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Idaho Volunteers Recognized at Brightest Stars Awards Ceremony

Fifty-six outstanding volunteers from throughout the state were honored as stars Thursday by Lt. Gov. Brad Little at the Idaho Brightest Stars awards ceremony in Boise.

The volunteers were nominated for their contributions in six categories – Corporation & Small Business, School, Organization, Student, Senior and Individual. All were nominated by fellow Idahoans for their extraordinary volunteer efforts.

All nominees were recognized as stars in their communities, and one Brightest Star Volunteer of the Year award was chosen in each category. A review panel of citizens throughout the state participated with the lieutenant governor in selecting the brightest stars. This year's recognized volunteer leaders were:

- **Corporation & Small Business** - Bank of Idaho, Idaho Falls
- **School** - Pocatello Community Charter School, Pocatello
- **Organization** - The Hunger Coalition, Bellevue
- **Student** - Idah Whisenant, Lewiston
- **Senior** - Cara McCann Snyder, Lewiston
- **Individual** - Michael Shaw, Post Falls

Visit the Serve Idaho website at serveidaho.gov to view a link to the ceremony program listing all nominees.

Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, is a division of the Idaho Department of Labor. The commission administers Idaho's AmeriCorps grants program, hosts an annual conference on service and volunteerism, provides technical assistance in volunteer management during times of disaster and celebrates the extraordinary contributions of Idaho volunteers through the annual Governor's Brightest Star Awards. Serve Idaho is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Idaho Department of Labor and other partners.

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