

\$1.7 Million In Gifts From Community Fund

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Education

The Linn-Benton Community College Foundation received a \$100,000 challenge grant requiring Linn-Benton to raise another \$100,000 elsewhere for renovation and expansion of the college's science and health facilities. This is the first SMCF grant to the Linn-Benton Community College Foundation.

The Columbia-Willamette YMCA received \$20,000 to help expand the YMCA's Youth Empowerment Skills Program. The group has previously received two SMCF grants totaling \$100,000.

The Portland-based Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital received \$25,000 to support animal-assisted therapy. The veterinary facility has received one prior grant for \$5,500 from the Community Fund.

The Portland-based Juvenile Rights Project (JRP) received a grant of \$70,000 for its "SchoolWorks Program." JRP supports family by providing legal representation for children and young people. Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Lane County received \$6,000 for a project called, "Discovering Opportunities," currently serving more than 800 youth a year, and providing them with opportunities to discover how much science is a part of every day life. The group has received two prior grants totaling \$22,000 from SMCF.

The Portland-based Tucker-Maxon Oral School, teaching deaf children to speak, received a grant for \$20,000 for a project called, "Assistive Listening Technology and Support for Deaf Children." The project will provide high tech hearing aides to 38 children with severe to profound deafness. The school has previously received \$50,000 in two grants from the Community Fund.

The Assistance League of Salem received \$15,000 for a project called, "Operation School Bell." "Operation School Bell" provides school clothing to Salem-Keizer school children. The Assistance League has received three previous grants totaling \$110,000.

The Portland chapter of the I Have a Dream Foundation received \$25,000 for a project called, "Dreamer Class 10." The project will provide 70-90 third grade students with long term mentoring and tutoring to increase the high school graduation rate and send a minimum of 50 percent of graduates on to college or other higher education. The Foundation previously received a \$50,000 grant from the Community Fund.

The Salem-Keizer Education Foundation received \$35,000 for its Academy for Teaching and Learning. The Academy will provide professional development and university continuing education credit for an anticipated 360 participants. The Foundation previously received a grant for \$9,000 from the Community Fund.

The Portland-based Library Foundation received \$50,000 for its "Raising a Reader" program. This take-home book program reaches children at risk of low literacy through hundreds of community partners. The goal is to reach 350 partners and 30,000 children and parents annually by 2008. The foundation previously received three grants totalling \$345,000 from the Community Fund.

The Portland-based Insights Teen

Parent Program received \$14,250 for the second year of a pilot project called, "Dream Builders." The non-profit's mission is to provide a climate of positive options to young families. The program has received four previous awards totaling \$77,500.

The Hillsboro-based Housing Development Corporation of Northwest Oregon received \$15,496 for "The Promotoras (or Community Connectors) Project." The Corporation seeks to empower working families with the greatest barriers to stability and prosperity by providing quality housing and services in the communities of Northwest Oregon. This is the first grant to the corporation.

The Lake Oswego-based Columbia River Council of the Girl Scouts received \$15,000 for its Latina Outreach Expansion Project. The group previously received a grant for \$34,000 from the Community Fund.

The Portland Public Schools Foundation received \$10,000 for a project entitled "Starting Point: Graduate Youth Work Center," to recruit 200 graduating seniors and

learn how to operate a business. The group has previously received three grants totaling \$44,910 from the Community Fund.

Environmental Preservation

The Portland-based Oregon Environmental Council received \$30,000 for a project called, "Eco-Healthy Child Care Project." The project will work with child care facilities to reduce the amount of environmental hazards in the operations. The group previously received a grant for \$40,000.

The Westwind Stewardship Group received a \$200,000 challenge grant

Hillsboro-based Essential Health Clinic received \$14,000 to provide medical supplies and medication vouchers. The clinic previously received a \$36,250 grant from the Community Fund.

The Portland-based Oregon Food Bank received \$50,000 to support the food bank's summer food service program. The food bank has previously received three grants totaling \$345,000 from the Community Fund.

Eugene-based FOOD for Lane County received \$15,000 for its "Educational Gardens Program," that teaches low income families how to grow their own nutritional, organic food and offers 50 at-risk youth with employment opportunities. Previously, the food bank received a grant for \$25,000 from the Community Fund.

Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation in Portland received \$100,000 for a research lab concerned with diabetes and obesity in children. Doernbecher previously received three grants from the Community Fund totaling \$193,000.

The Eugene-based HIV Alliance received \$10,000, specifying that \$5,000 be used for direct testing services. The Alliance has received two previous grants totaling \$40,000 from the Community Fund.

The Hillsboro-based Community Action Organization that works in conjunction with local communities to help low-income individuals achieve self-determination received \$10,000. This is the group's first grant from the Community Fund.

Public Safety

Eugene-based Womenspace received \$50,000 for the purchase and renovation of a new office. This is the first Community Fund grant for Womenspace.

The Polk County Sheriff's office received \$450,000 to support five full-time deputies and one full-time sergeant at the Grand Ronde substation for the year. The grant maintains the current service level. The Sheriff's office has received eight previous grants totaling \$2,951,039 from the Community Fund.

Portland-based Kinship House, helping abused and neglected children transition from foster care to permanent adoption, received \$20,000. This is the group's first grant.

Salem-based CASA of Marion County, providing child advocacy services to children involved in the court system, received \$20,000 to support increased staff levels, new technology and staff attendance at professional conferences. This is CASA's first grant from the Community Fund.

"Spirit Mountain Community Fund appreciates contributing to the future of children and families in our 11 counties," said Community Fund Director Shelley Hanson. "In the next twelve months we will look at new ways to offer service in those areas. In the next three months we will launch a new website with meaningful information about our Fund, how to apply and other information. Our new marketing campaign will launch that tells the story about the benevolence of the Tribe through the Fund. Finally, we will launch an online application to make our process easier and more efficient using the latest technology." ■



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GED candidates for training that will enable them to successfully join the work force. The Foundation has previously received a \$20,000 grant from the Community Fund.

Portland-based Outward Bound West received \$15,000 to provide low-income youth with leadership potential access to Outward Bound. The group has previously received a grant for \$6,400.

Wilsonville-based Women in Community Service received \$25,000 to support female offenders as they transition out of prison and back to their families and communities. The group previously received \$100,000 through two Community Fund grants.

The Portland-based Oregon Children's Foundation received \$50,000 to help provide 261 children in four Yamhill County schools with literacy support. Two McMinnville schools, one in Newberg and Willamina Elementary will benefit from the grant. The group previously received six grants totaling \$412,500 from the Community Fund.

The Portland-based Columbia Empire branch of Junior Achievement received \$25,000 for its "Junior Enterprise Village" project. The \$4.5 million project is a new hands-on learning center in Portland that will complement their classroom-based programs. About 8,400 students from across the state will be transported to the center to

requiring the group to raise an additional \$200,000 elsewhere to enable the new non-profit to acquire the 508-acre Westwind property located on the Oregon Coast. Westwind has long been a YWCA residential camp serving nearly 3,000 campers each year. This is the first Community Fund grant to the group.

Health

The Cottage Grove Community Hospital Foundation received \$15,000 to bring digital mammography to Cottage Grove. The Foundation previously received a grant from the Community Fund for \$50,000.

Eugene-based Prevention and Recovery Northwest, an outpatient substance abuse prevention and treatment center in Lane County, received \$25,000 to support the group's Student Assistance Program that provides substance abuse and problem gambling intervention to middle school students. This is the first Community Fund grant to the group.

Salem-based Easter Seals Oregon Children's Guild received a \$50,000 challenge grant requiring the Guild to raise another \$50,000 elsewhere. The gift will help the Guild increase capacity through building renovation and expansion. It provides physical therapy and mental health services to children and families in Marion and Polk counties. This is the Guild's first Community Fund grant.