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Another Generous Year of Giving by the Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest

Spokane, WA – Three education grants were awarded by the Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest Board of Directors at their December Regular Board Meeting:

1. \$5,000 to Gonzaga University Department of Biology for student internships at the Human Leukocyte Antigen Laboratory at the Inland Northwest Blood Center, focusing on organ transplant blood and tissue cross-matching.
2. \$4,000 to 2018 Eastern Washington Regional Science and Engineering Fair student projects, serving middle and high school students from Spokane, Whitman, Lincoln, Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille counties.
3. \$4,000 to Inland Northwest Blood Center for Specialist in Blood Banking certification tuition reimbursement.

In 2017, the Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest funded 14 grants totaling just over \$103,000 and gifted \$296,000 to the Inland Northwest Blood Center from its *Build Your Bloodmobile* capital campaign for the purchase of LifeSaver 5, a new custom-made bloodmobile.

Since inception four years ago, the organization has funded 49 grants to 17 eastern Washington and north Idaho organizations, including the Inland Northwest Blood Center, totaling \$380,000.

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Moving the future of healthcare forward, the Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest invites you to learn more at bloodcenterfoundation.org.