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Century Link donates \$30,000 through ICF

Century Link, Inc., recently donated \$30,000 in grants to 42 nonprofit organizations in Idaho and southeast Oregon as part of the company's Middle School Philanthropy Program that it runs through the Idaho Community Foundation. Students at 10 middle schools were given the opportunity to distribute \$3,000 per school among local nonprofits impacting their community.

This is the third year the CenturyLink Middle School Philanthropy Program has been in place. Over the past three years, 28 schools and approximately 700 students have participated, and \$84,000 has been awarded to 100 nonprofit organizations.

The program's purpose is to increase awareness among middle school students of various needs in their communities. In addition, the program aims to create a lifelong interest in volunteerism and community involvement, develop skills to allocate limited resources and increase civic engagement.

The nonprofits selected by students in the 10 schools are:

- **East Valley Middle School in Nampa:** Students in Ashley Hart's Eighth Grade Honors Language Arts class awarded \$800 to St. Luke's Children's Hospital, \$600 to the Nampa Lions, \$600 to the Canyon County Animal Shelter, \$600 to Special Olympics of Idaho and \$400 to Meridian PAL.
- **Grangeville Elementary Middle School:** Sixth grade students in Michelle Barger and Elaine Anderson's classes awarded \$500 to Animal Ark, \$500 to the Hope Pregnancy Center, \$500 to Kids Klub, \$500 to the Bicentennial Horizons Committee Inc., \$500 to the Camas Prairie Food Bank Inc., and \$500 to the Grangeville PTA.
- **Heritage Community Charter School in Caldwell:** Students in Crystal Davidson's Eighth Grade Science class awarded \$1,000 to the Hope House for Children, \$1,000 to Witco and \$1,000 to the Canyon County Animal Shelter.
- **Lake Hazel Middle School in Nampa:** National Junior Honor Society students in Karen Miller's class awarded \$2,000 to the Idaho Humane Society and \$1,000 to the Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association.
- **Ontario Middle School:** Students in Penny McDermott's Math Lab awarded \$1,500 to Four Rivers Culture Center and \$1,500 to the Boys and Girls Club in Ontario.
- **Rimrock Junior Senior High in Bruneau:** Students in Kathy Mori's eighth grade class awarded \$500 to Idaho Human Rights Education Center, \$450 to the

Bruneau Quick Response Unit, \$950 to the Bruneau Valley Booster Club, \$400 to the Grand View Ambulance Service, \$350 to the Rimrock Community Food Pantry and \$350 to the Rimrock Senior Center.

- **Rolling Hills Public Charter in Boise:** Students in David Shubert's Community Service class awarded \$1,000 to Boise Bike Project, \$1,000 to St. Luke's Foundation for the Butterfly Room, \$500 to the Protect Idaho Kids Foundation and \$500 to the Canyon County Animal Shelter.
- **Village Charter School in Boise:** Seventh and eighth grade students in Helen Fisher and Megan Olivetti's classes awarded \$500 to Idaho Human Rights Education Center for the Idaho Safe Schools Coalition, \$500 to the Boise Public Library, \$250 to the Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association, \$300 to Simply Cats, \$250 to the Boise Rescue Mission for the Valley Women and Children's Center, \$300 to Generation Life for Stanton Health Care, \$500 to the Idaho Theater for Youth and \$400 to the Mountain States Groups for the Idaho Office of the Refugees.
- **Vision Charter School in Caldwell:** Leadership Class students in Mark Boothby's class awarded \$1,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho, \$1,000 to the Boise Rescue Mission and \$1,000 to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.
- **Wood River Middle School in Hailey:** Students in Melanie Schrader and Angela Barbre's Leadership and Computer Applications classes awarded \$1,000 to Camp Rainbow Gold, \$1,000 to Swiftsure Ranch Therapeutic Equestrian Center and \$1,000 to the Blaine County Community Drug Coalition.

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