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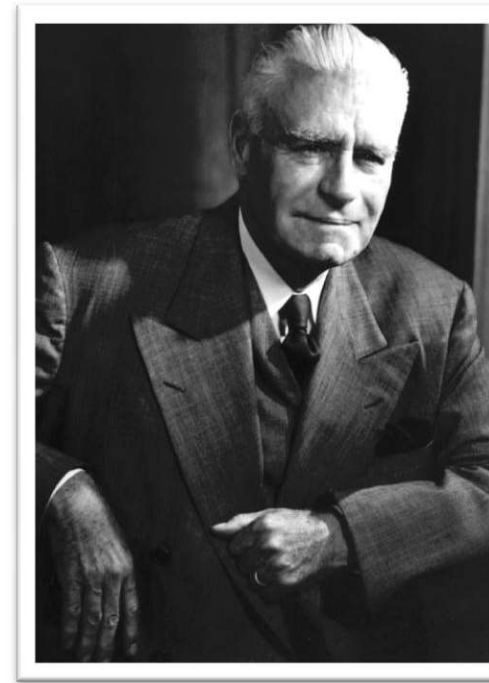
Annual Report for 2019

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Harry W. Morrison built things - big things: dams, bridges, tunnels, railroads, highways, pipelines, airports, military bases, space centers - an astounding inventory of structures on every continent of the globe. Admirals, generals, kings, shahs, presidents and business leaders all over the world trusted him to handle the largest, the most sensitive, and the most challenging construction jobs the world had ever seen.

Before he could build big things, he had to build the company that could do the jobs. He co-founded the Morrison-Knudsen Company with Morris Knudsen in 1912. Knudsen brought \$600 and some horses and wheel-barrows to the team and Morrison brought “plenty of guts,” which was his main selling point to Knudsen at the time. Morrison had more than guts, however. His career was a study in innovation and resourcefulness; his conduct, a study in loyalty and faith in the people he hired.

Morrison instituted many innovations in the construction industry, but the one he is most known for is the concept of the “joint venture,” in which several companies combine their expertise, equipment and financial resources to tackle jobs too big for one company, a practice that spreads the financial and other risks involved. The joint venture known as Six Companies built Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam) in the early 1930’s, the project that helped catapult Morrison Knudsen into its eventual position as one of the largest construction companies in the world.



In 1952, Morrison and his first wife Ann created what was then called the Morrison Family Foundation as a means of supporting educational and charitable institutions. Without making any official statement on the subject, the Foundation quietly continued the family tradition of building things, this time in the context of community service. Funds went to church and college building funds, scout camps and to a wide variety of other community programs, mostly in Idaho.

When Ann died in 1957, Harry Morrison, through the Foundation, built Ann Morrison Memorial Park and dedicated it to the citizens of Boise. Inspired by a lifelong love of music and Broadway shows, Harry had also wanted to build a performing arts center in Boise. Upon his death in 1971, his second wife Velma fulfilled this dream.

Through her leadership as president of the Harry W. Morrison Foundation, she and the community of Boise built the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, on the campus at Boise State University. In addition, the Harry W. Morrison Foundation was the initiator and major contributor to the Morrison Center’s endowment fund in support of the arts.

The Harry W. Morrison Foundation continues to provide funds to educational, medical, church, cultural, and community service organizations in Idaho and occasionally, outside of Idaho.

~ Harry W. Morrison Foundation Grants 2019 ~

Global Lounge Group, Inc. - Boise, ID \$5,000 for 2019 World Village Festival	The Jesse Tree of Idaho - Boise, ID \$5,000 for Emergency Rent & Mercy Assistance	Global Lounge Group, Inc. - Boise, ID \$5,000 for 2019 World Village Festival	Boys & Girls Clubs - Twin Falls, ID \$20,000 for Twin Falls Unit Expansion
Museum of Idaho - Idaho Falls, ID \$5,000 for Student Transportation for Field Trips	The Blessing Bike - Boise, ID \$2,600 for General Fund	Palm Springs Animal Shelter - Palm Springs, CA \$10,000 for General Fund	Ronald McDonald House - Boise, ID \$25,000 for Room for Every Family Campaign
The Momentum Group - Boise, ID \$20,000 for Job Training & Community Feeding	HPV & Anal Cancer Foundation - New York, NY \$1,000 for NOMAN Race	The Salvation Army-Boise - Boise, ID \$6,250 for 3rd Payment of 4-Year Pledge	Carbon County Museum - Red Lodge, MT \$5,000 for Building the Beartooth Highway Exhibit
The Boise Chordsmen - Boise, ID \$3,000 for Boise Chordsman Community Outreach	Boise Rescue Mission - Boise, ID \$25,000 for Programs & Services for Homeless	Friends of Idaho State Parks, Inc. - Boise, ID \$5,000 for Writers at Harriman	Life's Kitchen, Inc. - Boise, ID \$2,000 for Workforce Development
Water Color Society, Inc. - Meridian, ID \$3,000 for Western Federation Juried Exhibition	Elderly Opportunity Agency Inc. - Emmett, ID \$25,000 for S.W. Idaho Transit Program	Mission Aviation Fellowship - Nampa, ID \$17,500 for Battery Start Carts	Bloom the Desert Ministries - Palm Springs, CA \$5,000 for Migrant Refugee Relief
Interfaith Sanctuary - Boise, ID \$10,000 for General Fund	Because International Corp. - Nampa, ID \$25,000 for Working Capital for The Shoe That Grows	Terry Reilly Health Services - Nampa, ID \$50,000 for Cleveland Square Clinic	Care House Partnerships - Nampa, ID \$10,000 for Clinic Remodel Project
LEAP Charities, Inc. - Boise, ID \$10,000 for Yes You Can Homebuyer Program	McCall Public Library - McCall, ID \$2,500 for Capital Campaign	Idaho Freedom Foundation - Boise, ID \$10,000 for General Fund	Boise Parks & Recreation - Boise, ID \$50,000 for Ann Morrison Park Capital Projects
Franklin County Medical - Preston, ID \$7,795 for Newborn Hearing Screener	Corpus Christi House Inc - Boise, ID \$5,000 for General Fund	Foundation for West Ada School - Meridian, ID \$5,000 for Achievement House Renovation	St. Paul's Catholic School - Nampa, ID \$25,000 for New St. Pauls Catholic School
Jannus, Inc. - Boise, ID \$10,000 for Suicide Loss Survivor Support Group	Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Nampa, ID \$10,000 for FCA Leadership Academy & Staff Position	Idaho Horse Rescue - Meridian, ID \$1,200 for General Equine Healthcare	Power County Hospital - American Falls, ID \$25,000 for Hospital Bed Project
American Red Cross - Boise, ID \$25,000 for Bloodmobile Replacement	Bogus Basin Recreational Assn. - Boise, ID \$25,000 for 3rd of 3 installments for captial pledge	Greenleaf Friends Academy - Greenleaf, ID \$10,000 for Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students	Interfaith Sanctuary - Boise, ID \$50,000 for General Fund
Christian Life Fellowship - Boise, ID \$10,000 for Church Building Maintenance Fund	The Idaho Foodbank - Boise, ID \$150,000 for Meridian Building Purchase	Boise Rescue Mission - Boise, ID \$50,000 for General Fund	Sacred Heart School - Boise, ID \$5,000 for General Fund
Days for Girls - Mt. Vernon, WA \$5,000 for General Fund	Bishop Kelly High School - Boise, ID \$10,000 for Mark & Vickie Daly Scholarship Fund	Salt and Light Radio - Boise, ID \$2,500 for January Men's Conference 2020	Total Grants \$794,345