



# Press Release

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## **Local Charities Benefit from 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternate Giving Fair**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Alternate Giving Fair raised more than \$23,000 for local charities. The fair was held November 8 and 9 at the Idaho Falls Elks Lodge. Since its start in 2006, the giving fair has grown each year and has raised approximately \$175,000 for Idaho Falls charities.

The giving fair is organized each year by the Idaho Falls Community Outreach Center. According to Outreach Center president, Cher Stone, "Many of our local charities are being asked to accomplish more despite the current economic climate. And our generous community continues to step up to support the local charitable organizations and their important missions. We truly appreciate all their support."

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the fair stay in the local area and support the participating charitable organizations in accomplishing their missions. This year's organizations included Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Idaho, Breaking Boundaries, Club Inc., Community Outreach Center, Eastern Idaho Technical College Foundation, Emergency Housing Exchange, Federation for the Blind of Idaho, Friends in Service Here (FISH), FreeMed, Girl Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Help Inc., Hospice of Eastern Idaho, Idaho Art Lab, Idaho Falls Community Food Bank, Idaho Falls Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Senior Citizens Community Center, Shepherd's Inn, Snake River Animal Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul Christian Ministries, and the Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Center is a local 501c3 charitable organization dedicated to assisting those in need in our community. The Center provides space for several social service agencies, which allows them to dedicate their funds entirely to helping those in need. The Center also organizes the annual alternate giving fair to highlight local charities and all the great outreach efforts in this community.

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