

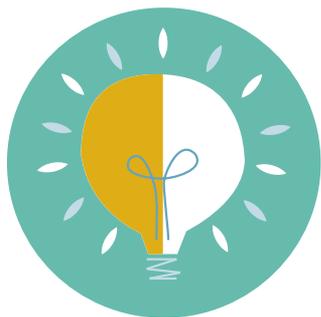


JANNUS

**40 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES**

1974 - 2014

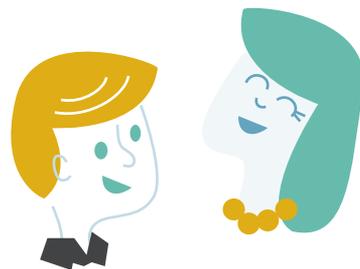
# Countless lives & communities changed for the better



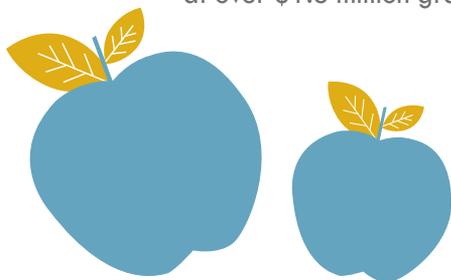
3,000 children enrolled since 1995 in Early Head Start in North Idaho



300 Micro Enterprise loans valued at over \$1.3 million granted



221 certified peer specialists trained



\$16 million distributed for nutritious meals for kids in childcare



103 homes purchased by refugees with matching fund assistance



12,300 refugees welcomed to Idaho since 1997



1,488 homeless people connected to health and social services



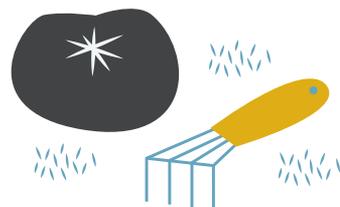
4,000 crisis calls taken by trained staff and volunteers



\$120 million preserved in state budget funds for education and local services



1 million hours donated by Foster Grandparents since 1998



300 refugee families provided with community garden space



288 businesses started, creating 496 jobs

## 40 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

Also, 82 nonprofit organizations served by senior volunteers annually, 542 women entrepreneurs trained in business management and 2,000 family caregivers supported with \$1 million in volunteer hours

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Forty years signifies a certain staying power. For 40 years, Mountain States Group has served individuals and families to change their lives for the better. The legacy of those 40 years is people who are healthier physically and mentally, children who gained a strong start in life with proper care and nutrition, entrepreneurs who created companies and jobs, and new Americans who were given the support they need to live productive lives.

Over the years, this impactful organization has administered many diverse programs. But the one thing each of them has in common is assisting individuals and families in transition—a time when people most need help to make a positive change. Because this idea of helping people in transition is central to everything we do, we needed a name that reflects it. Jannus, a name derived from the god of transition in Roman mythology, will be our new name as we begin our 41st year. We think it's a name that represents the importance and breadth of the programs we administer, and one that will launch our next 40 years of service.

In these pages, we've highlighted just a few of the accomplishments and milestones in our 40-year history. You'll read stories about the lives we are changing right now to help people navigate the transition to a better life, and you'll also gain an understanding of the magnitude of our work with statistics that demonstrate the need for these services and the people helped by our response. Collaboration is vital to our mission, and we could not celebrate these accomplishments without the support of our partners at the local, state, and national level.

Part of any anniversary is looking back and taking stock, but it's also deciding how to create a better future. The staff at Jannus is committed to sustaining proven programs and developing and advocating for new ones that help individuals change their lives for the better. As we begin a new decade of service, I invite you to learn more about the work we do and to consider supporting our nonprofit organization with a donation of your time or money. Let's begin now to do the work that will change lives for another 40 years.



**Karan Tucker**



# A HISTORY OF SERVICE

1974

Mountain States Health Corporation formed

1977

Charter expanded to include education and child welfare

1985

Child-focused programs begin

1987

Rural health care programs launched

1990

Work begins on HIV/AIDS education programs

1993

Name changed to Mountain States Group

1995

Early Head Start Launched

1995

Idaho Kids Count formed

1996

Mental health services begin

1996

Mountain States Refugee Center established

1997

Appointed administrator for Idaho's refugee resettlement program

1997

Worldwide Strategies launched

1998

Foster Grandparent program begins

1999

Agency for New Americans created

1999

Enrollment assistance for Children's Health Insurance Program begins

2001

Nutrition Works ensures healthy meals for kids

2001

Rural Hospital Performance Improvement started

2001

211 Idaho CareLine launched

2002

Micro Enterprise Training and Assistance begins making loans

2006

Idaho Partnership for Hispanic Health formed

2011

Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy created

2012

Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline launched

2014

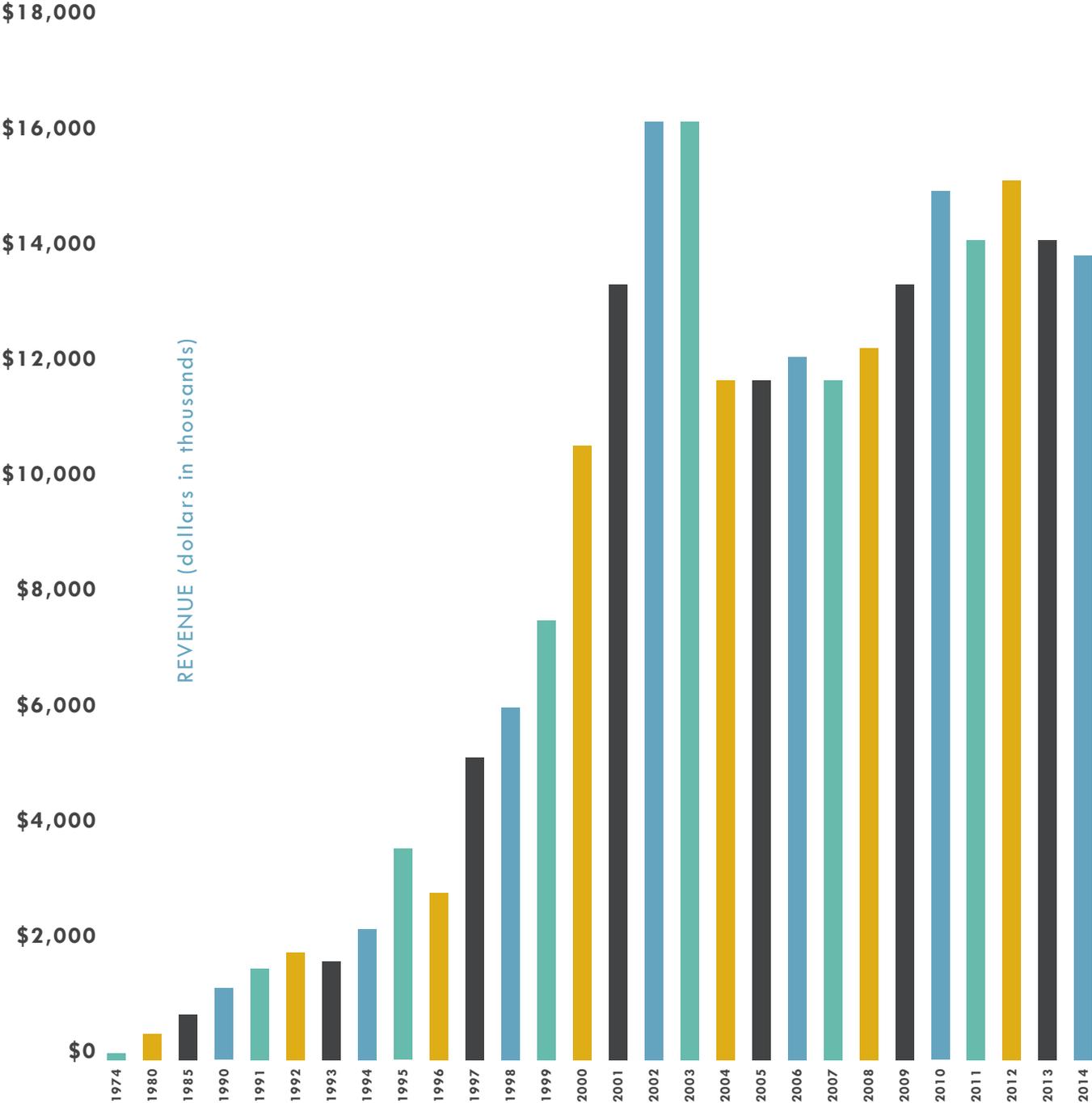
Idaho Afterschool Network launched

2015

Jannus name reflects helping people in transition

# HISTORIC SERVICE LEVELS

JANNUS HISTORIC REVENUE  
(formerly Mountain States Group)



FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30th

# THE JANNUS STORY

**IN ANCIENT ROMAN RELIGION AND MYTH,** Janus was the god of beginnings, movement, and transitions. He was usually depicted as having two faces looking in opposite directions—one looked to the future and one to the past.

**THE GOD OF TRANSITIONS** was considered the initiator of human life, of new historical ages, and financial enterprises. He had functions pertaining to journeys, exchange, traveling, and trading. He frequently symbolized the progress of past to future, from one condition to another, and young people's growth to adulthood.

*Like the qualities attributed to the god in roman mythology, Jannus has been successfully helping people, families, and communities in transition — from infancy to healthy childhood, from illness to health, from isolation to community, and from refugee to working citizen — for 40 years.*

We do this by educating children and families, supporting healthy living, analyzing policy impacts to vulnerable populations, coordinating refugee resettlement, counseling entrepreneurs, and supporting the voice of mental health consumers—and that's only the beginning.

We are Jannus. And we quietly change lives every day.



# WE CHANGE LIVES EVERY DAY

At Janus, we change the lives of people every day with a special emphasis on serving children, families, seniors, refugees, entrepreneurs, and veterans. Some of our clients include:

- A 90-year-old veteran who called the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline needing help to get his prescriptions refilled.
- A single father recently moved to Idaho who needed his three children enrolled in Medicaid so he could get care for his daughter's mental health condition.
- A woman who spent 32 years in a refugee camp in Thailand taking care of others and now owns her own childcare business thanks to training and a small grant.
- A lawmaker who changed his mind about a proposal to eliminate Idaho's grocery tax credit when presented with information on how it would impact Idaho families.
- A son providing round-the-clock care to his ailing mother who gets support from an in-home volunteer once each week so he can care for himself.

## WE ADMINISTER MORE THAN 20 PROGRAMS IN THREE MAIN AREAS:



**community  
health**

Our programs start with newborns and extend all the way to healthy aging for seniors.



**public  
policy**

We do in-depth analysis and research and speak on behalf of those who need a voice.



**economic  
opportunity**

We help people with few resources to become independent and successful entrepreneurs.

# PROMOTING COMMUNITY HEALTH

1

## A STRONG START IN LIFE

*"I was pregnant with my second child when I signed up for Early Head Start. My Family Consultant would come and visit me and my son once a week. She became someone I trusted, and I relied on her constantly. My son had a bit of a tantrum problem, and she helped by talking to me about the situations and gave me resources and other options to try to calm my son down. My relationship with my son became more of a nurturing experience rather than one of chaos. I feel (Early Head Start) has helped me become a better parent." —Jaki W.*

**Early Head Start provides child development, health and social services for 250 low-income families a year in North Idaho.**

**Nutrition Works, a sponsor of the Child and Adult Care Food program, ensures nutritious meals and snacks for more than 5,000 children in childcare every month.**

*"I am a small business owner, and I was struggling to pay for medical bills for my two kids. A Community Outreach specialist from Covering Idaho Kids explained how to enroll my kids in the Medicaid program, and told me Medicaid could pay for my bills retroactively up to three months. That was wonderful because they reimbursed me money I had already paid for medicine for my kids. Thank you for all your help." —Juan G.*

**1,000 kids and families received help enrolling in healthcare coverage last year.**



# 2

## SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS

*A veteran with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder called the hotline and explained he was trying to get psychiatric help from the VA system. He expressed vague thoughts of harming others and tried to end the call several times. The trained volunteer phone worker was able to make an emotional connection with the veteran while the phone room supervisor arranged for an immediate transfer to the national veterans' crisis line. The supervisor then followed up with local VA staff who coordinated with the national crisis line to assist the veteran in getting help.*

**Idaho has the 7th highest suicide rate in the nation.**

**The Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline has received 4,000 calls – over 200 were situations where the caller may have harmed or killed themselves were it not for staff intervention.**

*“Before this job, my mental illness had a tight grip on my life, and I wanted to hide from the world. In 2013, I took the Certified Peer Specialist training and saw I was not alone in the way I felt. In 2014, I started working for an agency and was the first Peer Specialist they had. Not only did I develop relationships with the peers I worked with, I also came out of my shell. My position has helped the people I have interacted with see they are more than their diagnosis.” – Tammy L.*

**221 mental health peer specialists are now certified in Idaho.**

**Working to help people transition from homelessness, PATH peer specialists have connected nearly 1,500 individuals to resources, helping 273 move into homes.**



# 3

## CONNECT SENIORS WITH COMMUNITIES

*U.S. Army Veteran Rosalind, age 61, was once a postal worker, avid horsewoman, and rode a purple Harley Davidson. Two years ago, she suffered a motorcycle accident that resulted in severe head trauma, the loss of her right eye, and the amputation of her right leg. Rebecca, Rosalind's partner, became her full-time caregiver, while working outside the home to support herself and Rosalind. Friends in Action volunteers, Lynn and Mitzi, now share in the care of Rosalind while Rebecca is at work. With their help, Rosalind has learned to walk on her prosthetic leg and is training to walk in a Relay for Life event for her local VA hospital.*

**Since 2004, Friends in Action and Legacy Corps for Veterans and Military Families have helped 2,000 family caregivers in Idaho with \$1 million in volunteer time.**

*Maria has been a Foster Grandparent at Chief Joseph Elementary for 6 years. She worked for more than 35 years as a certified nursing assistant. At Chief Joseph, she interacts with kindergarten children at breakfast, reads to children of all ages, and helps the second graders with math. "I like to see their little faces when they learn how to read," Maria said. "When they learn they can read a whole sentence by themselves, I'm like, 'Let's throw a party!'"*

**The Foster Grandparents Program and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) connect children, families, and others with the experience of a senior volunteer.**

Foster Grandparents donated 65,000 hours of time in 2014.

420 RSVP volunteers each donating an average of 70 hours per month currently serve more than 82 non-profits in Southwest Idaho.



**“Probably the biggest benefit volunteers receive is a sense of purpose.”**



**Jannus programs succeed because of our caring, dedicated volunteers.**

# ADVANCING PUBLIC POLICY

1

## HELPING LAWMAKERS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS

*During the 2013 Idaho Legislative session, the entire repeal of a particular property tax for businesses was proposed. The tax helped support libraries, ambulances, rural hospitals, and provided half the property tax base for some rural school districts.*

*The Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy stepped forward to explain the benefits of a sensible compromise. The Center proposed repealing the tax for 90 percent of businesses, while protecting most of the revenue at risk. The Center wrote commentaries, produced an educational video, and equipped stakeholders with key facts and figures.*

*In the end, the Idaho Legislature saw what was at stake and enacted the compromise legislation. With just a small investment of time and resources, the Center and its partners tipped the scales toward a decision that protected \$120 million for public services out of the \$140 million at stake.*

**Idaho now has \$500 million less each year  
in funding for public needs than 15 years ago.**

The Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy was formed in 2011 with the mission to provide accurate information and analysis to inform decisions that will shape Idaho's future.



# 2

## STANDING UP FOR KIDS

*Idaho Kids Count and Idaho Voices for Children founded the Idaho Reads! initiative, which set a goal to increase the percentage of Idaho third graders who score at or above reading grade level. Lawmakers took notice, and Idaho's Governor called on the state's education partners to develop a comprehensive plan for improving reading proficiency in his 2015 State of the State address. "Reading at grade level by the end of third grade is a major foundation for a student's education. We must prepare our students by doing more to achieve this critical benchmark."*

**68% of Idaho kids are behind in reading.**

**Only 9% of Idaho children participate in afterschool programs.**

*Efforts to form an afterschool network in Idaho began back in 2006, but made little headway. Meanwhile, the percentage of children enrolled in afterschool programs in Idaho stayed below 10 percent, and the number of children unsupervised after school was twice as high. Jannus participated with a number of committed partners to launch the Idaho Afterschool Network in the fall of 2014. The network will help improve the quality of afterschool programming and increase access.*

**Jannus programs have supported improved rural healthcare for 40 years.**

**The Idaho Area Health Education Center works to improve the diversity and supply of primary healthcare workers especially in rural and underserved areas.**

*Through programs such as Mini-Medical School, the Center introduces young people living in rural communities to primary care professions and careers in public health. It also coordinates the Idaho Telehealth Task Force which connects healthcare professionals with patients in remote areas through secure, teleconference technology. The Task Force has over 100 members who collaborate to improve healthcare across Idaho.*



# CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

## 1 REFUGEE SUCCESS IN IDAHO

*Valentine Sessou-Djokutu came to the United States in 2007 with his wife and three children after spending seven years in a refugee camp in Benin. A native of Togo, Valentine had 24 years experience as a barber. He received his license and certificate in this country, and, with the help of the Micro Enterprise Training and Assistance Program (META), he was able to sublease a space and get a business start-up loan to buy equipment. One year later, Valentine purchased the barbershop with the help of a \$15,000 loan from META. Today, his loan is nearly paid off, and Valentine has 3 employees.*

**Since Jannus became the statewide administrator for the Idaho Office of Refugees in 1997, its partners have resettled 12,300 refugees in Idaho.**

**One of these partners, Agency for New Americans (ANA), also a Jannus initiative, has alone resettled 2,400 refugees from 27 countries.**

*Safiya and her family came to the United States as refugees from Somalia. Her mother had a small farm plot through Global Gardens, and Safiya decided to lease her own plot. After several farm seasons, Safiya's husband, Mamo, realized his wife's farm business was as profitable as his taxi business, so he began helping her to boost production and sales. In 2014, a local hospital requested that Global Gardens provide a weekly pop-up produce stand at their downtown campus, and Safiya was able to boost her sales again. Today Safiya and Mamo sell produce at the Capital City Public Market, Boise Farmer's Market, and to a local restaurant.*

**Global Gardens offers training, assistance, and access to community garden spaces to roughly 300 refugee families annually.**



## 2

### HELP ENTREPRENEURS SUCCEED

*Tim and Lynda Linquist launched their business “We Rent Goats,” a mobile goat-grazing service, in 2009. With help from META, the Linquists learned how to write a business plan, use an accounting program and gain access to capital. The Linquists now market their goats as an environmentally friendly alternative to pesticides for weed control. They rent their goats to clean brush and weeds along highways, from drainage ponds, and in residential neighborhoods.*

**“This program is designed to make prosperity a possibility for those who face economic or social hurdles.”**

**META provides loans and business training to aspiring entrepreneurs who can't secure loans from traditional lenders.**

## 3

### HELP WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

*Yvonne Anderson-Thomas is a member of the Women's Business Center and is the owner of Brown Shuga Soul Foods, a local, Boise-based business that prepares and sells authentic Southern-style cuisine direct to customers through two food trucks and catering at special events. “The Women's Business Center helped me a lot. I've taken some classes on finances, marketing and sales. Being able to have a support system to call and ask questions...has been a great asset to me.”*

**“The Women's Business Center helped me know how to start my own business . . . step by step.”**

The Women's Business Center is dedicated to providing women with the necessary resources to launch their business ideas into sustainable enterprises and has counseled more than 500 entrepreneurs.



# JANNUS PROGRAMS



*A resettlement agency in Boise that assists refugees on a path to self-sufficiency.*



*Outreach to rural and underserved families so children have health insurance.*



*Child development, health and social services for low-income families in North Idaho.*



*Skills for social connection and lifelong learning through English language training.*



*Grandparents volunteer as role models, mentors and friends to children in need.*



*Volunteer-powered caregiver support for families.*



*Training low-income families in the growing, cooking and selling of fresh produce.*



*Skilled immigrants and refugees reclaim careers to retain a talented workforce.*



*Improving awareness, quality and access for afterschool programs in Idaho.*



*Workforce development to expand access to health professionals in rural areas.*



Research and fiscal analysis on funding education, health, safety and transportation.



Engaging in research-based discussions to improve outcomes for Idaho's children.



Administrator of Idaho's refugee resettlement program.



A statewide resource for persons at risk of suicide and their families and loved ones.



Ensures children are ready to succeed as adults, in families and in the workforce.



Volunteer-powered caregiver support by and for veterans and military families.



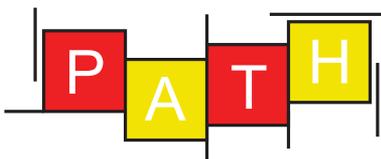
Supports entrepreneurs with business counseling, training and micro loans.



Helps childcare providers serve healthy meals through reimbursement and training.



Information and recovery support for consumers of behavioral health services.



Outreach, referrals and case management to persons experiencing homelessness.



America's largest network for people age 55+ to volunteer in our communities.



Assists new and existing entrepreneurs to plan, grow and succeed in business.



## FOUNDER

**LOUISE HANEY, R.N., N.P.**

Louise Haney's service dates back to 1965 when Idaho Governor Robert Smylie appointed her as the sole woman on a panel to represent Idaho's health service needs at the regional level. Those early efforts led to the creation of the organizations that became Jannus. Among the highlights of her service, Louise listed working with a small tribe in Montana to provide them with a sewer system, getting the first physician for the town of Burns, Oregon, and launching the Early Head Start program.

**“It is important to always be looking for those things that need people to speak up and take action.”**

- LOUISE HANEY

The Jannus staff and board of directors would like to acknowledge the many partners, grantors, supporters, stakeholders, and individual donors—current and former—who make our programs possible. Although there are too many to list, you have our deepest gratitude for engaging as active partners and investing in our work to change lives.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*Ben Daitz is Professor of Family Medicine at the University of New Mexico, School of Medicine. He has helped organize and facilitate rural health projects for over 25 years.*

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