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**Community Strategies Spring Grants Announced
Inland Northwest Community Foundation**

SPOKANE, WA, 2.19.10— Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF) recently awarded more than \$388,000 through the Community Strategies Grant Program. Grants ranged between \$7,800 and \$35,000 to support the organizations and programs listed below.

“These grants were possible by the combined generosity of donors who have entrusted their funds with the Foundation in order to foster healthy and vibrant communities in Eastern Washington and North Idaho. We are honored to carry out their wishes by supporting these exemplary programs,” said President & CEO of Inland Northwest Community Foundation Mark Hurtubise.

American Red Cross, Inland Northwest Chapter (Spokane County)

Communication system to enhance service delivery to communities in disaster response.

Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District (Bonner County)

Lakeshore Assessment System, a voluntary educational program to assist shoreline property owners in making well-informed decisions about the management of their lakefront property.

Boys & Girls Club of Spokane County (Spokane County)

Program support to launch a Positive Place for Kids and Teens.

Catholic Charities (Spokane County)

St. Margaret's Shelter Community Warehouse.

Cheney Historical Museum (Spokane County)

Disaster Recovery Stabilization project to preserve the Cheney Historical Museum collection for the public benefit.

Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Conservancy (Bonner County)

The Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Conservancy Project to expand land conservation project services to landowners that have properties worthy of permanent conservation on key waterways, and enhance outreach conservation educational initiatives.

Family Promise of North Idaho (Kootenai County)

Systems development to end homelessness.

Impact Capital

Vibrant Communities Spokane project to work with local municipalities and community-based partners to achieve broad-based goals important to growing healthy neighborhoods.

Northeast Community Center Association (Spokane County)

Expansion for medical services and youth programs.

Olive Crest Abused Children's Foundation (Spokane County)

The Foster Family Program to recruit, train and provide licensing to new foster families so they can provide safe and loving homes to children in the community who have been victimized by abuse.

Partners with Families and Children: Spokane (Spokane County)

Chronic Neglect Research and Demonstration Project to assess treatment for families referred to public child welfare agencies.

Reach for the Future (Spokane County)

Reach for the Future! After-school tutoring and mentoring for Lidgerwood elementary students under the guidance of the Project Coordinator.

Spokane Valley Partners (Spokane County)

Food Warehouse and Distribution Area Remodel.

Town of Fairfield (Spokane County)

Community Center Revitalization project to add emergency exits to both the top and lower levels of the Community Center.

University of Idaho Foundation (Latah County)

Community Garden for Priest River.

Valley Meals on Wheels (Spokane County)

Senior Meals Program to provide hot meals, frozen meals and liquid nutrition for elderly and disabled persons throughout Spokane County.

Wallace District Mining Museum (Shoshone County)

Collection Automation Project to computerize the museum's collection, improving collections management, expanding collection accessibility and improving interpretation of the collection.

YWCA of Spokane (Spokane County)

Program support for the Opportunity Center that helps women by increasing their access to resources, raising their incomes and providing opportunities for them to enhance their employment-related skills.

Founded in 1974, INWCF serves 10 Eastern Washington counties and 10 North Idaho counties to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The community foundation currently manages 288 funds valued at more than \$55 million and has awarded \$37 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region.

For more information on INWCF and its work in the Inland Northwest, please visit www.inwcf.org.

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