

## Spirit Mountain Community Fund Awards \$1.2 Million

■ Grand Ronde Tribe's charitable arm reaches out to non-profit community.

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board recently announced new grant awards. A total of \$1.2 million in awards was made to 33 non-profit organizations in Western Oregon, bringing the total amount of giving to just over \$25 million.

Among the grant recipients are

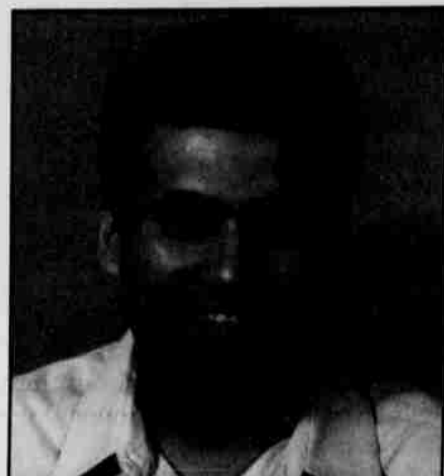


Raphael House of Portland's Take Care Be Aware program for domestic violence prevention, (\$50,000), the Children's Cancer Association resource and education program (\$50,000), and Head Start of Yamhill Co.'s new build-

ing in Newberg (\$100,000).

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, through the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, donate six percent of the profits from Spirit Mountain Casino to area non-profits. The fund promotes Native American culture, history and values through their support of education, arts and culture and history.

To learn more about the fund go to the website at [www.thecommunityfund.com](http://www.thecommunityfund.com)



Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Adam Henny

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### Spirit Mountain Community Fund July 2004 Grant Recipients

- Clackamas Community College Foundation — Campaign for the Arts
- Oregon Children's Theatre — Rural Schools Project
- Pacific Northwest College of Art — Youth Arts Outreach Program
- Portland Taiko — Education and Outreach Initiative
- Young Audiences — Arts for Learning
- Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Portland Metro area — Kid's Cafe' Expansion
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Portland — Metro-area Outreach
- Head Start of Yamhill County — Building a Healthy Head Start Building in Newberg
- Lewis & Clark Northwestern College of Law — Indian Law Summer 2004 Program
- Newberg Public Schools — Robotics Design Technology Outreach Program
- Oregon Supported Living Program — Mini-bus Project
- Peninsula Children's Center — Ensuring Continued Capacity and Sustaining Quality Care
- Sheridan School District 48J — English Language Arts and Literacy Curriculum Revision
- Tucker Maxon Oral School — Preschool Program for Deaf children
- YWCA of Greater Portland — Stable Homes
- City of McMinnville — McMinnville Wetland Restoration
- Columbia Riverkeeper — Hanford Education Project
- Columbia Slough Watershed Council — Slough School Education
- Ecotrust — Oregon Tribal Nations Rebuilding Salmon Nation
- Environmental Law Alliance — Worldwide - Education Oregonians re: Indigenous Rights Around the World
- Children's Cancer Association — Resources and Education Program
- Community Outreach, Inc. — Outpatient Counseling Services Expansion
- Housecall Providers, Inc — Expanding the Vision
- House of Zion Ministries, Inc — House of Zion Food Program
- National Kidney Foundation of Oregon and Washington — Kidney Patient Support Project
- Open Door — Case Management and Counseling for the Homeless
- Sisters of the Road Cafe — Hot Meals/Barter Program
- The Children's Center of Clackamas County — Medical Assessments Program
- Willamette Valley Food Assistance — Food Assistance & Food Collection Project
- Volunteers in Medicine — Diabetes Management Program
- Raphael House of Portland — Domestic Violence Prevention: Take Care/Be Aware!
- Volunteers of America Oregon — Home Free/Domestic Violence Intervention
- Yamhill County Sheriff — West Valley School Officer Program

## Tribal Youth Visit The Oregon Zoo In Portland

■ "It's a good balance between cultural activities and having fun."

By Jack Ham

On Thursday July 22, those willing to take part from Youth Education gathered onto the bus to the Oregon Zoo. About 20 students and five student interns took part in this event. The main event in this trip included a bird show where birds of prey flew around the audience. Other events included a train ride around the park and just simply walking around and viewing all of the animals. Getting together with Tribal members of the same age while doing something everyone can love made this trip one of the good opportunities to spend time with the Tribal youth.

"It gives kids a chance to participate in activities with their friends, old and new, and to have fun together," said Educational Division Manager Marion Mercier

"This trip gave a chance for the kids to work together and meet new people," said Youth Cultural Specialist, Travis Mercier. "This provides activities for a lot of local kids who have nothing else to do."

The Oregon Zoo first officially opened up in 1959 and from that

day on the zoo holds bird shows, animal feedings and concerts that include artists such as Mary Chapin Carpenter, Robert Cray, Buddy Guy and The Indigo Girls.

"It's a safe place to take families," "It's a good educational opportunity," said Media Relations Officer Bill La Marche.

The zoo's latest attraction is Eagle Canyon an added addition to the



dreds of salmon.

The zoo sits on 64 acres of the Oregon/Metropolitan property.

According to the Oregon Zoo website, there are about 1,029 speci-

**Flight** — The students were treated to the "Birds of Prey" show where this bald eagle soared within feet above the crowd.



**Getting Together** — About 20 Tribal youth traveled to the Oregon Zoo as part of a summer activity put on by the Youth Education Department. The students, shown here dividing into groups, spent the day viewing the hundreds of animals on exhibit. The Youth Education Department hosts these events to help promote healthy behavior.

Photos by Toby McClary

Great Northwest exhibit. Eagle Canyon includes two bald eagles, rainbow trout, sturgeon and hun-

mens representing 200 species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. Of them,

tions Chris Leno. "It's a good balance between cultural activities and having fun."

21 species are endangered and 33 are threatened. The zoo is currently active in 21 species survival plans.

More than a million visitors come to the Oregon zoo each year to see exotic and rare animals and to learn more about the zoo's residents.

There are 170 employees at the zoo and they have a \$23.4 million budget.