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**Inland Northwest Community Foundation
Announces New Director of Community Engagement**

SPOKANE, WA, *January 23, 2012*— Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF) announces the promotion of Molly Sanchez to Director of Community Engagement. This position will be responsible for coordinating the Foundation’s ongoing grant programs as well as strategic grantmaking initiatives that engage community leaders and funders in improving the lives of people in Eastern Washington and North Idaho.



“As INWCF advances our strategic plans for collective impact and catalytic philanthropy, we have restructured our Grants Department to create this new position,” said Mark Hurtubise, President and CEO of INWCF. “Molly’s background in media, communications and grant programming, paired with her critical thinking skills and outgoing personality, make her a perfect fit for this position.”

Molly joined the Foundation in 2008 as Grants Program Officer. “Like many community foundations across the country, INWCF is broadening its grantmaking programs to become proactive, not just reactive,” she said. “By identifying community needs and working to create funding collaborations, INWCF and its donors can have an even greater impact on the communities we serve.”

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 320 funds valued at more than \$67 million and has awarded \$40 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region.

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