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Caldwell Housing Authority John C. Rice House Project

In June 2024, the Caldwell Housing Authority engaged in a monumental effort to move the historic John C. Rice House from the College of Idaho campus to the corner of Kimball Avenue and Chicago Street, just north of downtown Caldwell.

The relocation took careful planning and a tremendous amount of collaboration, including support from private businesses, the City of Caldwell, Union Pacific Railroad, and Idaho Power.

Now that the move is complete, the Housing Authority is remodeling the historic home to include a ground-floor coffee shop and five workforce housing units available to first responders, teachers, and healthcare workers.

The mixed-use development is within walking distance of downtown Caldwell and has an easy route to I-84, which will provide access, mobility, and connectivity for its future residents.

This project demonstrates the synergy that can exist between housing and transportation and is a shining example of what can be done with vision and determination.