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## IDAHO ENTREPRENEURIAL INSIDER

Official Newsletter of the Idaho Entrepreneur Center

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### 1 AUGUST

Idaho Entrepreneur Center Launch

#### 22 AUGUST

Grand Opening Event 5 - 8 PM

#### **SEPTEMBER**

First Networking Night



### **DONATE**

For more info on donating and benefits, please visit www.idahoecenter.org. We are a 501 (c)(3) organization, and all donations are fully tax deductible.

### **OVERCOMING CHALLENGES WITH YOUR SUPPORT**

In the first five years of starting a business, 50% of them fail (source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Entrepreneurs face a myriad of challenges each day as they aim to transform their dreams into reality, including financial constraints, access to resources, and limited guidance. The Idaho Entrepreneur Center (IEC) can combat these challenges, but only with donor support backing us up.

Entrepreneurial Challenges:	Your Donations Help:
Lack of affordable office space.	Provide affordable co-working spaces.
Need for ongoing support and advice.	Sustain the IEC Business Resource Pod.
Difficulty in finding mentors.	Equip IEC with mentors.
Limited chances to connect with other entrepreneurs and potential investors.	IEC Networking Nights and Executive Network Luncheons.
Difficulty in securing initial funding.	Host the IEC <i>Entrepreneur Launch</i> program and pitch competitions.
Limited access to business tools and expertise.	Cover the cost of participation in IEC Entrepreneur Boot Camp.

We have a matching funds initiative where all donations made in the month of August will be matched by a local business up to \$100,000. This means every dollar donated will be doubled, significantly increasing the potential funding available to support local entrepreneurs. Don't miss this chance to double your impact and provide the lifeline an entrepreneur needs to turn their vision into a thriving business. Your support will ensure their dreams don't end up as just another statistic.

To donate or for more information, please visit our website at <a href="www.idahoecenter.org/support-us/">www.idahoecenter.org/support-us/</a>. Thank you for your generosity!



The Idaho Entrepreneur

Center supports
entrepreneurs and small
businesses across Idaho.
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involved in fostering
innovation and growth in
Idaho's business community.

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### DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR **GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION**

We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of the Idaho Entrepreneur Center (IEC) on August 22 and invite you to be a part of this exciting milestone! This is more than just a celebration; it's a chance to see firsthand the resources and support available to entrepreneurs, and for others to pitch in by making a donation, sponsoring an entrepreneur, or joining one of our donor circles. Whether you're just starting out or looking to scale your business (or even a municipality looking to provide more entrepreneurial resources), the IEC is here to help you succeed.

### Open House 5 - 8 PM | Free Food and Prizes

35 N 1st E, Suit 3, Rexburg, ID 83440

#### **What to Expect:**

- Tours: Take a tour of our facilities. Explore our fully equipped co-working spaces, private offices available for rent, and our unique gathering area known as the Hatchery. Learn about the resources and support systems we offer entrepreneurs and small business owners. Our programs include Entrepreneur Edge, Entrepreneur Boot Camp, and Entrepreneur Launch.
- Networking Opportunities: Connect with fellow entrepreneurs, small business owners, investors, and mentors. Learn about our monthly Networking Nights that are free and open to the public.



### **Drawings for Free Participation in Entrepreneurial Programs**





• Fun and Prizes:

Participate in

entrepreneurial-focused games and activities designed to inspire and get you connected. We will be giving away exciting prizes, including \$100 aift cards to Fresco's and TicketMaster, and free participation in our Entrepreneur Edge (valued at \$5,000) and Entrepreneur Boot Camp (valued over \$800). You can also purchase raffle tickets to enter our 50/50 raffle.

- Refreshments and Local Cuisine: Enjoy Righteous Slice New York style pizzas and other delicious refreshments.
- Philanthropy: Take this opportunity to support your local entrepreneurs by making a donation, sponsoring an entrepreneur, or joining one of our donor circles.

We can't wait to see you there!

### **NETWORKING NIGHTS**

#### START IN SEPTEMBER

These monthly events are free and open to the public, offering a unique opportunity for Eastern Idaho entrepreneurs, small business owners, investors, mentors, and more to connect and create a community of likeminded professionals.

Whether you're looking to forge valuable connections, exchange insights and ideas, or discover new opportunities for collaboration and growth, Networking Night is the perfect event for you. Don't miss this chance to be part of a vibrant professional network and take your business to the next level.



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