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Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County receives \$100,000 grant from Micron Foundation to continue services amid COVID-19

(Boise –May 5, 2020) – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County received a \$100,000 grant from the Micron Foundation for COVID-19 relief. Funding will go towards providing childcare for essential workers amid the coronavirus outbreak. Nearly 180 children a day are served at the organization’s seven locations throughout Ada County.

The grant ensures essential workers — such as doctors, nurses, police officers, firemen, and grocery store workers — can keep their children safe and secure while they are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Club is offering extended hours at all seven Club sites, operating between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Due to the need to reduce congregation size, the funding from this grant will provide staffing to reduce staff-to-member ratios, allowing for greater social distancing. All members will be supervised by caring, professional staff, receive two meals a day and a healthy snack, and will participate in fun and enriching activities to keep them busy all day.

“We are beyond grateful for Micron Foundation’s leadership and donation during the COVID-19 pandemic,” says the Club’s Executive Director Colleen Braga. “The pandemic has had a deep impact on the financial streams that keep us open and serving kids. Micron’s donation will help keep services open until operations are returned to normal.”

“The amount of need is unprecedented during this crisis,” said Micron Foundation Executive Director Dee Mooney. “We are proud to support our local communities and nonprofit organizations that are on the front lines, delivering services to those citizens who are most vulnerable.”

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County serve more than 4,000 children and at-risk youth, and provide a wide variety of youth development programs conducted by trained, professional staff. Key programs emphasize academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy

lifestyles. Our goal is to provide a safe and stable experience that assures success is within reach of all members. "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."