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Litehouse YMCA Opens, Sandpoint, ID

YMCA receives gift to support youth development and healthy living

[SANDPOINT, ID/WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018] – Thanks to a generous contribution, we are happy to announce the Litehouse YMCA opened Saturday, December 1st, at 1905 Pine St, and is poised to welcome the north Idaho community to YMCA programs. Thanks to shared values of service and community support, the partnership will establish enhanced youth development, healthy living and social responsibility programs for the area.

Since Litehouse first planted its roots as a company in 1963 it has been committed to having a positive impact on its employees and the communities in which it operates. The YMCA's evaluation of Sandpoint as a location for one of its facilities presented the perfect avenue for Litehouse to support an organization with similar commitments. "A big part of Litehouse's decision to partner with the YMCA is their alignment with our Guiding Principles. We are extremely excited to watch the YMCA's investment in our children and each of our neighbors take shape in continuing to build a strong and connected community," says Kelly Prior, Interim President and CFO, Litehouse.

Bringing a YMCA to the Sandpoint region fulfills a years-long goal to expand mission services and provide opportunities for everyone in the community. The Y will provide kid-focused staffed activities; connect teens in a safe, fun environment; give families a healthy place to enjoy time together; and expand access by providing affordable health and wellness opportunities, and programs, for all. "The Litehouse YMCA is a perfect example of community leaders coming together to make a difference and turn a dream into reality. Over the course of the past 12 months, the City granted Blue Cross Foundation funds to determine community interest for a Y, the Helander family provided a generous opportunity for us to acquire a facility, and Litehouse made a substantial lead gift to our capital campaign to bring Y programs and services to Bonner County today," says John Ehrbar, Chief Operating Officer, YMCA of the Inland Northwest.

The Litehouse YMCA is located at the former Sandpoint West Athletic Club on Pine Street.

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About the Y

The YMCA of the Inland Northwest is dedicated to our cause of strengthening the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Regardless of age, income or background – we nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation’s health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support our neighbors. Anchored in the Spokane community for over 130 years, the YMCA has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. Visit our [website](#), ymcaspokane.org, for more information.

About Litehouse, Inc.

Litehouse, Inc. started in the Hope, Idaho restaurant of the Hawkins family over 50 years ago. Since that time, it has become a leader in refrigerated salad dressings, dips, cheese and other innovative consumer packaged goods, manufacturing these delicious products at its five U.S. facilities based in Idaho, Michigan, and Utah. Litehouse offers its diverse portfolio of products through general retail, e-commerce, foodservice, deli, member stores, and value-added goods where Litehouse products are featured in meal and salad kits. Litehouse is proud to be 100% employee-owned and each one of the employee owners carries on the high standards of quality and innovation. For more information, visit LitehouseFoods.com.