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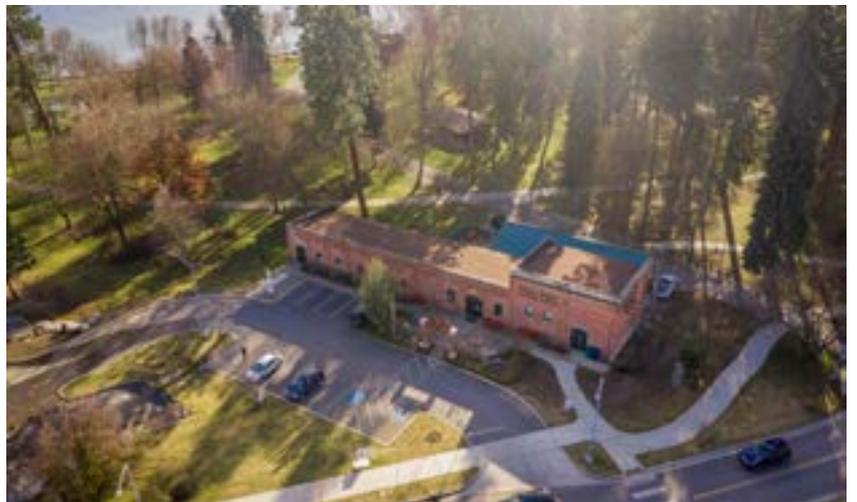


Our lives begin to
end the day we
become silent
about things that
matter.

- MLK



CELEBRATING
DIVERSITY AND
HUMAN RIGHTS BY
EDUCATING,
RAISING AWARENESS, AND
RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF
ALL HUMANITY.



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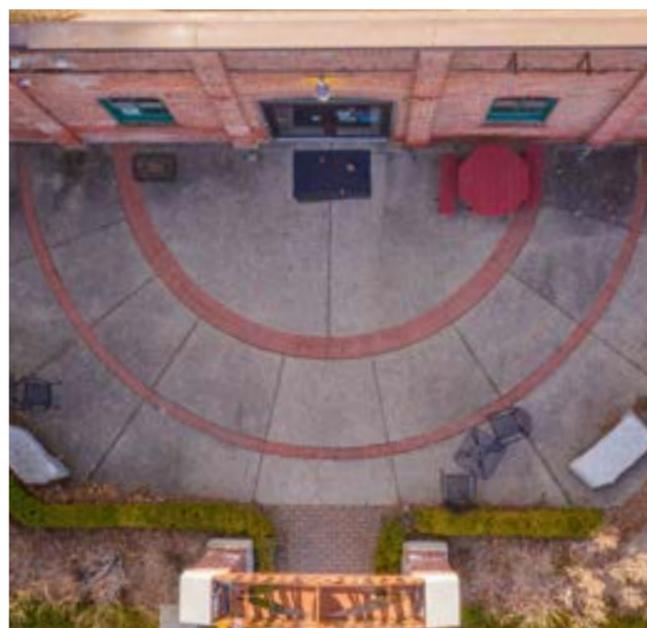
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our mission statement (listed on the cover) is at the very heart of what we do everyday. HREI was created over 20 years ago to serve our community and we are excited to be here today continuing that mission.

For me, the work that HREI does for our community and surrounding communities shares a message of love and humility. There is an abundance of love in our community—I'm so grateful for it—and like many other communities there are still challenges that we must face.

HREI addresses a wide range of diversity issues including race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic class, age, sexual orientation, religion, disability, and job and life circumstances. We partner with many organizations and businesses to address these issues because we know that we are stronger when we are together. Brené Brown brings powerful insight sharing, "We don't have to do all of it alone. We were never meant to."

A quote from Margaret J. Wheatley also resonates in me,

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Will you be a beacon of hope and change? Will you stand with us on this journey to inspire a community of togetherness that celebrates our differences and looks to build each other up? I hope your answer is "yes" because we need you. This is a continuing effort and we are excited to lead it!

Please help us educate and inform students in our schools, through our programs and activities. Let us provide workshops and training for educators and the business community. We can only do our work through your generous financial contributions and volunteer support.

My thanks to you on behalf of the HREI Board of Directors and staff,

Jason Tapani
HREI Board President



Young females involved at an event at HREI.

Women's Day by Shelley Webb

International Women's Day takes place on March 8th. This year, their theme is "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights." The theme corresponds with the United Nation's Women's new multigenerational campaign, Generation Equality, which marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It will also mark several other moments in the work towards gender equality.

Despite some changes, which when examined individually, seemed truly great, real change has been excruciatingly slow. Not a single country around the globe can say they have true gender equality. Melinda Gates says that according to the World Economic Forum if we keep

proceeding as we are now, it will take 208 years to achieve gender equality in the United States alone! Women need to have more power and influence, both in their world and in their homes. There are many obstacles that still need to be overcome in order for this to happen: there are barriers that keep women from advancing in their workplaces such as stereotypes and sexual harassment; women need to have larger roles in technology, political leadership and other areas that impact our society; pressure needs to be placed on institutions to encourage them to make the right decisions when it comes to gender equality.

The observance of International

Women's Day 2020 by the United Nations will take place at the United Nations Secretariat in New York on Friday, 6 March 2020, from 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m EST.

"The Observance aims to bring together the next generations of women and girl leaders and gender equality activists with the women's rights advocates and visionaries who were instrumental in creating the Beijing Platform for Action more than two decades ago."

Women are beginning to speak out, tell their stories and take their place amongst those who can influence change. Hopefully, we can all help to work to speed up the progress towards gender equality.

MARCH EVENTS

March 05, 2020 | Living Voices presents Hear my Voice

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center

This acclaimed program brings to life the struggle of women in the United States to attain the right to vote. School performances also available.

March 06, 2020 | Women's Day Kickoff

Time: 7:15 AM - 9:00 am

Location: HREI

March 14, 2020 | HREI Volunteer Orientation

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Location: HREI Gallery

Enjoy local performances and an excerpt from Living Voices, as well as the UN International Women's Day acknowledgment. We will have a #EachForEqual photo op!

March 15, 2020 | Music Walk: Emerge at HREI Exhibit

Time: 5 - 8 pm

Location: HREI Gallery

Enjoy the Emerge show at HREI with Kathy Coulten performing.

March 19, 2020 | Coeur d'Alene Tribe Cultural Liveway Dinner

Time: 5 - 8 pm

Location: Coeur d'Alene Casino

Enjoy storytelling, dancing, drums and traditional Native American cuisine, including wild Nisqually salmon, venison stew, green salad with huckleberry vinaigrette and more. Purchase tickets [here](#).

March 25, 2020 | Mic Drop H.E.R.O. Workshop

Event Date: March 25, 2020

Time: 5:30-8 pm

Location: HREI

What do I need to say? How should I say it? How do I make it interesting? We will answer these questions and offer practical application for approaching public speaking.

To learn about these events and more visit:
HREI.org/event

For Black History Month we bring perspective from an HREI community member.

Colored in North Idaho

by Tiffany Tosten

Moving to Idaho as an African American has been a very enlightening experience. There are so many kind and considerate people that I have met, that the flying of the Confederate Flag and pickaninny's eating watermelon on a banner at the 4th of July parade in 2019 doesn't bother me as much. I too know that ignorance still exists here and basically all over the USA. How can you begin to understand the mind of minorities, if you have a closed mind to hear their story?

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and short coming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly"
- Theodore Roosevelt

Idahoans that I have met have been very outspoken about their 1st and 2nd amendment rights and have taught me a lot about the importance of community. Some people ask me how I have been treated since I have been here. I tell them, "Very respectful." This is mostly during some reverent conversations with people who are genuine in their concern. Stares, avoiding eye contact, walking completely around me, and making sure I hear a conversation about the bended knee of Black NFL players is also another side of Idaho that I see.

"Why don't you move?" they ask.

Because although I have African features on the outside, I have multiple cultures running through my veins from my great-great-grandfather, the slave owner from

Richmond, Virginia. I owe it to my ancestors to make my presence known in a place often called the "Hate State." However, deep down inside, they just do not know the likes of me because they use COPS, social media, Jerry Springer, and other forms of "false" media to understand me, even when I am far from that stereotype.

HREI has given me a place to connect with other minorities and Americans that are trying to make sense of it all; this new melting pot that is coming to Idaho whether people are ready or not. Our community is preparing for a wave that feels like the 2020 Oregon Trail. Embrace the human beings who may be slightly different than you, take time to know them, one day at a time. There is a place for us all.

BOOKS FOR BLACK HISTORY

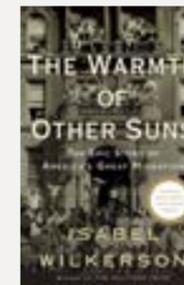
Black Like Me

by John Howard Griffin



The Warmth of Other Suns

by Isabel Wilkerson



HREI Traveling Trunks Available: Rent the Emmett Till Poster Board Exhibit



While visiting family in Money, Mississippi, 14-year-old Emmett Till, an African American from Chicago, is brutally murdered for allegedly flirting with a white woman four days earlier.

The Emmett Till Trial Poster Board Exhibit depicts the brutality of his murder. The fact that his killers were acquitted drew attention to the long history of violent persecution of African Americans in the United States.

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EMERGE AT HREI

by Ali Orjala

Emerge is currently showcasing their gallery of artist work.

After the downtown Coeur d'Alene fire that damaged a handful of businesses in early January, EmERGE was left gallery-less while their space is being restored from mostly smoke damage. In a short conversation with Jeni Hegsted, EmERGE's Executive Director, she expressed that temporarily moving their gallery to HREI was a "natural fit." The community was gracious enough that they received many offers, but the mission of HREI and EmERGE align so nicely and both non-profits are committed to inclusion. It was an easy choice to make.

As a non-profit gallery, EmERGE is able to specifically support starting artists that have a harder time finding gallery space. EmERGE has been especially successful showcasing artists within the LGBTQ community, as well as featuring many black artists, notable many talented musicians. EmERGE hosts an annual show completely dedicated to the Hispanic and Latinx community.

The EmERGE show is free to the public to view during HREI's our normal facility hours.

Upcoming EmERGE Events at HREI

- March 07 | 5 pm - 9 pm | Ceramic Showdown Throw Down and Cup Frenzie Fundraiser
- March 14th - April 4th | 10 am to 12 pm | Self Portrait Series (4 classes)
- March 19 | 6 pm - 9 pm | Incubator Series Event
- March 21 | 12 pm - 3 pm | Enameling Class

Find more events at emergecda.com

Visit EmERGE Show at HREI Gallery

Open Hours
Monday - Friday
10 am - 5 pm

March is Irish-American Heritage Month.

Join the St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities.

March 14th, 2020 | St. Patrick's Day Parade

Time: 4 pm

Location: Downtown CDA

All Things Irish will also be hosting pre-parade activities, including a photobooth and live music beginning at 12 noon.

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April 14th, 2020 | 5th Annual Diversity Symposium

Time: Coming soon!
Location: North Idaho College

HREI partners with NIC as part of the 5th Annual Diversity Symposium including keynote speaker Sammy Rangel and the Human Library.

Learn more [here](#).

April 15th, 2020 | I Am Evidence

Time: 6 - 8:30 pm
Location: HREI Gallery

HREI will be screening "I AM Evidence" followed by a panel discussion. We are excited to announce that Rep. Melissa Wintrow will be moderating the event. Rep. Wintrow spearheaded the law passed in 2019 to ensure rape kits are tested in Idaho.

Learn more about "I Am Evidence" [here](#).

UPDATES



UPCOMING

Love Lives Here continues to sign up businesses.

The Love Lives Here campaign has signed up over 150 businesses in the CDA community. Are you interested in joining this community movement of acceptance and kindness?

Learn more [here](#).



HIGH TEA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

MAY 9TH, 2020 | 11 AM



WE'RE AT IT AGAIN!

Join us for the 6th Annual High Tea for Human Rights event. Enjoy a traditional coursed high tea at the Coeur d'Alene Event Center while bidding on a great selection of silent auction items and voting for your favorite table design. Enjoy diverse entertainment and an impactful speaker.

Come hear about the vision for HREI in 2020 and ahead.



WANT TO SPONSOR A TABLE?

Sponsoring a table is affordable and fun! If you're interested in involving your business in HREI's mission, please get in touch.

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SEE YOU SOON

We are adding events by the day (literally!) to best support our community. Keep an eye out for upcoming events throughout the Spring and more information on April's theme; Child Abuse Awareness.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to keep up with events and ongoing. Visit our website at [HREI.org](#) to stay in the know.

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