in Orofino (More to come in 2022)

- Community Garden at elementary school
- Bike repair stations
- Safe Routes to Schools program
- Sand volleyball court in city park
- New water fountains at junior high school
- Skate park amenities
- Food pantry equipment
- School cafeteria equipment
- New playground



TWIN FALLS VISION STATEMENT

Create an inclusive culture by supporting physical, mental, spiritual and emotional growth for the overall health and well-being of our community.

Projects and Programs Funded in Twin Falls (More to come in 2022)

- Vicki Le Fevre Mountain Bike Skills Park
- Boys & Girls Club workout room renovation and equipment
- Community Garden projects
- Memorial Walk and Community Garden with nonprofit Because Kids Grieve
- Girls on the Run program





Community Health Academy **fosters learning and skill-building among mayors and city staff** on how they can create a healthy community

Our Community Health Academy's focus expanded to include discussions around root causes that are impacting health in Idaho. Specifically, the Academy focused on affordable housing, supporting food systems, creating pedestrian-friendly communities and civility.

We partnered with local, regional and national experts to provide insight to some of Idaho's most-pressing health issues and offer solutions.

Bonnars Ferry, Driggs, Malad, Nampa, Rexburg and Sandpoint — all Community Health Academy alumni — participated in 2021 to learn and help evaluate the new academy curriculum focusing on root causes that impact health. The cities also received grant funding to help address important issues in their communities.

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It's a phenomenal program and I would recommend it to any mayor.

Hyrum Johnson
Former Mayor, Driggs



It's inspiring and it motivates me to really want to be more engaged on these issues and take a more holistic approach to community health.

Shelby Rognstad
Mayor, Sandpoint

The Community Health Academy has been so important because it's helped me learn and understand the importance of these issues,

Debbie Kling
Mayor, Nampa



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Community Health Academy Topics
INFLUENCERS OF HEALTH | FOOD SYSTEMS
BUILT ENVIRONMENT | HOUSING | CIVILITY

Projects Funded

Lighting for a community walking path

Safe Routes to School efforts

Adding health focus to a comprehensive plan

Facilitation for a housing task force

Pickleball courts

Flashing lights at school crossing

Platform for in-home senior care

Equipment for business incubator cultivating women-owned businesses

LEAP Housing Solutions Grant



Creating affordable housing through innovative solutions and methods **helps create a healthier Idaho**

Research is showing that housing instability fosters poor health and wellness. The housing market in Idaho has become one of the most expensive in the country, putting many Idahoans in a precarious situation. Investing in housing can help improve peoples' lives in our communities and impact health.

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health contributed \$300,000 to the LEAP Housing Trust, which grew to \$2.1 million.

That fund will allow Boise nonprofit LEAP Housing Solutions to build three housing communities — two in Boise and one in Mountain Home. The communities are designated for those who are considered low income or earn up to 80 percent of the area median income.

Falcons Landing is a housing project in Mountain Home. Our funding is supporting work to connect residents to resources that positively impact health.



Falcons Landing housing project

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It is clear to me that stable and affordable housing is critical to a person's health. With great partners like the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health, I am so excited to explore ways to see how we can take a step further to influence health outcomes of residents through intentional design, operation, and resource connectivity.

Bart Cochran
CEO, LEAP Housing



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**20-PLUS
DONORS**

joined Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health and pledged to give more than

\$2.1M

to purchase land for the LEAP Housing Trust

**250
POTENTIAL HOMES**

along the development pipeline

Elected Officials Walking Challenges

Steps **FOR** Schools

The Steps for Schools walking challenge engages Idaho legislators and encourages them to take time each day in February to get active. This physical activity is good for their own health and well-being and allows them to earn money for a school or school district of their choice and promote physical activity.



YEAR	PARTICIPANTS	AWARDED
2015	15	\$16,000
2016	21	\$11,950
2017	25	\$11,950
2018	34	\$17,000
2019	45	\$22,500
2020	52	\$38,250
2021	64	\$50,000

2021 CHALLENGE FACTS

17,403,448 **7,967**
total steps total miles

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This is such a wonderful program, always a pleasure to be a part! Thanks so much for supporting our youth and health and physical activity!

Muffy Davis

Former District 16 Representative



Thank you for this great opportunity. It will keep me walking.

Julie Yamamoto

District 10 Representative



Thank you so much. It is a pleasure to work with this program, and it was quite enjoyable trying to walk more than usual and get funds for these lower income teens. Thank you for offering the program for us.

Marco A. Erickson

District 33 Representative



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Mayor's Walking Challenge

The Mayor's Walking Challenge engages mayors across Idaho to promote physical activity and become champions for community health. The walking challenge provides an opportunity for mayors to experience what it's like to be a pedestrian in their community. Mayors can use the funds they earn toward programs or projects that promote physical activity in their community.



YEAR	PARTICIPANTS	AWARDED
2014	14	\$7,300
2015	27	\$18,000
2016	25	\$21,000
2017	34	\$34,000
2018	62	\$62,000
2019	77	\$68,000
2020	81	\$76,000
2021	83	\$65,500

2021 CHALLENGE FACTS

18,623,369 **8,818**
total steps total miles

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I am very grateful for the opportunity to have participated in this wonderful Walking Challenge for so many years and grateful for the good that it has done for our schools and City!

Garret Nancolas
Former Mayor, Caldwell



As a mom, you tell your kids it's important to eat healthy and be active, but we have to show them. It's important for us as adults to do that. We have to practice what we preach.

Betty Heater
Mayor, Kamiah



The challenge has been very enjoyable, I was happy to see it include northern Idaho after it was launched in southern Idaho several years prior. The participation from the entire state has been great to watch!

Bill Lambert
Former Mayor, Moscow



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EDUCATION

Remove barriers to education and address root causes that impact health by **collaborating with schools, communities and organizations**

20

SCHOOL PARTNERS

15

GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED



2021 Healthy Minds Partnership



Helping schools launch school-based behavioral health services



The 2021 Healthy Minds Partnership is a collaborative effort between schools, behavioral health providers and the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health.

The partnership helps establish school-based behavioral health services so kids can get the care they need right at school.

This increases access to these necessary services while limiting school absences. It also can remove transportation barriers and parents don't have to miss work to get kids to appointments.



2021 Healthy Minds Partnership Technical Assistance Award Recipients

Cardinal Academy Public Charter School (Boise)

Elevate Academy #523 (Caldwell)

Orofino Junior/Senior High

Shoshone Elementary

Shoshone Secondary

Timberline School (Weippe)



The Healthy Minds Partnership between Family Pathways and Blackfoot High School has proven to be a phenomenal resource for the students at BHS. The Healthy Minds Partnership has provided much-needed support services for several of our students in need. The services provided include at school, office, and in-home counseling sessions for our students. A few of the students that received services were identified as high risk and were able to meet with our clinician two times per week. We are greatly appreciative of the opportunity to work together with Family Pathways and provide critical services to our students to keep them safe and healthy in all aspects of life.



Roger Thomas
Principal, Blackfoot High

This is truly a fantastic partnership with long-lasting effects. I really think we're going to help thousands of kids and hope that we're still doing this 20-plus years from now. I think it's a sustainable partnership.

Aaron Houston
CEO, Family Health Services



We have noticed an increase of self-esteem and connection with school to overcome behavior gaps. All of these contribute to the learner being more successful in school.



Tonya Wilkes
Director of Student Support Services
and Athletics, Pocatello/Chubbuck
School District



Nampa School District Community Grant



A multiyear grant helps a school district
address youth behavioral health

BEFORE THE GRANT

2013-2018

- **2013-16:** The City of Nampa received a Community Transformation Grant (CTG) from the Foundation, establishing a relationship between the Foundation and the many community partners on that grant's team.
- **2018:** A student suicide was the catalyst for creating a mental health forum that includes many of the community partners who participated in CTG. The No. 1 outcome from the mental health forum was the school district needed to focus on teachers and staff so they are better prepared to work with students.
- **2018:** Nampa School District piloted the Healthy Minds Partnership in two schools. This Foundation program helped schools launch a school-based behavioral health program.

2019-2020 School Year

- The Foundation committed \$150,000 over three years to help district staff understand childhood trauma and implement a curriculum that better helps students who have experienced trauma.
- The Foundation's funding brought behavioral health expert Keith Orchard to train staff at Sherman and Central Elementary Schools, as well as purchase "Fostering Resilient Learners" for a book study and other program-based instruction platforms.

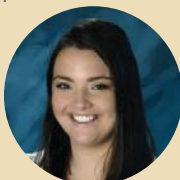
Western Idaho Community Action Partnership (WICAP) received a SAMPSA grant. **Seeing the momentum in the Nampa School District**, it awarded funds to the district and begins resiliency training. The added funding allows Endeavor Elementary staff to train with Keith Orchard.



We received positive feedback from families that have utilized the Healthy Minds Partnership because of the accessibility that it provides. A common barrier is balancing work, school, and mental health. This program not only alleviates stress but improves access to mental and behavioral health services.

Megan Forster

Community Based Therapist,
Endeavor Elementary



After hearing Keith Orchard's teachings and applying them, I am just immediately able to calm myself in these tough situations with students and then allow that to permeate the whole room. It transformed my classroom management, transformed how I felt at school and how I viewed my job and my own stress levels.

Rachel Hassman

Second-grade teacher, Central Elementary





The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health worked with the Nampa School District on a \$150,000 multiyear pilot grant to help the district to focus on youth behavioral health. The three-year grant was modeled after the Foundation's Community Transformation Grants, which combine community collaboration, technical assistance, developing an action plan and executing the defined plan to achieve the desired result.

The timeline below shows how this grant came to be and how it has benefitted the staff and students at many Nampa schools.

DURING THE GRANT

2020-2021 School Year

The grant expanded Keith Orchard's training to East Valley and West Middle schools. The Foundation also awarded additional grant funding to provide behavioral health support to teachers at the two schools.

Negotiating Needs Practice and Redos



Nampa School District offers district-wide training with Keith Orchard **after seeing positive results from training funded by the grant**. Nampa Boys and Girls Clubs join the school district for de-escalation training with Keith Orchard.

2021-2022 School Year

Grant funding expanded Keith Orchard's training to Skyview High and Lone Star Middle School, as well as continued work with East Valley and West. Grant funding also supports behavioral health for teachers in those buildings.

The Healthy Minds Partnership is now operating in all but three schools in the district.

- **WICAP funding leads to** resiliency advocates in two middle schools

Coming out of COVID and having an in-person mental health professional to work with my staff has been really critical. We have the person fully booked all of the time and those conversations are important. You can't help our kids unless you are taking care of yourself. That's not a traditional thing in education, especially in secondary schools. Teachers are realizing that they need that help and having a space during the day to get it has been tremendous.

Chance Whitmore

Principal, West Middle School



This all started with the grant from the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health. We are seeing positive data outcomes in behavioral health for students and staff; the momentum that started with this grant is indescribable.

Shelley Bonds

Executive Director Elementary Education/Mental Health and Wellness, Title IX Coordinators



Lincoln County Youth Commission Grant



Providing child care, low-cost preschool and after-school programming **helps kids in rural Idaho**

The Lincoln County Youth Center is a vital facility in rural Richfield. With 80 percent of residents working outside the county, long commute times can be disruptive for children and families.

The youth center gives school-aged children a place to learn and have fun after school Monday through Thursday and all-day Friday.

Low-cost preschool and all-day child care help working parents know their kids are safe and in a good learning environment that will better prepare them for kindergarten.

The Foundation provided a \$40,000 grant to the youth commission to help offer and expand these services.

105 kids served

Programs offered:

STEM
Agriculture
Theater
Music
Humanities



30 children enrolled in preschool

Free transportation for students enrolled at the College of Southern Idaho

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Our goal is to provide a safe and sustainable community center for Lincoln County children to learn, grow and find the resources to achieve their dreams. It's collaborations like this that allow us to provide a healthy, sustainable source of community-based learning and support to meet the needs of our children and their families,



Karma Metzler Fitzgerald

President, Lincoln County Youth Commission

There is something for them to do here every day that is project based and hands on that gets kids engaged in science and arts that they normally wouldn't get to do.



Rebecca Wood

Lincoln County Commissioner

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Lincoln County Youth Center attendee

Homedale School District Grant



A collaborative approach to help **improve access and affordability to quality child care and early education**



Future site of Homedale Early Learning Center

The Homedale School District wants to improve access to early education to prepare children for school. The district is working with the Association for the Education of Young Children on an early learning collaborative that brings leaders and stakeholders together to create solutions.

A \$48,000 grant from the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health will help the district accomplish its goal. The early learning collaborative, which will be locally created and community led, will be the 16th in Idaho.



26%

The percentage of students in the Homedale School District who are ready to start kindergarten based on their Idaho Reading Indicator score



Our students have been coming to school less-and-less kindergarten ready. The data was very clear that we have declining readiness for students. Our conversation was 'how do we positively impact our feeder program?' What are some things we can do?

Rob Sauer
Superintendent,
Homedale School District



Oftentimes, in small rural communities like Homedale, things revolve around the school. That climate and culture spills out into the community, so we really wanted to create that space where there's not a division. It's the 'Homedale way' whether you are in the community or in the school. Ultimately, we're all here together and we want what's best for our kids.

Christine Ketterling
Federal Programs Director, Curriculum and
Instruction Specialist, Homedale School District



Scholarship Programs

Removing barriers to higher education for Idaho students

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health Board of Directors established a fund to provide scholarships across Idaho.

2021 Scholarships Established



Idaho State University



Supports students from Idaho seeking behavioral health degrees that incentivize student clinical placement in rural areas to improve healthcare access in Idaho



It's an investment in future health care in Idaho. This investment, this gift, is going to expand healthcare across the state in rural areas, specifically mental healthcare.

Kevin Satterlee
President, Idaho State University



Renewable scholarships support students from Idaho majoring in healthcare-related fields



We are excited to work with the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health to assist students in achieving their academic and career goals through this generous gift. This will benefit students and Idaho for years to come.

Andy Hanson
Vice President for Student Affairs,
Lewis-Clark State College



Supports student doctors who demonstrate outstanding character, academic excellence, financial need and a sincere interest in practicing primary care in rural Idaho



Idaho, especially rural parts of our state, lacks a sufficient number of primary care providers. This provider shortage risks the health of many Idahoans and strains the state's healthcare infrastructure. To address this problem, the Primary Care Initiative was created to increase the number of primary care providers in rural Idaho through scholarships and medical-education debt repayments.

Charlene Maher
President and CEO,
Blue Cross of Idaho and
Board Chair, The Primary
Care Initiative





Previously Established Scholarships



Scholarship Recipient Spotlights



I would not be at the College of Idaho without this scholarship. Attending the College of Idaho has been the most defining moment in my educational journey, and I cannot thank the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health enough for helping me be at the best place for me.

Patrick Mark
C of I scholarship recipient



I learned the importance of looking out for my neighbor starting at a young age. The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health is giving me the opportunity to receive quality medical training so I can pass that quality care on to my future patients.

Andrew Nilssen
WWAMI scholarship recipient



HEALTHCARE



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HEALTHCARE GRANTS
AWARDED

Connect existing healthcare and community services to address root causes that impact health as well as healthcare workforce needs in rural Idaho

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A very important need we see in rural counties is access to healthcare. We're thankful that the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health recognizes that need and wants to be involved in meeting that need.

Josh Campbell

Division Administrator of Clinical Services,
Southwest Health District

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Telehealth in Idaho Libraries Pilot Project



Offering telehealth services from public libraries increases access to care, especially in rural Idaho

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health partnered with the Idaho Commission for Libraries to pilot a telehealth program in public libraries.

Many rural communities have access-to-care challenges, forcing people to drive hundreds of miles to medical appointments. Additionally, telehealth appointments aren't always accessible because many rural communities lack the internet access required for virtual consultations.



The pilot launched at two Clearwater County libraries, Orofino and Weippe. The libraries purchased equipment so community members could come to the library for their telehealth appointments. "Check out a check-up" at the libraries allows residents to have private, online medical appointments offered in a convenient setting with reliable technology.

The pilot generated significant interest and has helped many Idahoans who lack the required technology or transportation to access healthcare they need.



Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health funding in 2021 launched the Telehealth and Libraries pilot program in Clearwater County, enabling the libraries in Orofino and Weippe to enhance existing spaces and technology to ensure high-quality, private interactions between patients and providers. The success of this pilot has inspired other funding sources and partners who want to help us expand the model to other libraries in the state. The interest from libraries also exceeded our expectations. None of this would have been possible without the Foundation's support and guidance this year.



Stephanie Bailey-White

State Librarian, Idaho Commission for Libraries



CHECK OUT A
CHECKUP
@ YOUR LIBRARY

Clearwater County
Free Library
District



Project ECHO Program Support



Helping Idaho healthcare providers access behavioral health training and support leads to improved health outcomes

Project ECHO, launched in the state by the University of Idaho, provides critical training and peer support to healthcare providers.

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health committed \$300,000 over three years to Project ECHO's behavioral health endowment that will help Idaho healthcare providers receive vital training in the area of behavioral health.

Behavioral health is a leading health concern for all ages in Idaho, and helping our providers expand their skills to treat patients will benefit the entire state.

ECHO Idaho has grown more than

300%

programmatically since its inception in 2018

In a **12-month period**, **429 unique individuals** were trained during **24 ECHO sessions** for **1,210 continuing medical education credits**.

These providers came from **22 organizations** in **61 communities**, representing all **seven Idaho public health districts**.

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ECHO Idaho strives to improve care for all patients, but especially those in rural or underserved areas. It's the ripple effect of reviewing one patient's case together, which can then improve care for other patients as a result of what their provider learned.



Lachelle Smith

Director, ECHO Idaho



ECHO is all about sharing knowledge, that's how it is set up. We're very lucky to have this resource in Idaho.

Todd Palmer

MD, Family Medicine and Geriatrician

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Healthcare & Community Partnership Grants



Supporting nonprofits and organizations to **pilot or evaluate programs that integrate, embed, and partner healthcare** and community-based organizations to **address the root causes that influence health**

Health doesn't just happen in a medical clinic. Many factors outside the doctor's office influence health. Factors that influence health affect a wide range of functioning and quality of life outcomes. Many chronic diseases can be traced to these root causes, making them a priority to understand and act on to help people enjoy healthier lives.

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health awarded evaluation grants that will assess the impact of integrating, embedding, and partnering healthcare and community-based organizations to address the root causes that impact health.



Cascade Medical Center will launch a pilot project targeting rural seniors with a goal to help seniors "age in place" and connect to services that address root causes that impact health. The project will start with an inventory of services in the community – transportation, housing, parks, walkability, social integration, support systems, and access to healthcare through lens of aging in place. A diverse community team will then develop a plan to address service gaps and research business models to expand home medical care. It will then develop a long-term strategic plan to formalize a model of care.

Nonprofit Jesse Tree, which focuses on preventing eviction and homelessness, will partner with Family Medicine Residency of Idaho (FMRI) to pilot a program to determine effectiveness of a Community Health Worker located at Jesse Tree. Many of Jesse Tree's clients experience healthcare and wellness needs. The partnership with FMRI will assess impacts on social determinants of health and other healthcare needs.

Southwest District Health will conduct an evaluation project to determine effectiveness of a full-time nurse located in a rural school district. The nurse will be located at Marsing School District's School Hub in Owyhee County, a medically underserved area. The evaluation will determine if a full-time nurse located in a school is financially sustainable, has impacts on student wellness, and improves school staff's knowledge of when to refer students to school nurse.

COVID-19 Relief Efforts

Supporting organizations and Idahoans in the **fight against COVID-19 and its effects**

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health supported projects and campaigns related to the pandemic because giving back to Idaho and keeping our state healthy are two huge priorities for us. Here are examples of that support:

Vaccine Campaign Support

IDAHO OFFICE OF REFUGEES

Grant supported campaign development and vaccination clinics focusing on the refugee population

MORE THAN

200

vaccinations provided by
Idaho Office for Refugees



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Barriers to healthcare and disinformation have taken the lives of many in our community, including our neighbors from Refugee backgrounds. The support from the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health made it possible for us to host multiple clinics at apartment complexes that made it easy for people to get vaccinated.



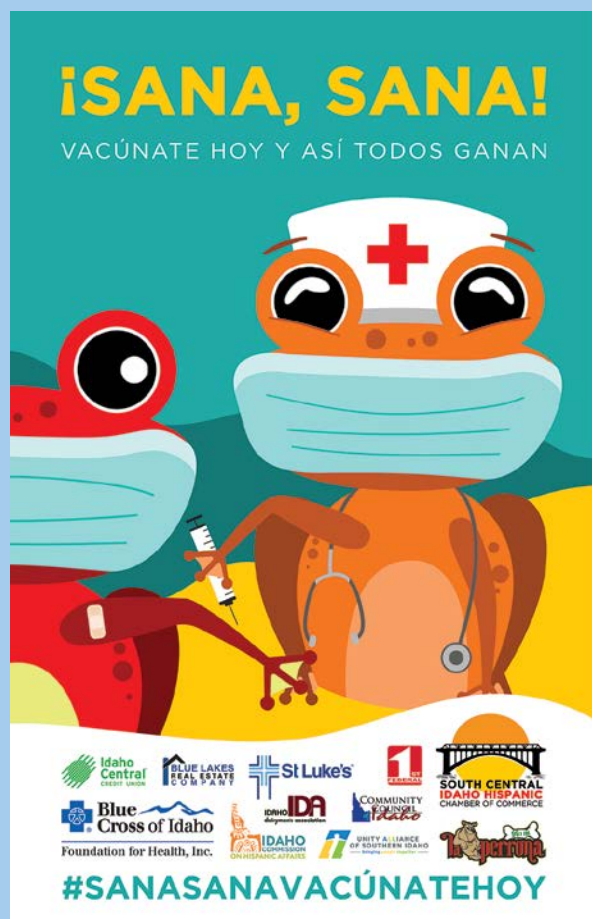
Tara Wolfson

Director, Idaho Office for Refugees

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SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

Grant to support a campaign in Spanish encouraging COVID-19 vaccination





Healthcare Worker Appreciation Events



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Our team is well-fed and tickled pink! Thank you so much for the insanely-yummy boxed lunches. Our staff is truly grateful.

Coleen Niemann

Director Marketing & Community Relations, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center

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Statewide Effort to Thank Healthcare Workers

Idaho hospital workers were under incredible amounts of stress and pressure as the state implemented crisis level standards of care. The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health partnered with Blue Cross of Idaho and scheduled events at hospitals across the state to show support and appreciation for staff.

15,500

healthcare worker meals/
desserts provided

11

hospitals served



Organizations Supported in 2021

Idaho Cities

Albion	Dietrich	Homedale	Oakley	Spirit Lake
American Falls	Dover	Hope	Orofino	Stanley
Ammon	Downey	Idaho Falls	Parma	Star
Arimo	Driggs	Jerome	Paul	Tensed
Bancroft	East Hope	Juliaetta	Peck	Tetonia
Blackfoot	Emmett	Kamiah	Pierce	Twin Falls
Boise	Fairfield	Lapwai	Pocatello	Victor
Bonnars Ferry	Ferdinand	Lewiston	Ponderay	Wallace
Caldwell	Fernan Lake	Malad	Post Falls	Weiser
Cambridge	Firth	Marsing	Preston	Wendell
Cascade	Franklin	McCall	Rexburg	Weston
Chubbuck	Garden City	Meridian	Roberts	Winchester
Coeur d'Alene	Genesee	Montpelier	Sandpoint	Worley
Crouch	Grace	Moscow	Shelley	
Dalton Gardens	Hayden Lake	Mountain Home	Shoshone	
Dayton	Hazelton	Nampa	Smelterville	

Idaho Nonprofit Organizations

Boys & Girls Club of Ada County	Idaho Walk Bike Alliance	Lincoln County Youth Commission
Cascade Medical Center Foundation	Idaho Youth Ranch	Nampa Farmers Market
Family Advocacy Center and Education Services	*Jannus Inc.	Rural Idaho & Mountain West Primary Care Fund
Genesis Community Health	*Idaho Office of Refugees	St. Luke's Health Foundation
The Home Partnership Foundation	*Idaho Out-of-School Network	The Mentoring Network
Idaho Community Foundation	*Nutrition Works	United Way of Southeastern Idaho
Idaho Farmers Market Association	Jesse Tree	
Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force	League of Idaho Cities	
	LEAP Charities	



Schools and School Districts

Adams Elementary	Farmin Stidwell Elementary	Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind	Pinecrest Academy of Idaho
Alturas Elementary	Fernan Elementary	Immaculate Conception Academy	Preston School District
Bear Lake School District	Filer School District	Indian Creek Elementary	Shadow Hills Elementary
Blackfoot High	Frank Church High	Kennedy Elementary	Shelley Joint School District
Bonneville Joint School District	Fremont County Joint School District	Koelsch Elementary	Skyline High
Butte High	Fruitland School District	Lava Elementary	Stone Elementary
Cardinal Academy Public Charter	Garden Valley School District	Leodore School	Saints Peter and Paul Elementary
Cecil D. Andrus Elementary	Garfield Elementary	Lincoln Elementary	Shoshone Elementary/Secondary
Centennial High	Gooding Elementary	Midvale School District	Summit Elementary
Central Elementary	Greenleaf Friends Academy	Monroe Elementary	Swan Valley Elementary
Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy	Hansen Elementary	Mountain Home School District	Taylorview Middle
Coeur d'Alene Early Learning Center	Heyburn Elementary	Nampa School District	Thomas Jefferson Charter
Cole Valley Christian	Hillview Elementary	Nezperce High	Timberline School
Elevate Academy	Homedale Joint School District	North Idaho Christian	Upriver Elementary
Emerson Alternative High	House of the Lord Christian Academy	North Idaho STEM Charter Academy	Valley View Elementary
Endeavor Elementary		North Star Charter	Whitepine Joint School District
		Orofino Jr./Sr. High	Wilder School District

Government Organizations

American Planning Association	Libraries
Association of Idaho Cities	South Central Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Central District Health Department	Southwest District Health
Downtown Boise Association	State of Idaho Department of Education
Idaho Commission for	

Colleges and Universities

Idaho State University Foundation	The College of Idaho
Lewis-Clark State Foundation	University of Idaho Foundation





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