

## **A legacy of giving**

After a lifetime of service to the Coeur d'Alene community, Ace Walden passed away last fall at the age of 103. His contributions to the community are known by many, and somehow, even after his passing, he continues to give.

Nine charities gathered at the Walden House to receive gifts from the estate of Ace and his wife Ellen. Ace and Ellen were personally involved with these groups, and many others, throughout their lives. Donations from the Walden trust were given to the Kootenai Health Foundation for the Walden House, the North Idaho College Foundation for the Molstead Library, the City of Coeur d'Alene for Phippeny Park, Coeur d'Alene High School, the First Presbyterian Church, the Museum of North Idaho and Fort Sherman Chapel, the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Endowment Foundation, and the NIC Booster Club.

Ace Walden moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1911 from California. Ellen also arrived that year and the two later met in elementary school. Then, in 1936 he and Ellen married and together they were energetic supporters of various community organizations. Ellen was a founding member of the 3-C's; a local organization founded to help cancer patients access treatment.

The couple also led the fundraising efforts for the Walden House – a house for Kootenai Health patients and family members to stay during their medical treatment.

Ace was a member of the Kootenai Health Foundation, Walden House Advisory Board, North Idaho College Booster Club, and North Idaho College Foundation Board. He was also a member of the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club for over 50 years, serving as its 45<sup>th</sup> president.

Ace and Ellen had a long history together with many interests throughout the region. They attended Coeur d'Alene High School when it was located in the current Phippeny Park location; they were members of the First Presbyterian Church, and loved telling stories and preserving the history of this area.

Ace and Ellen touched the lives of many, and helped to better the lives of many more. This is just one more way in which their legacy of giving will live on.

“You, too, can leave a legacy that will change lives for years to come,” said Jennifer Schmidt, Trust Officer at US Bank. “It was an honor for the team of US Bank trust professionals to work with the Waldens over the years, as they planned to care for each other, for their family and for the community they loved. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to review their own wills, trusts, or beneficiary designations to make sure that the people and things they love are properly designated in their plans.”

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