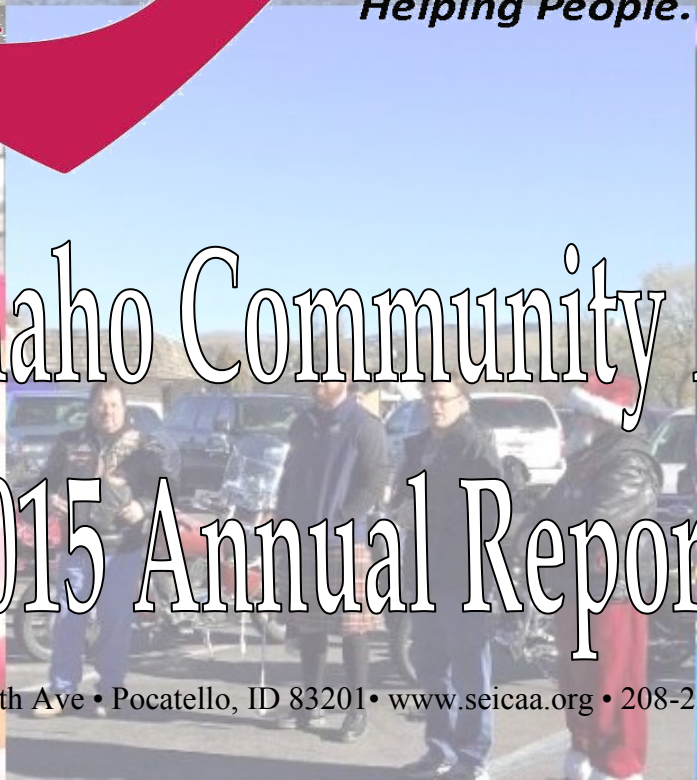




**SouthEastern Idaho
Community Action Agency**
Helping People. Changing Lives.



Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency

2015 Annual Report

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From the Executive Director:

Dear Friends,

For over 46 years SEICAA has developed essential programs to increase self-sufficiency for individuals living in southeast Idaho's seven counties.

SEICAA started in Bannock County with a meal delivery program for seniors and has adapted to meet the needs of the communities. SEICAA is able to identify and meet these needs through flexible funding, especially the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

SEICAA is one of over 1000 Community Action Agencies receiving CSBG funding through the Department of Health and Human Services. The flexibility of CSBG allows SEICAA to add programs that are identified by low-income households as crucial to attain economic independence.

In 2015 SEICAA received \$362,866 in core CSBG funding that the agency used to leverage an additional \$1,380,242 for client programs and services.

As highlighted in this 2015 Annual Report, SEICAA administered programs ranging from food assistance to home ownership. SEICAA provided 198,920 units of services to 18,061 individuals. Local businesses and individuals volunteered 41,364 hours to SEICAA for an economic impact of \$930,690.

SEICAA understands that it takes a community-wide effort to address the issues of poverty. SEICAA is grateful for the tremendous support of our communities in Southeast Idaho and together we will continue to improve, innovate and advocate to offer programs and services that provide opportunities for a better life.

Thank You,

Debra R. Hemmert



Debra R. Hemmert,
Executive Director, CEO



Kathy Anderson,
SEICAA Board of Directors
Chairman

What Is A Community Action Agency ~Helping People. Changing Lives.~



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Community Action Agencies are private or public nonprofit organizations that were created by the federal government in 1964 to combat poverty in geographically designated areas. Status as a Community Action Agency is the result of an explicit designation by local or state government. A Community Action Agency has a tripartite board structure that is designated to promote the participation of the entire community in the reduction or elimination of poverty. Community Action Agencies seek to involve the community, including elected public officials, private sector representatives, and especially low-income residents, in assessing local needs and attacking the causes and conditions of poverty.

PURPOSE AND MISSION

In order to reduce poverty in its community, a Community Action Agency works to better focus available local, state, federal, and private resources to assist low-income individuals and families to acquire useful skills and knowledge, to gain access to new opportunities, and to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

WHY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES ARE UNIQUE

Most poverty-related organizations focus on a specific area of need, such as job training, health care, housing, or economic development. Community Action Agencies reach out to low-income people in their communities, address their multiple needs through a comprehensive approach, develop partnerships with other community organizations, involve low-income clients in the agency's planning, and administer a full range of coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty.

Board of Directors

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Private Sector Representative

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*Low-Income Sector
Representative*

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Public Sector



Mission Statement

SEICAA is dedicated to providing opportunity and support for individuals and communities to thrive and reach their fullest potential, promoting self-sufficiency and greater economic independence through services, education, affordable housing, and training.

Paula Miller
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Representative*

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Immediate Needs



Wondering how you can help?

SEICAA welcomes and appreciates professional clothing, personal hygiene items, baby products, and cash donations. All donations are tax-deductible.



SEICAA's Community Services is often the first point of contact for individuals. The Community Services division provides programs ranging from USDA Commodity boxes to self-sufficiency programs.

SEICAA participates, hosts, or receives items from 3 school supply drives, receives 2 large food donations from local businesses and schools each year, 2 baby needs drives, and accepts donations from the community.

Nutrition Programs

- 3,155 food boxes provided
- 7,544 USDA Commodity Boxes distributed
- 1,885 individuals received assistance through the Market Salvage Program

Personal Care

- 476 households accessed personal hygiene items
- 162 households were provided with baby care items
- 201 individuals received professional attire through the Working Closet

Youth School Assistance

- 496 children received assistance with school supplies
- 137 students received assistance with fees related to school and extracurricular activities

Energy Programs



SEICAA's Weatherization Program provides an array of cost saving measures including energy audits, energy education, and upgrades to a home's efficiency. Weatherization operates with public and private support.

- 60 homes made more energy efficient with and average spent per home of \$5,301
- 15 homes completed in the Savings Around Power Program through a partnership with Idaho Power Company
- 433 individuals completed energy conservation education
- 710 energy education kits distributed

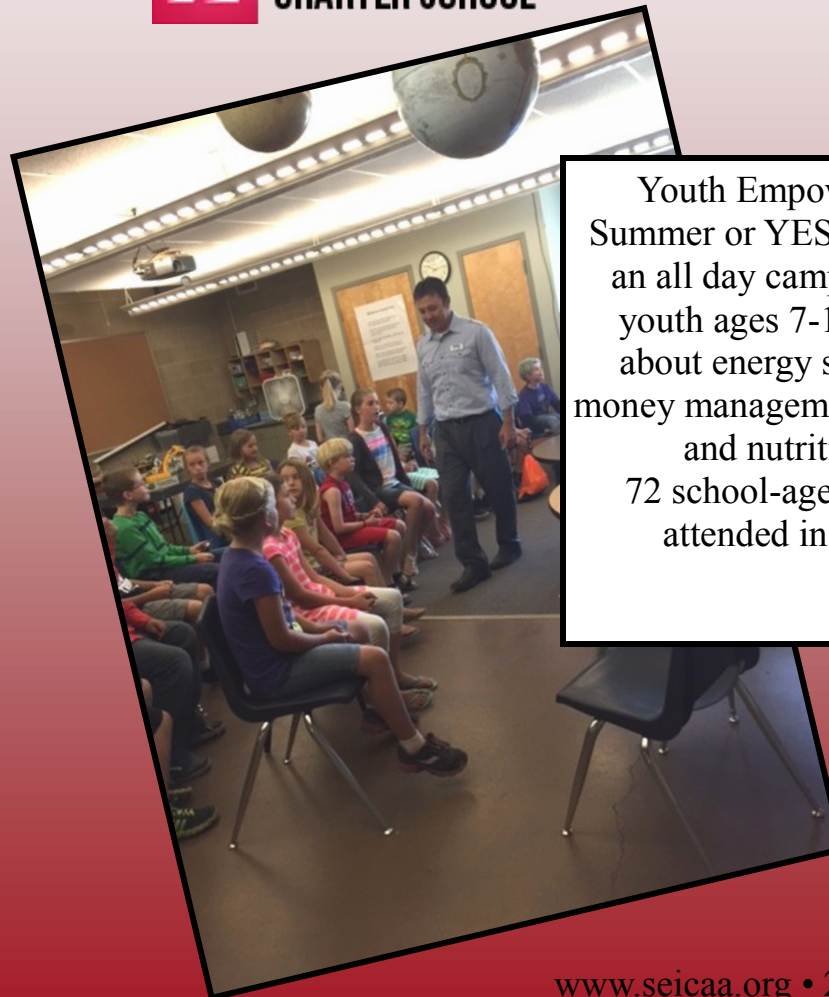
Energy Assistance

- 5,161 households received heating assistance for a total economic impact of \$1,749,566

Emergency Energy Assistance

- 729 households received emergency energy assistance for a total economic impact of \$184,396

Thank you to the YES Camp sponsors!



Youth Empowered Summer or YES Camp is an all day camp where youth ages 7-12 learn about energy savings, money management, fitness and nutrition. 72 school-aged youth attended in 2015



SEICAA's Self-Sufficiency Programs encourage individuals to utilize agency resources to achieve a more stable, independent life. Self-sufficiency programs include Family Development, a one on one case management and goal focused program and transitional housing coupled with intense case management. Once individuals have achieved their identified goals, they are referred to asset development programs such as the Individual Development Account (IDA) Program. Through the IDA program participants increase their savings for asset purchases including homeownership, education, and small business. Upon successfully completing their savings goal of \$500, participant savings are matched at an 8:1 ratio, therefore increasing savings to \$4,500 to be applied to their identified asset purchase.

Veteran Services provides transitional housing and case management for United



Self - Sufficiency Programs



- 111 households participated in Family Development case management
- 10 individuals received their GED through testing fee assistance
- 5 individuals completed the Individual Development Account (IDA) Program

- 57% of all Veterans that entered the program in 2015 moved into permanent housing
- 143 units of affordable rental housing to families, the elderly, and chronically homeless individuals.



Asset Development



SEICAA's Asset Development programs provide avenues for individuals to achieve goals once they have reached stability. Assets include savings accounts, increased income, and purchasing a home.

SEICAA's homebuyer programs have provided homeownership to 77 households since 2004 and continues to make new homeowners every year.

Self-Help Housing Program

SEICAA builds homes for income-qualified households throughout southeast Idaho. Program participants must pre-qualify before construction begins and provide limited labor contribution on the home.



\$750,000 increase in tax value



SEICAA's Self-Prep provides free tax assistance preparation to qualifying households. In 2015 SEICAA saved participants \$41,300 in fees.

- \$231,911 in returns claimed for eligible tax payers
- 66 households were eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Financial Education

- Budgeting
- Savings
- Credit

Senior Services



SEICAA's Senior Services programs include home delivered meals, volunteer opportunities, and mentoring. SEICAA's Senior Services receives support from various organizations and donations from the community to make group mentoring activities possible.

Meals on Wheels

- 45,399 nutritious meals delivered to homebound elderly in Northern Bannock County
- 302 individuals served
- Every dollar contributed to the Meals on Wheels Program provides a complete meal and a health and safety visit to an elderly neighbor for 4 days

Retired Senior Volunteer Program

- 38,689 hours of time donated, an economic impact of \$870,502
 - Mentors dedicated 434 hours with 13 school-aged youth working on literacy and social skills
 - Tutors dedicated 409 tutoring hours with 177 school-aged youth



Fundraisers



SEICAA encourages self-sufficiency for those who utilize program services and strives toward this goal as an organization. SEICAA plans and hosts 6 fundraisers in southeastern Idaho each year with volunteer assistance to raise monies to help with non-grant supported needs: GED Testing fees, minor medical and dental expenses, minor educational and work related expenses, utility assistance and some housing expenses. Fundraisers provide access to unrestricted funds and fosters the building of relationships with community members, businesses, and other community-based organizations. The partnerships that have developed along-side each of the fundraising activities has unified and built stronger communities in all counties.



In 2015 SEICAA raised
\$50,113 through
fundraising efforts.

Urban Invasion: \$11,918
Franklin County: \$5,000
Caribou County: \$19,695
Oneida County: \$3,500
Meals on Wheels golf
tournament: \$10,000

SEICAA Funding



The Promise of Community Action

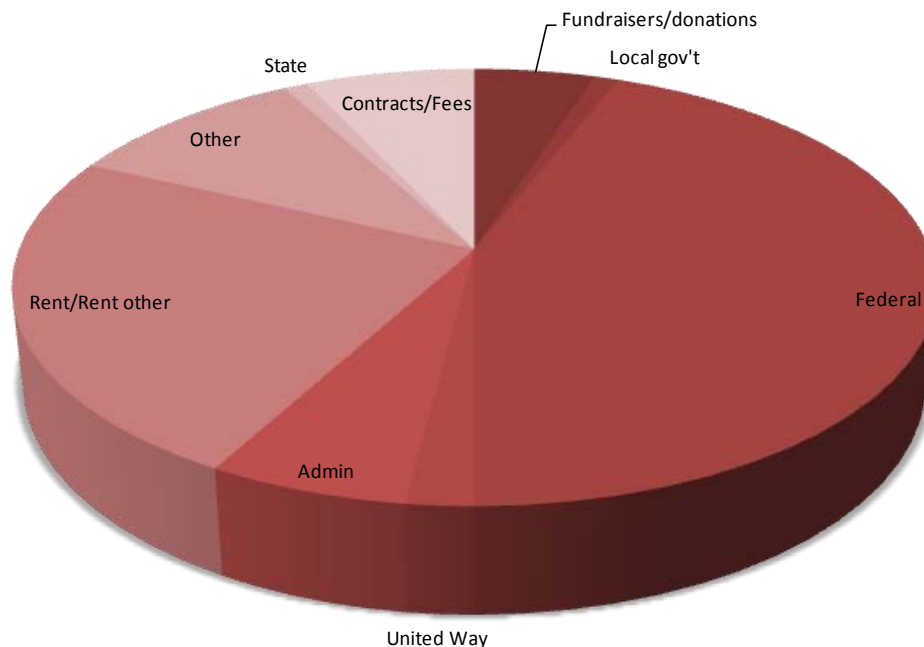
Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



SEICAA utilizes Federal grants, grants from private and local foundations, donations, and fundraisers to administer and implement the programs and services that are vital to obtaining self-sufficiency for the southeastern Idaho community.

SEICAA has administered a variety of anti-poverty programs to the seven southeastern counties for over 46 years and continues to develop proactive programs to help alleviate the devastating affects of poverty.



Poverty Simulation



What is a Poverty Simulation?

SEICAA hosts poverty simulations each year for Board Members, Staff, and the Leadership Pocatello/Chubbuck group. The simulation is a unique and enlightening experience that helps individuals begin to understand what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. It moves people to think about the harsh realities of poverty and to talk about how communities can address the problem collectively. During the simulation, participants assume the roles of up to 26 different families facing poverty. The task for each family is to provide basic necessities and shelter during four 15 minute weeks, while balancing the requirements of various service providers with the realities of daily life.

Why have a Poverty Simulation?

Have you ever wondered why it seems so difficult for some people to escape poverty? Have you ever wanted to help but not know how? The Poverty Simulation is an invaluable experience that will undoubtedly impact your perspective of your community and the impoverished. Advocate from a place of knowledge as well as compassion.

*If you are interested in having SEICAA host a Poverty Simulation for your organization or business please contact:
Shantay Bloxham @ 208-232-1114 x113 or
sbloxham@seicaa.org*



Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the **right to dignity and a decent life.**



Community Organizations

American Legion and Auxiliary
Bannock Civitans
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital
Bingham County Volunteer Council
Bingham Memorial Hospital
Bonneville Neighborhood
Broken Clays Trap Club Association
Boy Scouts of America Troops
Caribou Memorial Hospital
Caribou Trail Riders
Chambers of Commerce
Daughters of the Utah Pioneers
Elks Lodge– Pocatello
Franklin County Kiwanis Club
Franklin County Senior Center
Home Partnership Foundation
ISU Student Organizations
Marine Corps League– Pocatello
Military Affair Committee
NCOA Pocatello
Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital
New Day Products and Resources
Old Town Pocatello
Over the Hill Gang ATV Club
Pocatello Community Service Council
Pocatello Pathfinders Snowmobile Club
Portneuf Healthcare Foundation
POW/MIA Awareness Assoc.
Rotary Club of Pocatello
S.L.E.D.S.
School District #25 Community Resource Workers
Silver Sage Girl Scouts
Shelley Senior Center
Soda Springs Rotarians
Sorooptimists International of Blackfoot
Southeast Idaho Senior Games
Southeast Idaho Public Health
United Way of Southeast Idaho
VFW Montpelier Post #3884
Veterans of Vietnam War Inc.
Veterans Coalition of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho
Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Group

Education Partners

Bear Lake School District #33
Blackfoot School District Head Start
Idaho State University
Oneida County School District #351
Pocatello Community Charter School
Pocatello/Chubbuck School District #25
Snake River School District
Soda Springs School District
University of Idaho

Faith Based Partners

Blackfoot Bishop’s Store House
Central Christian Church
Deseret Industries
First Baptist Church
Gate City Christian Church
Grace Lutheran Church
Jason Lee United Methodist Church
LDS Wards
Lutheran Church of Blackfoot
Malad Interfaith Council
Montpelier Bishops Storehouse
Rocky Mountain Ministries
Soda Springs Lutheran Church
St. Bernards Church
United Methodist Church

Federal Partners

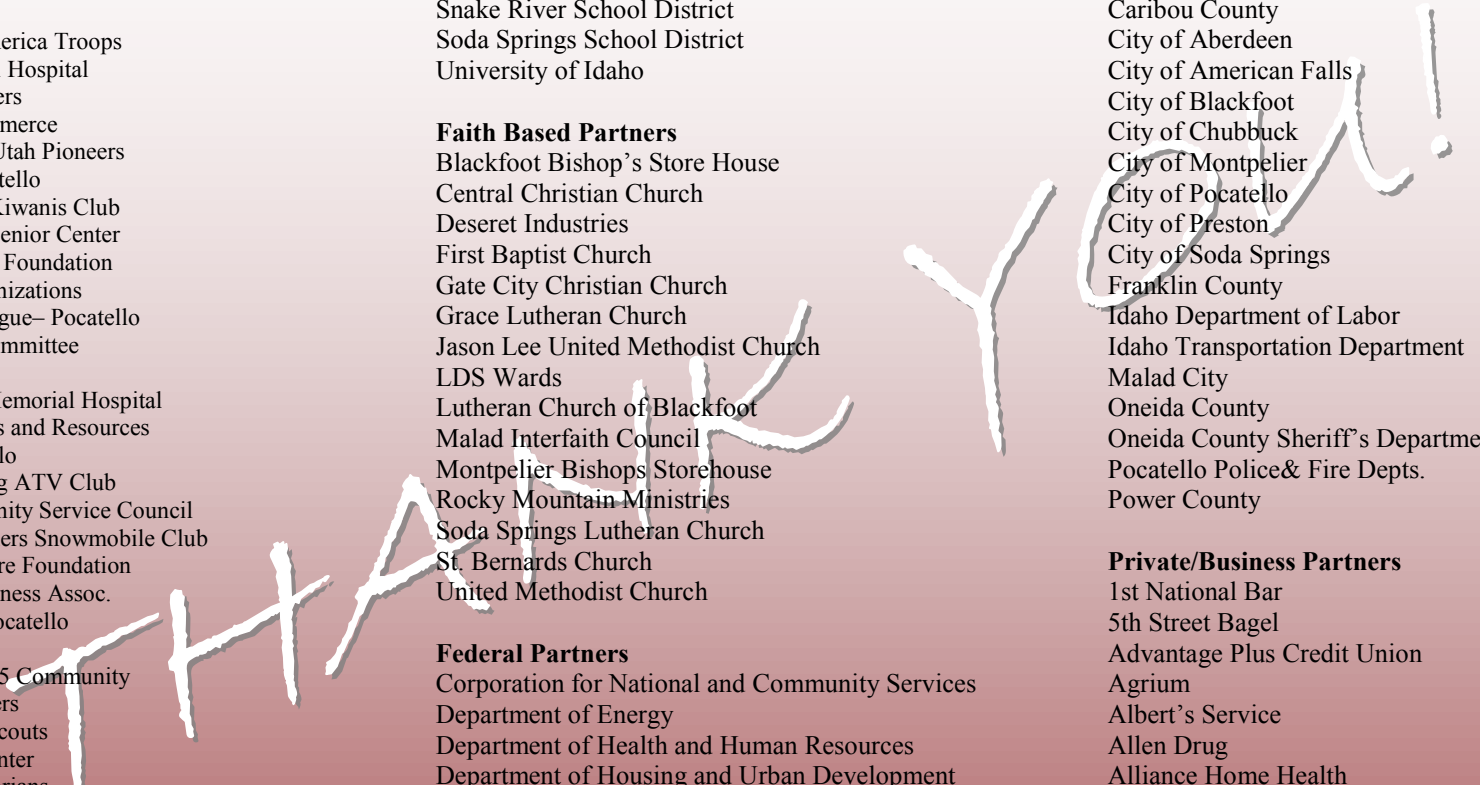
Corporation for National and Community Services
Department of Energy
Department of Health and Human Resources
Department of Housing and Urban Development
United States Postal Service
USDA
USDA Rural Development
VA Medical Center

Local Government

Bannock County
Bannock County Sheriff
Bannock County Veteran Services
Bear Lake County
Bingham County
Caribou County
City of Aberdeen
City of American Falls
City of Blackfoot
City of Chubbuck
City of Montpelier
City of Pocatello
City of Preston
City of Soda Springs
Franklin County
Idaho Department of Labor
Idaho Transportation Department
Malad City
Oneida County
Oneida County Sheriff’s Department
Pocatello Police & Fire Depts.
Power County

Private/Business Partners

1st National Bar
5th Street Bagel
Advantage Plus Credit Union
Agrium
Albert’s Service
Allen Drug
Alliance Home Health
Alliance Title Company
ATC Communications
AutoLiv



Bank of America
Bank Of Commerce
Bank of Idaho
Basic American Foods
Bear Lake Construction
Bear Lake Heating & Air
Bear Lake Realty Garden City
Bear River Appraisal Brad Smith
Big Rays Equipment
Bi-Lo's
Bingham Cooperative
Blaine Robbins Electric
BMC Building Materials
Booth Architecture
Broulim's Supermarket
Blackfoot Golf Course
Burger King/HB Boys
Central Service
Citizen's Community Bank
Clover Creek Home Furnishings
Comfort Keepers
Cooper's Restaurant
Costco
Craiggerbuilt/ Tyler's Graphic Design
CWC Video
Daisy Hollow
Deatons
Deborah Flair
Direct Communication
Dude Ranch
ERA The Brokerage
Edgar Thorpe, DDS
ET Kustom Sales
Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance of Idaho
First American Title Company
Five Corners Bar
Fort Hall Casinos
Franz

Gary Tuescher
Geraldine's
Greater Blackfoot Realtors
Association
Greater Pocatello Association of
Realtors
Griffith's Tire
Guardian Home Care and Hospice
Guild Mortgage
Hair by Lisa
Hess Lumber
Hess Pumice Product Inc
Home Helpers
Horsley Funeral Home
Hull Tree Care
Hunzeker Ford
Idaho Central Credit Union
Idaho Enterprise
Idaho First Title Company
Idaho Power
Idaho Salvage
Idaho State Journal
Intermountain Cooling
Intermountain Gas Company
Ireland Bank
IRG Realty
ISU Credit Union
J Peak Propane
Jack B Parson
John Michael McCullough Family
Kach Radio
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Le Grande Aqua Plunge
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Litho Printing
Lundahls Ironworks
Maag Drug
Malad Drive-In
Malad Valley Veterinarian
Maple Street Sit 'N' Sleep
Martha's Cafe
Matthews Mortuary
McKenzie & McKenzie Law Office
Melina's Fine Mexican Food
MOC Propane
Monsanto
Morning News
Motor Mart
Mountain States Insurance
Muse Boutique
N.A. Degestrom
Napa Auto Parts
New York Life Insurance
Nitro Graphics
North Stars Ultimate Outdoors
Northern Title
Nucor Steel
Nussbaum Auto Body
Open Doors Writing Services
Oregon Trail Country Club
Paris Grill
Paris Hills
Pat's Beauty Nook
Perkins
Pine Bowl
Pine Ride Mall Management
Pioneer Title Company
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 Portneuf Medical Center
 Preston Products
 Preston Drug
 Preston Golf & Country Club
 Preston Hometown Auto
 Preston Muffler & Brake
 Preston Watts Collision & Glass
 Questar Gas Company
 Ranch Hand Trail Stop
 Recreation Realty
 Ridley's Family Market
 Rupe's Burgers
 Rocky Mountain Power
 Rounds and Associates Insurance
 Inc.
 S & G Electric Motor
 Shopko
 Shoshone Bannock Hotel & Event
 Center
 Simplot
 Smiths
 Speros
 Spring Creek Fabrication
 Starbucks
 State Farm Insurance
 Stingers Bar & Grill
 Stokes
 Teri Eynon Bear Lake Realty
 The Bielenberg Family
 The Gym
 The Witworth Family
 Thomas Electric
 Thomas Market
 Thunder Plumbing
 Tommy Vaughns

US Bank
 V-1 Propane
 Valley Implement
 Valley Wide Co-op Brite Gas
 Walmart
 Washington Federal Bank
 Wells Fargo
 Winco
 WM Services
 Wolford Autobody
 WorldMark @ Bear Lake
 Zions Bank

Service Partners

A to Z Family Services
 Aberdeen Food Bank
 Aberdeen Senior Center
 Aid for Friends
 Bingham Crisis Center
 Blackfoot Chamber of
 Commerce
 Care Connections of Idaho
 Community Action Partnership
 Association of Idaho
 Caribou County Senior Center
 CASA
 Community Council of Idaho
 Community Dinner Table
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Family Service Alliance
 Federal Home Loan Bank
 of Seattle
 Foster Grandparents of
 Southeastern Idaho
 Greater Pocatello Senior Citizen's, Inc.
 Greater Pocatello/Chubbuck
 Chamber of Commerce
 Health West
 Healthy Place Counseling
 Housing and Urban Development
 Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare
 Idaho Food Bank
 Idaho Housing and Finance Association
 Idaho Legal Aid
 Lava Hot Springs Senior Center
 Lava Veterans Coalition
 Life, Inc.
 Marsh Valley Senior Center
 Montpelier Housing Authority
 North Bingham County Foodbank
 Oneida County Crisis Center
 Pocatello Cycle
 Pocatello Firefighters Assoc #187
 Pocatello Housing Authority
 Pocatello Magazine
 Power County Senior Center
 Priestley Mental Health
 RCAC
 Salvation Army
 State of Idaho office of Veterans Advocacy
 Shelley Senior Center
 SHIBA
 SICOG/Area Agency on Aging
 Southeastern Idaho Public Health
 St. Vincent DePaul Stores
 VA Outpatient Clinic



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