

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant supports Youth Cultural Days

REXBURG, Idaho — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant to Idaho International Dance and Music Festival to help support culture and arts in Idaho.

“The Youth Cultural Days program has been up and running for almost 20 years and still continues to grow each year,” said Donna Benfield, executive director, Idaho International Dance and Music Festival. Last year approximately 1,800 youth, ages 6-16, attended at least one workshop, others attended more than one. This year, the program will include youth from Burley, Rupert, Mini Cassia County, Rexburg, Rigby, St. Anthony, Twin Falls and Idaho Falls.

These youth workshops are free. They teach children about costumes, education, dance, food, and the culture of countries across the world. Children love the opportunity to meet and mingle with the dancers one-on-one.

“Youth Cultural Days helps youth learn more about the world and different cultures in a fun and artistic environment, which will broaden their view and open up possibilities for their future,” said Glen Pond, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is pleased to partner with other organizations in the area to support this activity.”

“Without partners and neighbors like Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, this outstanding educational event would not be possible,” said Benfield.

The Idaho International Dance and Music Festival will be celebrating its 26th year, and the support from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation will help further the educational attributes of the festival. This funding will help finance what has become one of the most well attended venues of the festival – Youth Culture Days.

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Idaho International Dance and Music Festival

The mission of the Idaho International Dance and Music Festival is to promote world peace, brotherhood, and international understanding while providing the State of Idaho and all audiences with entertaining music and dance from around the world, and to preserve and display the folk heritage of America and visiting countries.

About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

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