



*Enhancing the
quality of life through
housing opportunities
in Idaho*

HomePartnershipFoundation

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Achieving Dreams

Christine Jensen is living proof that determination and paying attention to your objectives is the way to achieve your dreams, especially with the help of the Home Partnership Foundation's Freedom Program.

Jensen has been employed at a fast food restaurant in Lewiston for the past nine years, and is raising a beautiful nine-year-old daughter who is doing well in school and is active in community activities.

Through the Freedom Program's savings match and homeownership education, Jensen learned how to budget to meet her financial goals and participate in the home purchase process. As a result of the partnership between the Foundation and the United Way of the Treasure Valley, she was ultimately able to purchase her first home just eight months after joining the program.

From choosing a lender and REALTOR® to successfully completing her asset-building contract with the Freedom Program and keeping a level head along the way, Jensen's story demonstrates the fulfillment that Freedom Program participants gain when they're able to make their goals a reality.

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Reaching out to Communities

Shelter First Program

Homeless shelters across Idaho are partnering with the Foundation to increase their funding to help provide life-sustaining services to families and individuals in need. Through a dollar-for-dollar match on private donations limited to a maximum annual amount, the Foundation is able to combine these donations with limited federal resources to support homeless shelter operations and capital needs in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care local grantee-based programs.



Freedom Program

Individuals and families are becoming financially independent with the help of the Foundation through the use of a matched savings account to help them build assets and enter the financial mainstream. The program matches an individual's savings through community donations and can be used to pursue education or purchase a home.

Home Preservation Program

Many Idahoans who currently reside in owned or rented homes who are facing foreclosure or eviction due to temporary economic, employment, or health crises are receiving financial counseling and budgeting skills funded by the Foundation. Personalized free counseling helps families and individuals prevent or avoid foreclosure or eviction actions. First-time homebuyers also gain valuable knowledge about the home buying process through *Finally Home!*® Homebuyer Education program offered statewide.

Home Equity Partnership Fund

Homebuyers in Idaho communities are getting a boost to help them get into a new home with the help of public and private partnerships established to facilitate investment in workforce housing. Through community partnerships established at the local level, the Foundation is able to provide equity to qualified homebuyers to assist them to purchase a home in a high-cost location, helping address a community's workforce housing needs.

Charitable Land Donations

Preserving land for the future use of affordable housing is an important investment in our communities statewide. Land donations may be made to the Foundation for targeted housing purposes, or used directly in the development of affordable housing.





FOR SALE

Making Homeownership a Real Possibility



The Wells used the Home Equity Partnership Fund of Latah County to purchase their new home. The “Partnership Fund” has quickly become an invaluable community investment pool that partners with homebuyers to provide affordable workforce housing in several counties statewide. This investment tool helped reduce the purchase cost of their home by thousands of dollars, making homeownership a real possibility. “It was a real struggle trying to qualify for financing to purchase a home since home prices are expensive in this area. We were so ecstatic when we found out we qualified to receive funding to help us purchase our new home,” said Lindy Wells. “It’s a great program for young families starting out and the community,” she added. Donations to the Fund become home equity investments that stay in a home to provide continuous affordable housing, or are recycled back through the Fund when a home is sold. Fund assets grow as new donations are made, and through the natural appreciation of home prices in a county many new homeowners will be able to find an affordable place to call home.

“The Home Partnership Foundation over time will set a premier example nationwide by providing matching funds through the Shelter First Program to organizations in Idaho. It’s because of our partnership with the foundation that we are flourishing and able to help those in need.”

– Scott MacDonald, Executive Director, Nampa Family Shelter Coalition in Nampa, Idaho

Leveraging Resources for Shelter and Homeless Services

St. Vincent de Paul in Coeur d’Alene is one of the many organizations across Idaho that is benefiting from matching funds provided through the Shelter First Program. Executive director Jeff Conroy said the funding—for emergency shelters and other transitional housing—goes a long way in North Idaho. St. Vincent de Paul continues to see an increase in the homeless population in the area. “Without the funding we wouldn’t be able to provide services, and there would be a huge gap in the safety net,” he said.

St. Vincent de Paul provides and supports a women’s homeless shelter and the only men’s homeless shelter in North Idaho, as well as four transitional housing locations. Their services are desperately needed, as evidenced by the annual point-in-time count that documents numbers of sheltered and unsheltered homeless people in Coeur d’Alene and other Idaho Communities.





Partner with Us and Give Today!

We invite you to join our efforts to sustain and grow critical housing programs and services here in Idaho. By making a contribution to the Foundation you help fund services and programs providing affordable housing and financial support that dramatically improves the lives of Idaho families.

For more information about the many ways that you can give, please contact the Foundation.

The Home Partnership Foundation is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible consistent with IRC Section 170, our tax-exempt/EIN number is 75-3162969.

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Our Mission

The Home Partnership Foundation is Idaho's only charitable housing foundation dedicated to helping families and individuals build a strong foundation for their lives through stable, safe, and affordable housing.

Our mission is to strengthen communities across Idaho by encouraging direct community investments that will:

- Increase and preserve safe, affordable housing;
- Make the purchase of workforce housing attainable;
- Support shelters and shelter services for Idaho's homeless and disadvantaged; and
- Encourage asset-building and strengthen the financial independence of Idaho residents.