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Your Treasure Valley business community: accomplishments and promotions.

The Idaho Community Foundation has hired **Jennifer Oxley** as its communication director, ICF President **Bob Hoover** announced. Oxley previously worked at The College of Idaho in Caldwell. Before that, she was the public information officer for retired Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard. She has also worked for local public involvement firm RBCI, the Idaho Transportation Department, the Idaho Statesman, the Standard-Examiner, in Ogden, Utah, and Idaho State Journal in Pocatello.

ICF gathers funds from individual donors, groups and foundations across the state. ICF has more than 400 funds created by donors and granted \$6.5 million to non-profit organizations across Idaho last year.

Julie Francis is the new manager of the 36th Street Bistro. Francis previously worked at Doughty's Bistro and BB Strands. The 36th Street Bistro is at the corner of Hill Road and 36th Street in Boise, in the 36th Street Garden Center building.

Dickinson Frozen Foods has promoted **Brad Coleman** to vice president of quality assurance and innovation. Coleman has been with Dickinson Frozen Foods for three years, most recently leading the design and implementation of a new IT environment.

Coleman began with Dickinson Frozen Foods as customer resource manager and has a broad business and technical background, including private label merchandising with a national grocer. He completed his bachelor's degree at Idaho State University and a master's program at Ohio State University. Coleman is a native of Mud Lake.

RECOGNITION

The National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders has honored **Zions First National Bank** with its annual Distinguished Service Award. This is the first time NAGGL has given the award to a financial institution rather than to an individual. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions to NAGGL and Small Business Administration lending. Zions Bank was noted for its leadership, support for government relations, and commitment to SBA lending. Zions Bank has ranked as No. 1 SBA lender in Utah for 16 consecutive years and in Idaho for eight consecutive years.

GOOD DEEDS

Walmart donated \$10,000 to pay for advertising to promote the Scouting for Food drive in November. The company also donated 200,000 bags for the food drive and allowed the Boy Scouts to use its parking lots as collection points the day of the drive. This year's drive brought in 87,907 pounds of badly needed food, which will be distributed by The Idaho Foodbank and other organizations.