VISION & VALUES

VISION

Making Idaho a place to learn, thrive, and prosper.

MISSION

Investing time, energy, and resources into:
Limitless Learning, Innovative Leaders, and Stronger Communities.

VALUES

Family Engagement  Opportunity
Integrity  Innovation
Leadership  Results
We invest our resources based on a passion for limitless learning, innovation, and strong communities. We are dedicated to expanding ways to learn and to enhancing sense of place and community for all Idahoans. Our approach to giving looks to courageous leaders who exemplify our values of leadership, integrity, opportunity, and results.

In 2019, the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation gifted $32 million to a wide variety of charitable organizations. Organizations led by doers. Those with integrity and grit. Those creating opportunities where there is a clear readiness to benefit. Those providing “hand-ups” not “hand-outs,” and those who can provide measurable results. These are leaders that see challenges as opportunities, and who are creating new opportunities for Idahoans.

Our giving strategy is tied to four focus areas; Learning, Awareness, Veterans and Community. And while the financial component of what we do may be significant, much of our passion is tied to the time and energy we put into the programs and initiatives aligned with our core values. Our position is more one of doing than simply giving, just as we expect from our grantees.

Striving for continuous improvement is a constant in our day to day work, and while the rewards are many through the opportunities we are able to provide, we embrace ways to think differently – always looking to do better.

Whether it is through the Challenged Athletes Foundation and their commitment to ensuring Idaho’s adaptive athletes are empowered to unleash their potential, the Mission43 Leaders Fellowship program and the veterans and military spouses who are committed to improving their lives and others in Idaho, or the new Boise Bike Park which allows riders of all abilities to improve their skills and find a sense of place in our community; they all point to our vision to make Idaho a better place to learn, thrive, and prosper.

I invite you to take a few minutes to watch the highlight videos we’ve included below in our 2019 Year in Giving Review. These initiatives speak to our diverse approach to philanthropic giving, and are examples of what innovative leaders are doing across the state of Idaho to make it an even better place.
2019 GIVING

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness and expanding ways to learn, and to enhancing a sense of place and community for all Idahoans. View our complete 2019 Charitable Giving List.

AWARENESS

$4 Million

We believe in elevating conversation to inspire and encourage informed decisions.

LEARNING

$18 Million

We believe learning innovation and equitable access to learning options is essential for students to thrive in today’s world.

VETERANS

$1 Million

We believe in creating opportunities for Idaho’s currently serving military, former military, and military spouses to lead, learn, and inspire in our communities.

COMMUNITY

$9 Million

We believe philanthropic giving can enhance sense of place and transform communities.

TOTAL GIVEN

$32 million
AWARENESS

$4 Million

FEATURED INITIATIVES
- BUCK THE QUO
- IDAHO AT RISK REPORT
- IDAHO EDUCATION REPORT CARD
- IDAHO ED NEWS
- IDAHO ED TRENDS
- PEOPLE’S PERSPECTIVE

LEARNING

$18 Million

FEATURED INITIATIVES
- BLUUM
- ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN
- ELEVATE ACADEMY
- ONE STONE
- TEACH FOR AMERICA

VETERANS

$1 Million

FEATURED INITIATIVES
- MISSION43
- HIRE HEROES USA
- GUILD EDUCATION

COMMUNITY

$9 Million

FEATURED INITIATIVES
- CHALLENGED ATHLETES FOUNDATION
- BOISE BIKE PARK
- BOISE WHITEWATER PARK
- KATHRYN ALBERTSON PARK
BOISE BIKE PARK

The Boise Bike Park is a premier world class public bike park with more than seven acres of tracks for all levels of riders. Designed by Alpine Bike Parks and with the help of community cycling clubs, the park provides a place for Idaho cyclists of all abilities and skill levels to enjoy. The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation funded and facilitated the design, development, and construction of the park. Remaining committed to investing in our communities, especially where there are opportunities for world-class recreation in the state of Idaho.

Learn More >

MISSION43

In 2019, Mission43 had an amazing year of growth. They continue to make Idaho a destination place to live and thrive for veterans. Mission43 membership grew by 35% and members continue to access Employment and Education services. This year Mission43 introduced the Leaders Fellowship program, in which a cohort of 17 military spouses, veterans, and currently serving military members were selected. These leaders have demonstrated a commitment to their own personal development and the community they live in.

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CHALLENGED ATHLETES FOUNDATION IDAHO

Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) is a nonprofit organization providing grants, camps, clinics, and community to individuals with permanent physical challenges. In 2019, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation provided funding to bring CAF to Idaho, with hopes to rally our community and empower athletes with physical challenges to unleash their potential. CAF collaborates with local community partners to fund grants for adaptive sports equipment, training and competition expenses, provides adaptive sports clinics, and hosts community events to grow a strong community of supporters and challenged athletes in Idaho.

Learn More >
Can you please tell us about the Foundation’s work as if describing it at a dinner party?

The work that we do is really about investing in communities in Idaho. Traditionally Joe and Kathryn made a lot of contributions toward educational causes, but they also invested in recreation and quality of life and just things that generally make Idaho such a great place to live.

What do you wish people knew about the Foundation that most don’t?

I think one thing that’s really important to know about the Albertson Family Foundation is it truly is a family foundation. So it doesn’t have anything to do with a corporation or a company. It really is run and directed by the Albertson family heirs, and we’re primarily focused on three initiative areas, and that’s learning, community and awareness.

Can you speak to why the Foundation has chosen to focus on three pillars?

LEARNING
So our learning initiatives are really about creating world class schools and learning environments for Idaho kids. Idaho makes a great classroom. If we can try to promote limitless learning in and outside of schools, we try to do that.

COMMUNITY
Our community initiative is really interesting and also pretty diverse in that we tend to gravitate towards projects that support recreation because it’s really important to our family, but we’re also recently supporting a broader veteran community initiative, and our hope is to make Idaho one of the greatest places for our post-9/11 veterans to live and do business and raise a family.

AWARENESS
Finally our awareness initiatives are trying to elevate conversation about important topics we feel are facing Idaho. So how are we stacking up in economic development, in how we’re educating the future of our state? So we try to use data and bring important conversations to light so that we can get the greatest minds collectively solving the problems.

What are your hopes and dreams for the Foundation?

One thing that’s been really a unique opportunity about being at the helm of the foundation is it’s the first time we’ve had a family member running the organization and, who knows, it might be the last. So for me it was really important to try to instill that sense of values and culture that I felt Joe and Kathryn really emulated. So how are we going to ensure that for the next 25 years, no matter what the work of the Foundation is, that we’re carrying forward the same work ethic and values that Joe and Kathryn had.
J.A. and KATHRYN

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