

A photograph of two young boys playing basketball outdoors. One boy in a red shirt is jumping with his arms raised towards a basketball in the air. Another boy in a white shirt is in the foreground, also looking up at the ball. The background is a soft-focus green field with trees.

Partners for Livability 2015

**A directory
of community service organizations
in Boise and the Treasure Valley**

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A Message From the Mayor



Boise Mayor David Bieter



Welcome to the 2015 Directory of Treasure Valley Service Clubs and Organizations.

In my visits with Boiseans, I've talked about the concept of "the commons." During the 19th century, all the farmers in a village shared a pasture, or commons, to graze their animals. If farmers added more and more animals to their respective herds, trying to use as much of the commons as they could for themselves, the overgrazing would mean the loss of the resource – a "tragedy of the commons" – for everyone.

In Boise and the Treasure Valley, our livability is our commons. Our environment, our economy, our neighborhoods, and most of all our people – these assets have been entrusted to us, to protect, to nurture and to pass along to our children and grandchildren.

Take it from this shepherd's grandson: We cannot, we must not, allow overgrazing to occur. We must declare now, today, that we have a shared interest in preserving all those things that make this community special.

Our service clubs and organizations exemplify the best of that commitment. Every day, these individuals come together to serve their neighbors, fulfill needs and solve problems. In the process, they are protecting the commons and helping to make ours the most livable city in the nation.

This directory describes the organizations and the work they do, and provides contact information for those interested in lending a hand. I invite you to join us in this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Bieter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "B".

David H. Bieter
Mayor

Assistance League of Boise

Assistance League of Boise

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Mission

Assistance League of Boise is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that puts caring and commitment into action through philanthropic programs in Ada County.

Membership

We are the only chapter in the State of Idaho, chartered in 1980, and are part of a national organization. Membership to the organization is open to those who are seeking a meaningful volunteer experience with an emphasis on assisting the youth of Ada County. There are various classifications of membership to meet an individual's needs. Assistance League is 100% volunteer with no paid staff.

Examples of Community Service

Seven Philanthropies: Operation School Bell, Operation School Supplies, Baby Bundles, Cinderella's Closet, History in the Bown House, Project Hearing and Empowering Youth.

Through Operation School Bell this past fall we dressed more than 3,500 school children with new clothing, including shirts, jeans, underwear and socks, a sweatshirt, coat and prepaid card for new shoes, plus a book and a personal care kit. School supplies were provided for 9,000 children, and layettes were distributed to 334 infants and their families. Prom gowns and tuxedos were loaned to 320 teens, and more than 2,000 fourth-graders were given tours of the historical Bown House. Seven scholarships were granted to hearing impaired students. Empowering Youth assists youth over 18 that are aging out of Foster Care in Ada County.

To find out more about our community service projects, please visit our website.

Boise Exchange Club

Boise Exchange Club

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Mission

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities, and its national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Membership

The Boise chapter was established in 1922. Membership is open to all adult citizens wishing to improve our community.

Examples of Community Service

The Boise Exchange Club is involved with the Woman's and Children Alliance, providing families with ongoing financial support. We also work with various community groups such as Family Advocates, Salvation Army, and the Boys and Girls Club.

The Exchange Club is a founding and annual supporter of the YMCA Splash (learn to swim) program, funder of training costs for Ada County drug dogs, provider of Freedom Shrine displays of historical documents at the Court House, city centers, public schools and other public centers, and ACE award and scholarship providers to high school students who have scholastically achieved over adversity.

The Exchange Club also coordinates with local Boy Scouts to place American Flags on the Veterans graves in the Silent Camp at Morris Hill Cemetery over the Fourth of July Holiday.

Boise Noon Optimist Club

Boise Noon Optimist Club

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Mission

“Bringing out the best in kids.” Our purpose is to develop Optimism as a philosophy of life. To promote an active interest in good government. To inspire respect for law. To promote patriotism and international accord for all people. To aid and encourage the youth with the belief that giving of one’s self in service to others will advance the well-being of all humankind.

Membership

No membership requirements, just a heart for helping kids.

Examples of Community Service

Our primary service program continues to be Optimist Youth Football and Cheer. This program, begun in 1949, now has more than 3,500 kids who participate from the Treasure Valley and surrounding areas each year. The club partners with the City of Boise and the Boise Parks & Recreation Department to develop the Optimist Youth Sports Complex. This 52-acre sports park includes 17 football/soccer fields, parking, ponds, covered patios, and a tennis court. Through the 501(c)(3) Boise Youth Sports Complex Corporation, we have invested \$3M so far, and still counting. Phase 2 of this development will include a playground and another tennis court.

We support St. Luke’s Children’s MSTI Beads of Optimism program. Young cancer patients build strings of colorful beads representing their medical procedures. We also assist with their Summer Picnic and A Visit With Santa Christmas Party.

We have a long-standing relationship with Boise State University, handling the program sales at home football and basketball games.

Other community projects include Operation Bear Care, Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY), Star Award, Rake Up Boise, and a Christmas auction to aid kids at the Hays Shelter Home and families in need. We encourage members to bring new projects to our club.

Rotary Club of Boise East

Rotary Club of Boise East

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Mission

Rotary is a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and promotes world peace and understanding.

Membership

Club members are business and professional people who meet weekly for fellowship and to address community and international service needs. Rotary Club of Boise East currently has 20 members.

Examples of Community Service

Rotary Club of Boise East members participate in a variety of local service projects such as Rake-Up Boise, Paint the Town, and the Idaho Food Bank. Chartered in 2010, Rotary Club of Boise East has recently kicked off a project in conjunction with the Idaho Historical Society to improve conditions on Table Rock by installing new, graffiti resistant benches and interpretive signage.

Rotary Club of Boise East has provided international support through donations to the Rotary International Polio Plus Fund and The Rotary Foundation which provides grants for a wide variety of international projects.

Rotary Club of Boise Southwest

Rotary Club of Boise Southwest

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Mission

Our mission is to improve the lives of those who can't help themselves. We believe in service above self.

Membership

We have 84 members who have a passion for helping our community.

Examples of Community Service

- Annual food and holiday gift drive for the families of MSTI patients
- Rake Up Boise
- Greenbelt Clean Up
- We provide dictionaries for third graders throughout the Treasure Valley
- We provide swim lessons in partnership with the YMCA for students at Whittier School
- Our Santa Paws Program in partnership with Zamzows benefits the Idaho Human Society

Rotary Club of Boise Sunrise

Rotary Club of Boise Sunrise

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Membership

We are energetic, welcoming, morning Rotarians who embrace ethics and service here and abroad. Prospective members are proposed by current Rotarians and must be committed to advancing the mission of Rotary.

Examples of Community Service

- Treasure Valley Youth Leadership Collaborative: Provide funding for the YMCA program that develops leadership potential of at-risk fifth and sixth graders.
- Hope House: facility upgrades and financial assistance.
- Taft Elementary School: mentors and ACE program.
- Dictionary Project with 7 local elementary schools.
- Annual grant program.

Boise Sunset Lions Club

Boise Sunset Lions Club

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Mission

To fight the causes of preventable blindness around the world. Help those in need fight blindness and hearing loss across the Treasure Valley and Western Idaho.

Membership

Open to Treasure Valley residents interested in networking and raising funds to help those in our community.

Examples of Community Service

The primary organization supported by this club is the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Kiwanis Club of Capital City

Kiwanis Club of Capital City

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Mission

The mission of the Capital City Kiwanis Club is to serve the children of Boise and the general area. The members also serve the adults in Boise through a wide variety of projects.

Membership

Members represent a cross section of occupations in the community. They are invited to join, and are sponsored by a current member of the club.

Examples of Community Service

The Kiwanis Club of Capital City was formed in 1950, and since that time has impacted the City of Boise and local geographical areas through a wide variety of projects.

In past years, members cleaned up trash along a mile-long stretch of Bogus Basin Road and Highway 21, participated in Rake Up Boise and Rake Up the Parks, rang bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas, sorted food for the Boy Scouts of America and the Idaho Food Bank, volunteered and made a financial donation at the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowlathon, planted trees for the Boise Parks Department in the ReLeaf Boise Program, built trails and did general cleanup at the YMCA Camp at Horse Thief, helped prepare and serve food at the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast, participated in Paint the Park, provided supplies and volunteered at the annual Scales of Justice Fishing Tournament, raised funds for children's cancer research through Alex's Lemonade Stand and provided support and supplies for the Marian Pritchett School. The club also puts on a murder-mystery dinner and play and sponsors the yearly showing of a vintage silent movie at the Egyptian Theater. The club also sponsors the Kiwanis Boys Choir.

Capital City sponsors Key Clubs at Bishop Kelly, Boise, Borah, Centennial and Timberline High Schools, as well as the Circle K Club at Boise State University. Capital City gives significant financial assistance to the Egyptian organ fund, Scales of Justice, Boise Music Week, the Assistance League, the Weekend Backpack Program at the Idaho Food Bank, and the Key Leader Camp. The club maintains a Baby Care Cupboard for the children at City Light and the Baby Steps Program at St. Michael's Church.

Eagle/Garden City Rotary Club

Eagle/Garden City Rotary Club

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Mission

Promoting ethics, pursuing peace, providing for children.

Membership

Current or former business leaders who are committed to serving their local communities. "Service above self attitude"

Examples of Community Service

- Quarterly Persistence Awards: Recognizing and honoring students that have overcome extraordinary challenges
- Highway cleanup twice a year
- Work with Boys & Girls Club on Halloween Party and Bike Rodeo (teaching safe Biking Skills)
- Food Drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Give out nearly 1,000 dictionaries to third-grade students

Gem State Kiwanis

Gem State Kiwanis

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Mission

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Membership

Members must be 18 years of age. Gem State Kiwanis has 40 members.

Examples of Community Service

Gem State Kiwanis, chartered in 1961, is dedicated to supporting youth programs and other community service projects. They sponsor the youth leadership clubs, Key Club at Capital High School, the Builders Club at South Junior High, and the K-Kids at Jefferson Elementary. The club provides \$3,000 in college scholarships to members of the Capital High School Key Club every year. Other service projects include Shakespeare Theatre for Youth at Jefferson Elementary, Rake Up Boise, Adopt-A-Highway project along Eagle Road, Toy Drive for St. Luke's Children Hospital, and the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign. In addition, Gem State Kiwanis club has organized the Fourth of July pancake breakfast at Julia Davis Park for nearly 50 years.

GFWC Boise Columbian Club

GFWC Boise Columbian Club

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Mission

“Unity in diversity,” which is also the International General Federation of Women’s Club’s theme. The club is dedicated to volunteering and assisting in community improvement projects consisting of donations to local schools, libraries, children’s organizations, and Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.

Membership

The club was formed in 1892, the first and oldest women’s club in Idaho to help raise funds and to host the Chicago Columbian Exposition — the reason for the name.

Examples of Community Service

Early projects were the first public library and the Carnegie Library, the historical department (museum), and hundreds of other organizations that received help from the club. The most recent undertakings were the restoration of the O’Farrell Cabin and signs, the Ezra Meeker Celebration, the Julia Davis Park Centennial, and several thousand dollars of books and donations to local libraries.

Junior League of Boise

Junior League of Boise

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Mission

The Junior League of Boise, Idaho, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Working together with the community, the Junior League envisions Boise as a community where women and children have the resources and support to succeed in personal, family, social, educational and/or occupational endeavors.

Membership

The Junior League of Boise opens membership to all women, regardless of age, race or religion, who demonstrate an interest in volunteerism and a commitment to bettering our community. There are currently more than 350 members in the Treasure Valley.

Examples of Community Service

Currently, the Junior League of Boise's focus is enhancing educational opportunities to Treasure Valley youth. Projects include:

Especially Me! is a self-esteem program for 9-12 year old girls designed to help girls navigate the pressures of adolescence including making healthy decisions while realizing they are special and unique.

Junior Leagues' Kids in the Kitchen is a program to empower youth to make healthy lifestyle choices and help reverse the onset of childhood obesity and its associated health issues. This program works in conjunction with 255 Junior Leagues in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, and Mexico to bring a one-day fair to the Treasure Valley which includes samples of healthy meals and snacks, fitness activities, and cooking demonstrations. The Kids in the Kitchen website provides support for the success of these activities and maintains tips on nutrition, recipes and games for enjoyment and learning all year long.

JLB School Garden Project is a new project of the League and will bring gardens to Treasure Valley elementary schools to assist teachers in providing science curriculum to students.

Impact Boise are "done-in-a-day" projects which assist organizations and fulfill short-term needs.

Meridian Kiwanis

Meridian Kiwanis

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Mission

The Meridian Kiwanis Club is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time starting in Meridian.

Membership

Our membership requirements are that you are a great person with a desire to give back to your community through service projects, camaraderie, and being a mentor to the youth of our community.

Examples of Community Service

We won the Governor's Brightest Star Award. The Meridian Kiwanis Club took first place in the Volunteer Club/Group Category. The men and women who make up the Meridian Kiwanis Club are from all walks of life and in all different stages of their careers. It is the diversity and the commitment of the group that allows us to be successful in the many projects within the community.

One of our showcase projects is Comfort Kits for Children, where backpacks are assembled by club members and are filled with a blanket, personal toiletries, stuffed toys and flashlights for children who are in imminent danger and removed from their homes into foster care.

Other events and projects we support: Adopt a Highway, Guys Read, Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County, Parade Control, Easter Basket of Need, Community Food Drive, Free Fishing Day, Young Children Priority One, and our Sponsored Youth and more.

Meridian Optimist Club

Meridian Optimist Club

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Mission

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

Examples of Community Service

Junior Rifle Club, Essay, Oratorical and Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing scholarship programs, Holiday Food Baskets for those in need, Annual Easter Egg Hunt and “Back to School” backpacks filled with school supplies.

Rotary Club of Boise

Rotary Club of Boise

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Mission

Rotary is a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and promotes world peace and understanding.

Membership

Club members are business and professional people who meet weekly for fellowship and to address community and international service needs. Rotary Club of Boise currently has 150 members.

Examples of Community Service

Rotary Club of Boise members participate in a variety of local service projects such as Rake Up Boise, Paint the Town, serving dinner at Boise Rescue Mission, supporting children at City of Light, spring planting at Zoo Boise and bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Rotary Club of Boise participates in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact for High School Students and Rotaract for College Students.

The Rotary Club of Boise encourages ethical behavior in all business by offering Junior High and High School students the opportunity to participate in an artistic ethics contest. The Rotary Clubs in the Treasure Valley host an Ethics in Business Luncheon each year where 12 to 16 business people are honored for their business practices.

Rotary Club of Boise lends international support by contributing to World Wide Polio Eradication, as well as participating in joint projects with Rotary Clubs in Ecuador, Mexico, Guatemala, and Brazil.

Rotary Club of Meridian

Rotary Club of Meridian

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Mission

Rotary is a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and promotes world peace and understanding.

Membership

Rotary Club members are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs. Rotary membership is by invitation from a local club or member. Meridian currently has 41 members.

Examples of Community Service

Club members provided seed money for the feasibility study for the Boys and Girls Club and have continued to support the Boys and Girls Club with volunteer efforts as well as monetary donations close to \$100,000. The Club also supports the Meridian Library, Meridian Food Bank, and many others. The club's most visible contribution to the community is the Rotary Shelter at Storey Park and the bench and landscaping provided to the Peace Officers Memorial at the POST Training Center.

Rotary Club of Boise Centennial

Rotary Club of Boise Centennial

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Mission

Rotary's mission is to provide service to others, promote high ethical standards, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Membership

The Rotary Club of Boise Centennial was chartered in 2007 to provide a smaller, more intimate alternative to some of the larger clubs in the Treasure Valley.

Boise Centennial's community service focus is fighting childhood illiteracy through programs such as the District 5400 third-grade dictionary program.

Examples of Community Service

- Dictionaries for Kids: Third-grade classes receive dictionaries
- Highway Cleanup: Cleanup of 2 miles of highway south of Idaho City
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program
- Rotary Exchange Students: Sponsorship
- Hayes Shelter Home
- CATCH (Charitable Assistance to the Communities Homeless)

International Projects

- Semilla Nueva - Guatemala
- Genesis World Mission - Kenya

Soroptimist International of Boise

Soroptimist International of Boise

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Mission

Members are dedicated to understanding the issues that affect women and girls for the purpose of influencing change toward the enhancement of the status of women and girls locally, nationally, and internationally.

Membership

Membership is open to business and professional women and men who are actively working, retired, temporarily or permanently out of work, or embarking on a business or professional career. The Soroptimist International of Boise currently has 25 members.

Examples of Community Service

Members of the Soroptimist International of Boise (SI/Boise) publish holiday wish lists for seniors without family and for local foster children, working with local senior living centers and the Idaho Health and Welfare Department.

SI/Boise hosts Lunafest, an annual showing of video shorts made by women about women to stimulate the conversation regarding efforts to enhance the lives of women. Members provide awards and scholarship funds to recognize women for their efforts in making extraordinary differences in the lives of women and girls.

SI/Boise sponsors numerous fund raising activities throughout the year to support the various recognition, scholarship and community programs.

Soroptimist International of Garden City

Soroptimist International of Garden City

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Mission

Improving the lives of woman and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.

Membership

Membership is open to individuals from the community who support SIA's mission. Soroptimist International of Garden City currently has 10 members.

Examples of Community Service

In addition to four awards honoring women in our community, members of the Soroptimist International of Garden City are actively involved in support for community organizations such as Chrysalis and FACES. The Soroptimist International of Garden City along with the Garden City Police Officers Association host the Christmas Holiday Party which is held at the Boys and Girls Club of Ada County in December. There are approximately 350 children that attend this yearly event.

Boise Capital Lions

Boise Capital Lions

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Mission

We specialize in helping people who need help with eye exams and glasses.

Examples of Community Service

- Annual Federation of the Blind Bike-a-Thon
- Annual Fishing Pond at the Sportsman's Show
- Donations to the Idaho Food Bank
- Donations to Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Scholarship Program for High School seniors
- Sight Screening
- Participation in local parades and community events
- Fund raising through garage sales and Casino Nights

**If you have a service club or local organization
that you would like added to the
Partners for Livability Brochure,
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