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## **Wood River Women's Foundation Celebrates 20 Years of Grantmaking, Awarding \$375,400 to Local Nonprofits**

The Wood River Women's Foundation (WRWF), a local women's collective giving organization celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2025, raised and awarded \$375,400 to support the remarkable efforts of 25 nonprofit organizations. Since its founding in 2005, WRWF has awarded 294 grants totaling \$4.93 million to nonprofits serving the Wood River Valley.

"Now more than ever, our local nonprofits need reliable community partners," said Foundation President Jeannie Shroads. "We are honored to support these grantees and the work they do to make our community a happier, healthier place. This year, our members' votes reflected a desire to invest in the well-being of our local children, protect our beautiful environment, and help our neighbors in need."

WRWF members pool their contributions to achieve greater community impact. Local nonprofits are invited to apply for grants from \$5,000 up to \$25,000. After an evaluation process by WRWF Application Review Teams (ARTs), the entire membership is invited to watch the finalists' presentations and cast their vote. Several nonprofits received first-time WRWF funding this year, including Be Good Foundation, National Forest Foundation, Smiley Creek Fire Protection District, and WRHS Business Professionals of America.

"WRWF Application Review Teams volunteers appreciate the opportunity to learn more about the needs of our Valley, the work being done by local organizations, and how they can make a difference in our community," said Carolyn Larsen, WRWF Board Member and Grants Co-Chair. "Our founders had a vision that collective giving could have a greater impact in our community, and it is so gratifying to see that impact over the past 20 years."

## WRWF's 2025 Grant Recipients:

- The Advocates - Thrive Kids Early Learning Scholarships: \$25,000
- The Alliance of Idaho - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Program: \$25,000
- ARCH Community Housing - Affordable Houses for Community Workforce: \$25,000
- Be Good Foundation - Girls Mentorship Program: \$5,000
- Blaine County Charitable Fund - Emergency Financial Assistance Programs: \$25,000
- The Building Material Thrift - Ohio Gulch Diversion Program: \$3,500
- The Crisis Hotline - General Operating: \$25,000
- Hailey Ice Park - Free School Family Skate Nights: \$6,000
- Hunger Coalition - Community Healing, General Operating Support: \$25,000
- Kids Mountain Fund - Rota-Rippers & Rota-Ravens Snow Sports Lease Packages: \$15,500
- Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho - Blaine County Wishes: \$3,500
- Men's Second Chance Living - Wellness Wraparound Services Support: \$25,000
- Mountain Humane - New Dental Station to Support Medical Wellness Program & Services: \$3,500
- NAMI Wood River Valley - Preventative Mental Health & Support Groups for Students, Individuals and Family: \$25,000
- National Forest Foundation - Bald Mountain Stewardship Project: \$25,000
- Project 208 FC - Mentorship & Leadership Through Soccer: \$3,500
- Project Big Wood - Youth Stewardship Program Expansion: \$3,500
- The Senior Connection - Enabling Access to Nutritious Meals for Blaine County's Older Adults: \$25,000
- Smiley Creek Fire Protection District - AED Grant Request: \$8,396.74
- The Space Idaho - Afterschool Programs: \$25,000
- The Spot Sun Valley - Young Company Education: \$11,000
- Swiftsure Ranch Therapeutic Equestrian Center - Safety First: \$3,500
- Wood River Land Trust - Protecting Hailey Hot Springs Ranch: \$25,000
- Wood River Senior Bash - 5B Senior Bash: \$3,500
- WRHS Business Professionals of America - BPA National Leadership Conference: \$5,000

The mission of WRWF is to amplify the power of women's collective giving to support the Wood River Valley's non-profits and create positive change in our

community. All women are welcome to join WRWF, participate in a variety of volunteer committees, attend events with other members and grantees, and vote on the annual grant awards. During 2025, the Wood River Women's Foundation is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, with events all year long. New members can join online at [www.woodriverwomensfoundation.org](http://www.woodriverwomensfoundation.org)!

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