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**Partnership Council formed to benefit North Idaho
Inland Northwest Community Foundation appoints founding members of new venture**

SPOKANE, WA, March 16, 2009 — Inland Northwest Community Foundation has appointed nine North Idaho business and community leaders to serve on the newly-formed North Idaho Partnership Council (NIPC). NIPC members represent and serve the six north Idaho counties (Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone and Latah). Members will act as ambassadors for the community foundation to determine community needs and advise the Foundation regarding grants and charitable gifts that support the North Idaho region.

The nine members of the new council were selected after a rigorous and thoughtful process to find qualified candidates who have given extensive volunteer service to their communities in addition to their commitment to their professional work. The new group includes: Hollis “Holly” Anderson of Hollis J. Anderson & Associates; Janice Baldwin of Merrill Lynch; Shelley Bennett of Team Idaho Real Estate; Kenton Bird of University of Idaho; Karl Dye of Bonner County Economic Development Corp.; Jim Elder of Cricket’s Restaurant; Darrell Kerby of Pace-Kerby & Co.; Sherry Krulitz, former Shoshone County Commissioner and community volunteer; and Kim Schwanz of Timber Plus.

“During these times of economic challenges, the collective and local wisdom of this group will be an invaluable resource for North Idaho,” says Mark Hurtubise, President & CEO of Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF). “The formation of the North Idaho Partnership Council or NIPC is part of the visionary planning of Margaret F. Galbraith, who lived in Wallace, Idaho and died in 2006. Margaret created a legacy of almost \$12 million to benefit the North Idaho region she loved in perpetuity through careful estate planning. She would be pleased that everyone appointed to the NIPC shares her passion and vision for the region.”

Founded in 1974, INWCF serves ten Eastern Washington counties and ten North Idaho counties to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. INWCF manages 262 funds valued at \$48.4 million. INWCF has awarded over \$34 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region.

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