

Parks Foundation

CLARK COUNTY

2009-2010 Report to the
Community

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Community Grants awarded by the Parks Foundation in 2009 and 2010

2009

- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Community Gardens Program - \$5,100
- City of Ridgefield Abrams Park Gee Creek Trail Improvements - \$4,515
- Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program - \$8,000
- Ridgefield Community Park Skateboard Equipment - \$2,000
- City of Washougal Mable Kerr Park Trail Building - \$1,200
- Battle Ground Summer Playground Program - \$4,000

2010

- Evergreen Park Summer Playground Program - \$8,000
- City of Washougal Beaver Park Raptor Dig Play Feature - \$4,271
- Battle Ground Traveling Summer Playgroun Program - \$4,400
- Nature Play Area at Haagen Community Park - \$5,000
- City of Camas Parks and Recreation Event Tent - \$2,800
- City of Ridgefield Davis Park Water Fountain - \$2,500
- Yacolt Town Park Security Lighting and Signage - \$1,400



Financial Summary

In 2009 the Parks Foundation distributed \$24,815 through our Community Grant Award program in support of parks, trails, and recreation programs in Battle Ground, Greater Clark County, Ridgefield, Vancouver, and Washougal. In 2010, \$28,371 was awarded through the grant program to support parks, trails, and recreation programs of Battle Ground, Camas, Clark County, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, and Yacolt.

Thanks to one citizen's farsightedness and generosity, the foundation provided \$27,916 in 2009, and \$31,316 in 2010 to enhance senior programming at the Rudy Luepke Senior Center. These funds were made possible through the Theodore A. Barney Endowment for Senior Programming.

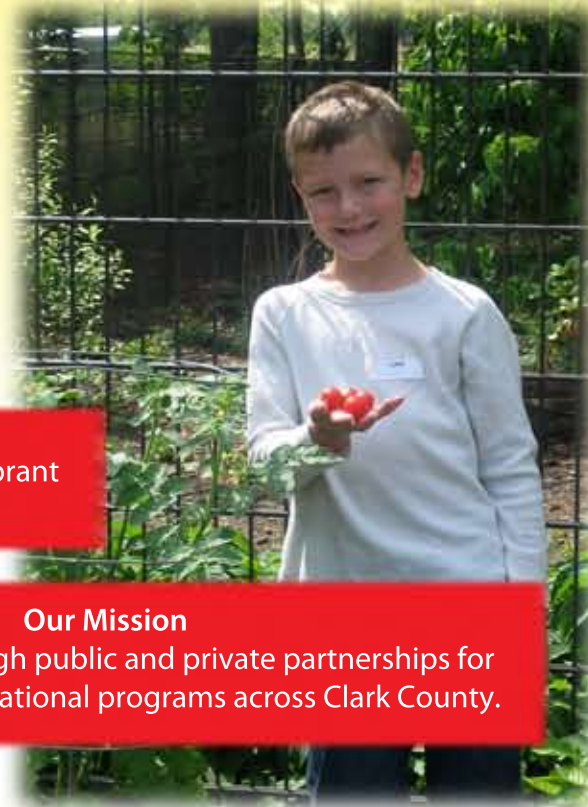
Merle Hogg's continued commitment to ensuring senior nutrition allowed the foundation to distribute \$2,407 in 2009, and \$2,277 in 2010. These funds are used to provide nutritional education and outreach programs for the seniors of our community.



New Partnerships and Alliances in 2009 & 2010

- Community Choices
- George Schmid Memorial Ballfield Complex
- The Intertwine
- Memorial Bench Program
- Old Evergreen Highway Trail
- Propstra Square Memorial Brick Sales
- SEH Japanese Garden
- Steamboat Landing Kinetic Art Project
- Summer FunWagon Campaign
- Wintler Park Trail

Net Assets 2009: \$1,287,804 2010: \$2,140,472



Funding for Special Projects and Programs

Following the path laid out in our five-year strategic plan, the Parks Foundation began actively campaigning to raise funds in support of targeted projects and programs. In 2009, we raised \$16,801 in support of the Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program, and another \$8,000 to fund the Summer FunWagon. In 2010, we raised \$20,000 in support of the Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program, \$5,000 for Access to Recreation programming for people with disabilities, and \$12,180 to fund the Summer FunWagon.

	2009	2010
Restricted Income	\$96,813	\$1,107,551
Unrestricted Income	\$91,457	\$90,713
Operating Expenses	\$81,925	\$84,416

Our Vision

We envision thriving partnerships with communities to ensure uncommonly vibrant parks, trails, and recreation programs throughout Clark County.



Our Mission

We raise funds through public and private partnerships for parks, trails, and recreational programs across Clark County.

Projects & Programs Funded

Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program • Clark County

The Parks Foundation awarded \$8,000 in support of the Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program, and secured an additional \$15,000 through the Community Foundation.

Senior Programs • City of Vancouver

Through the Theodore Barney Trust and the Merle Hogg Fund, \$30,323 was allocated to senior programs at the Rudy Luepke Senior Center.

Community Gardens • City of Vancouver

Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation received \$5,100 to fund a new community garden at Haagen Community Park, and introduced neighborhood food gardens in several other neighborhood parks.

Abrams Park • City of Ridgefield

Ridgefield received \$4,515 for the Abrams Park Gee Creek Trail Improvement Project.

Traveling Summer Playground • City of Battle Ground

The Battle Ground Parks & Recreation Department was awarded \$4,000 for its inaugural season of this 10-week, free summer program, which brought recreation activities directly to six neighborhoods, and over 1,300 children.

Skateboard Park • City of Ridgefield

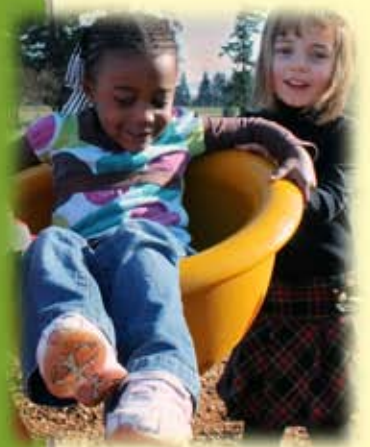
The City of Ridgefield was awarded \$2,000 for new skateboard equipment for the Ridgefield Community Park.

Trail Building • City of Washougal

The Parks Foundation provided \$1,200 to the City of Washougal to support the April 18, 2009, Marble Kerr Trail Building Day. Approximately 75 volunteers removed invasive weeds, planted new trees, and spread gravel.

The FunWagon • Clark County

The Parks Foundation raised \$8,000 for the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation FunWagon, which brought free arts, crafts, and active games to 10 under-served neighborhood parks throughout the summer.



Projects & Programs Funded

Everybody Plays!

Recreation Scholarship Program • Clark County

\$15,000 was secured from the Community Foundation Giving Fund, and \$5,000 from the Nutter Family Foundation, giving more low-income families an opportunity to participate in recreation programs.

Access To Recreation • Clark County

\$5,000 was secured from the Nutter Family Foundation, to enhance recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

Senior Programs • City of Vancouver

Through the Theodore Barney Trust and Merle Hogg Fund, \$33,603 was allocated to senior programs at the Rudy Luepke Senior Center.

Take Back Evergreen Park Playground Program • City of Vancouver

The Parks Foundation awarded \$8,000 in grants for this summer playground program, creating a positive, safe atmosphere for the neighborhood.

Beaver Park Development • City of Washougal

A \$4,271 grant was matched by the City of Washougal's Park Impact Fund to provide a Raptor Dig play feature in the park.

Traveling Summer Playground • City of Battle Ground

The Battle Ground Parks & Recreation Department was awarded \$4,400 to fund this free traveling playground, bringing supervised summer fun to local children.

Nature Play Demonstration Area • City of Vancouver

\$5,000 was funded through the Firstenburg Family Foundation, to add nature play features at LeRoy Haagen Community Park.

City Event Tent • City of Camas

\$2,800 was funded through Georgia-Pacific for the purchase of a new event tent for the City of Camas Parks & Recreation Department.

Sunday Funday at Marshall Center • City of Vancouver

John and Debra Bauman, of Bauman Chiropractic, funded 12 months of free family fun at Marshall Center, through a donation of \$9,000.

Water Fountain for Davis Park • City of Ridgefield

\$2,500 was funded through Corwin Beverage to add a water fountain to the list of Davis Park amenities.

Security Lighting and Signage for Yacolt Town Park • City of Yacolt

\$1,400 was funded in partnership with US Bank, for security lighting and safety signage in this newly redesigned and upgraded park.

The FunWagon • Clark County

The Parks Foundation raised \$12,180 for the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation FunWagon, which brought free arts, crafts, and active games to 10 under served neighborhood parks throughout the summer.



The Parks Foundation

2009-2010 Report to the Community

At close of year, 2008, the Parks Foundation proudly presented to you our five-year strategic plan. We were bursting with excitement and enthusiasm as we shared our vision for growth, our focus on the creation of visibility for the organization, and our plans for establishing our credibility and earning your trust.

The 2009 and 2010 Report to the Community provides a snapshot of our growth and progress. What it can't provide are the stories.

The story of a bench adopted in honor of a six-year-old granddaughter who loves to ride her bike along the Salmon Creek Trail. The 40+ volunteers who planted Esther Short Park's flowers - flowers funded one brick at a time through the Propstra Square Memorial Brick Sale program. The success of the Parks Foundation Nature Play Initiative, which welcomed 375 attendees to the Nature Play Summit and sprouted into 25 individual Nature Explore Clubs, with total club memberships nearing 400.

This report can't illustrate how co-location of the Parks Foundation with Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation provided not only cost savings for the foundation but also created better efficiencies, practices, and working relationships.

The facts and numbers in this report won't provide an understanding of the work we have accomplished in recruiting dynamic new board members, each bringing new skills and talents to the organization that are sure to have a lasting, positive impact on the growth and future of the organization.

You won't learn the importance of the foundation's role, as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization in supporting 40-some individual special projects and programs throughout Clark County - everything from the million dollar SEH Japanese Garden to the Cy Ward Rhododendron Garden, from Felida's Sergeant Brad Crawford Memorial Park to the Leverich Park Disc Golf Course.

What this report will provide you is facts and figures illustrating just how far we have come in meeting our goals. Whether through our Community Grant Award program, mini-campaigns that raise funds for targeted projects and programs, internal grant-writing efforts, or acceptance of restricted donations in support of special projects and programs, the Parks Foundation continues to serve an important and vital role in our community in providing funding to Clark County's parks, trails, and recreation programs.

Thank you, for your very important part in our success!