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CHC Foundation awards grant for Henry's Fork Foundation Community Campus

ASHTON – The Henry's Fork Foundation (HFF) Community Campus project received a grant of \$35,000 from the CHC Foundation in 2017. The project is a renovation of the old Ashton Hospital building into a Community Campus that houses the new HFF staff offices, a conference center, an interpretive center, scientific laboratory, and housing for summer interns and graduate students.

The Henry's Fork Foundation is the only organization whose sole focus is the conservation, protection, and restoration of the unique fisheries, wildlife, and aesthetic qualities of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River watershed. HFF's 2,500 members come from virtually every state and a number of foreign countries.

The Henry's Fork Foundation officially moved its offices into the new HFF Community Campus in August of 2017 and hosted a Grand Opening on June 14th of this year. During the Grand Opening, over 200 visitors toured the office spaces, enjoyed a virtual float down the river, and learned about the history of the Henry's Fork through interpretive exhibits.

The new Community Campus increases HFF's ability to fulfill its mission by educating future generations of anglers and farmers about the watershed; increasing participation in regional and state-wide water management issues to benefit the Henry's Fork; improving and increasing water quality monitoring capabilities; and expanding outreach and communication to inspire conservation on the Henry's Fork.

"Renovating the old Ashton Hospital building was always going to be a big project, but the CHC Foundation's support was crucial in getting this project from initial planning, assessment, and abatement, to construction to restore this Main Street landmark," says Brandon Hoffner, Executive Director of the Henry's Fork Foundation. "The CHC Foundation continues to support projects that benefit communities in eastern Idaho by building the capacity of non-profits like the Henry's Fork Foundation."

The HFF Community Campus is open during regular business hours – Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM – and is located at 801 Main Street in Ashton, ID.

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