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Innovia Foundation Celebrates Community Foundation Week

SPOKANE, WA, 11/01/2018 — Throughout the week of November 12-18, 2018, Innovia Foundation will join over 795 community foundations nationwide in celebrating *Community Foundation Week*. The week, which coincides with National Philanthropy Day on November 15, recognizes the important work that community foundations do for the private, public and nonprofit sectors. For over 29 years, the effort has raised awareness of the importance of philanthropic organizations and the role they play in collaborating with local community members in addressing civic and economic issues.

During Community Foundation Week, Innovia Foundation will be sharing stories of community philanthropy with regional media outlets and on social media. In addition, on November 15, the Foundation will collaborate with other nonprofit agencies by hosting an open house style meeting for networking and to share resources for #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Innovia Foundation staff will also participate in a day of community service on National Philanthropy Day.

“We are excited to be a part of a nationwide effort that recognizes the important role community foundations play in our community,” said Shelly O’Quinn, Chief Executive Officer of Innovia Foundation. “We look forward to celebrating all we have achieved in Eastern Washington, North Idaho, and beyond and sharing compelling stories of our community partners.”

For nearly 45 years, Innovia Foundation has been this region’s partner in philanthropy, distributing more than \$70 million dollars to nonprofit organizations doing important work locally, nationally and internationally. Innovia Foundation works to improve access to education, promote health and wellbeing, support arts and culture, create economic opportunity and enhance the quality of life for community members. Through grant programs and agency funds, the Foundation has transformed lives and revitalized communities throughout Eastern Washington, North Idaho and beyond. Community Foundation Week is aimed at not only celebrating these kinds of achievements but also raising awareness of the importance of giving back.

Community Foundation Week, established in 1989 by former president George H.W Bush, celebrates the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with local charities and individuals to address and solve community issues.

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Innovia Foundation (formerly Inland Northwest Community Foundation) connects donor generosity to the region’s most pressing causes and collaborates with community partners to drive transformation across 20 counties in Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Since 1974, the Foundation’s endowment has grown to \$120 million. Through the generosity of donors and the passionate support of our nonprofit and community partners, Innovia Foundation has awarded more than \$70 million to organizations that improve lives and strengthen communities.