

Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger

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A Message from IIRAH's Conveners*

IIRAH's 2022 fiscal year began on July 1, 2021, during the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, face-to-face events were not held in the Fall and Winter of 2021. This included: the educational forum we usually hold in the fall; our occasional appearances before Legislative committees to testify on topics related to hunger relief; and other face-to-face meetings and collaborations with our community of endorsers, advocates, supporters and friends.

Despite the pandemic, however, IIRAH's Board of Conveners has continued to work in the following areas:

- Regular Zoom meetings of the board of conveners
- Update of IIRAH Website (iirah.org)
- Hosted our annual Endorsers Gathering in January 2022, via Zoom.
- Successfully hosted our Spring Forum on April 28, 2022 via Zoom (see more below).
- IIRAH also continued to advocate for hungry Idahoans by following legislative developments and by sending out e-blasts and signing on to letters of advocacy.
- IIRAH was pleased to be a sponsor and participate in the 2021 Hunger Summit, postponed from 2020.

These past years witnessed many federal initiatives directed at reducing pandemic-related suffering. The tremendous positive effect these had on hunger, and particularly childhood hunger, demonstrates that these measures need to continue.

Local governments responded within the constraints set down by state government. Unfortunately, the 2022 Idaho legislative session continued to be largely disappointing in its inattention to the roots of hunger, particularly housing and property tax relief. The session was marked by regressive tax policies benefiting mainly upper income families and corporations.

Looking ahead, we anticipate a return to in-person engagement for FY 2023, yet are fully prepared to once again change course should the pandemic situation require. In these troubling times, IIRAH's strength is in the community of our endorsers, our supporters and our friends, and we look forward to working with you to plan for a hunger-free world.

*IIRAHS's Board of Conveners: Gayle Woods- Chair; Gwynn Barlow- Secretary; Michelle Ward-Treasurer; Ken Miller; Carl Van Slyke; Denise Dixon; Beth Rackham; Sr. Carol Ann Wassmuth; Christina Tierney



IIRAH's Vision

To ensure sufficient, healthy food for all Idahoans.

IIRAH's Mission

We believe in the unity of the human family. Therefore, we work for just and equitable systems in which all people can have food security with dignity. Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger studies system failures that are root causes of hunger. We educate the public, inform policy makers, and advocate for needed change.



IIRAH's FY 2022 Accomplishments

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

- Fall Forum -cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic
- Spring Forum Nutritional Security It's Not Just About Full Bellies
 - Held April 28, 2022 via Zoom with emphasis on nutritional security, including culturally appropriate foods. Participation was excellent, with over 60 attendees. Action items, reference materials, and link to recording were provided as follow-up.
 - Use of virtual access via Zoom proved to be successful, with speakers and attendees participating from outside the Treasure Valley.

ENDORSER RELATIONS

- o Annual Endorsers Gathering January 20, 2022.
 - Virtual -12 participants.
 - Purpose: to share information with conveners and endorser representatives about IIRAH's financial, educational and advocacy activities and federal and state policy.
 - Endorsers expressed interest in the following topics for future forums:
 - Housing
 - Grocery Sales Tax
 - Racism
 - By-Laws were updated to reflect evolutionary changes in the organization.
 These can be found on our web site: <u>iirah.org</u>
 - A presentation was provided by Clark Hansen from Bread for The World.



HUNGER ADVOCACY

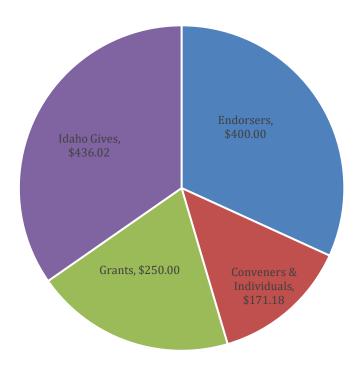
- Partnerships with other advocates: IIRAH's partnerships include Idaho
 Asset Building Network, Idaho Voices for Children, Idaho Hunger
 Relief Task Force, FRAC (Food Resource & Action Council) and
 National Low Income Housing Coalition.
- <u>E-blast calls to action</u>: IIRAH sent out 12 electronic e-blast mailings to IIRAH's advocacy network to take action promoting sound public policy including support of the Build Back Better Plan to address housing and nutrition, a state earned income tax credit, community development assistance and emergency rental and homeowner assistance.

o Sign-on letters:

- Letter in favor of Idaho HB 742 supporting the approval of emergency rental assistance and homeowner assistance.
- Letter to Congress and the Biden administration urging them to protect the overall Build Back Better Act, especially the antihunger and anti-poverty provision.
- Letter urging Congress to ensure affordable housing and community development programs receive the highest funding possible in Fiscal Year 2023
- IIRAH's Facebook page: provides on-going news of events and issues important for food security in Idaho.



IIRAH's Revenues FY 2022



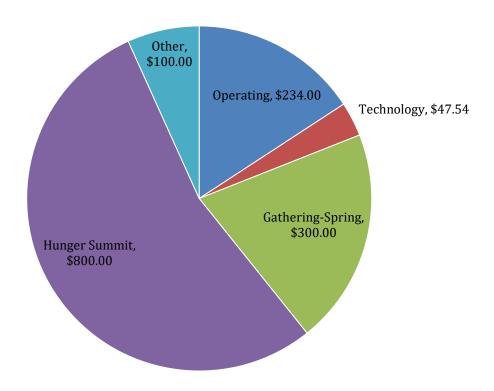
TOTAL REVENUE FY 2022: \$1257.20

EXPLANATION:

- Endorsing organizations contributed \$400 in FY 2022.
- Conveners and other individuals contributed \$171.18, including donations received through registrations for the Spring Forum.
- One individual contributed \$250 through a grant from the National Philanthropic Trust.
- The annual Idaho Gives campaign has been placed in a separate category, through which 10 donors contributed \$436.02.
- For FY 2022, IIRAH decided to reduce its annual grant request from St. Gertrude's Monastery due to the pause in educational Forums. Nonetheless, the Monastery still made a \$100 contribution.
- Total revenues for FY 2022 were \$1257.20.



IIRAH's Expenditures FY 2022



TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY 2022: \$1481.54

EXPLANATION:

- The Operating component was made up mainly of the annual fee for the renewal of our mail box at the Post office (\$106), membership fee for the Idaho Non-Profit Center (\$50), and the fee to enter the annual Idaho Gives Campaign (\$50).
- The Other category consisted of a donation to IHRTF in honor of an outgoing convener.
- The Technology category was comprised of our domain name renewal (\$47.54).
- The Hunger Summit category consisted of contributions toward the advocacy track speaker and funds for scholarships for attendees.
- The Gathering category consisted of honoraria to presenters.
- Total Expenditures for FY 2022 were \$1481.54.



CASH FLOW FY 2022

Starting balance July 1, 2021	2,896.40
Total (new) Revenues	1,257.20
Expenditures	1,481.54
Ending balance June 30, 2022	2,672.06

EXPLANATION:

FY 2021 was marked by a strong starting balance and several generous financial contributions combined with significantly reduced expenditures due to the continued pandemic. Consequently, our cash balance only decreased by \$224.34. We look forward to a "normal" FY 2023 when these donations can continue to be put to productive use in stemming hunger in Idaho.



IIRAH's FY 2022 Budget: Planned and Actual

		FY (2022)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	
REVENUES				
Endorsers	800.00	400.00	400.00	
Conveners and individuals	100.00	171.18	-71.18	
Grants	200.00	250.00	-50.00	
Idaho Gives	175.00	436.02	-261.02	
In Kind	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	1,375.00	1,257.20	117.80	

EXPENDITURES	Budget	Actual	Variance
Operating	250.00	134.00	-116.00
Printing (brochures, posters, etc.)	150.00	0.00	-150.00
Technology Expenses	150.00	47.54	-102.46
Endorsers roundtable	75.00	0.00	-75.00
Gathering - Fall	400.00	0.00	-400.00
Gathering - Spring	400.00	300.00	-100.00
Hunger Summit advocacy track speaker	300.00	300.00	0.00
Hunger Summit scholarship for 2021	500.00	500.00	0.00
Strategic planning	350.00	0.00	-350.00
Media ad purchases	100.00	0.00	-100.00
Idaho Gives	100.00	100.00	0.00
Other	0.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,775.00	1,481.54	-1,293.46



Appendix: IIRAH's Endorsers Organizations that officially endorse IIRAH's mission

All Saints Episcopal Church
Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Catholic Charities of Idaho
Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho
Community Food Basket - Idaho Falls/Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen
Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel
Emmett Valley Friendship Coalition
Episcopal Diocese of Idaho
First Congregational United Church of Christ
First United Methodist Church – Downtown and Amity Campus
Giraffe Laugh Early Learning Center
Hillview United Methodist Church
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Grangeville
Idaho Foodbank
Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force
Immanuel Lutheran Church
King of Glory Lutheran Church
Kuna United Methodist Church
Monastery of the Ascension
Monastery of St. Gertrude
Nampa Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Ctr
Oasis Worship and Food Center
Oregon - Idaho United Methodist Conference
Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
St. Mary's Food Bank
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho
Trinity Lutheran Church - Nampa
Whitney United Methodist Church
Wright Congregational United Church of Christ