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Inland Northwest Community Foundation recently awarded more than \$132,000 in grants to 31 nonprofit organizations in Eastern Washington and North Idaho.

The grants, ranging in size from \$500 to \$5,000, were made from the Florence Wasmer Fund for Children and Families, and the Florence Wasmer Fund for Arts and Culture. Both funds are managed through Inland Northwest Community Foundation. Awards are made annually through a competitive grant process.

“Inland Northwest Community Foundation is honored to help fulfill the philanthropic legacy of Florence Wasmer through these grant awards. The work of these organizations enhances our communities and improves the quality of life for people throughout the Inland Northwest,” said Mark Hurtubise, President & CEO of Inland Northwest Community Foundation.

The Wasmer Fund for Children and Families supports organizations that assist children, families and individuals through shelter, nutrition, health care, education and other human services. The following organizations received grants totaling \$73,983 from this fund: American Red Cross, Inland Northwest Chapter (Spokane County); Association for Handicapped Recreation (Kootenai County); Bethany Presbyterian Church (Spokane); Catholic Charities (Spokane); Goodwill Industries (Spokane); Northeast Washington Education Council (Spokane); Our Place Community Ministries (Spokane); Panhandle Alliance for Education (Bonner County); Second Harvest Food Bank of the Inland Northwest (Spokane County); Spokane Low Income Housing Development Consortium; Transitional Programs for Women (Spokane); Trinity Group Homes (Kootenai County); Valley Meals on Wheels (Spokane); Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery (Spokane); Women’s & Children’s Free Restaurant (Spokane); Women’s Hearth (Spokane); YMCA of the Inland Northwest (Spokane).

The Wasmer Fund for Arts and Culture supports organizations that further education in, and enjoyment and awareness of, the arts and humanities in the Inland Northwest. The following organizations received grants totaling \$58,720 from this fund: Blanchard Area Seniors Incorporated (Bonner County); Community Building Partners, Inc., dba The Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center (Kootenai County); Connoisseur Concerts (Spokane); Cutter Theatre (Pend Oreille County); Idaho Shakespeare Festival (North Idaho); Lake City Playhouse (Kootenai County); Opera Plus! (Kootenai County); Project Joy (Spokane County); Saranac Art Projects (Spokane County); Spokane Arts Commission; Spokane Civic Theatre; Spokane

Symphony Society; Uniontown Community Development Association (Whitman County); University of Idaho Foundation (Latah County).

Inland Northwest Community Foundation serves 20 counties throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Founded in 1974, its mission is to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The Foundation manages more than 250 funds, valued at approximately \$62 million, which have been established by individuals, families and businesses. In partnership with the donors we serve, INWCF has awarded \$33 million in grants and scholarships throughout the region since its inception. These awards have enriched education, promoted arts and culture, provided critical human services, supported community and economic development and ultimately impacted thousands of lives in the Inland Northwest.