



# Parks Foundation

## CLARK COUNTY

Inspiring kids of all ages to connect with nature.

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## Our Community is Responding

I am pleased and proud to report that in response to our plea for help in meeting the more than \$30,000 in grant requests received this year, the community is responding in a big way.



Corwin Beverage Company very graciously stepped-up-to-the-plate in meeting the City of Ridgefield's grant request to place a new water fountain in downtown Davis Park. All of Clark County has benefited at one time or another from the very generous support Corwin Beverage Company consistently provides to community fundraising events and activities. Thank you, Corwin Beverage Company.



The Firstenburg Family Foundation contributed \$10,000 in support of the Nature Play Initiative and Coalition. The Firstenburg Family funding will provide support in presenting the June 22 Nature Play Summit featuring keynote speaker Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods*, and will also fund construction of a Nature Play Demonstration Area at Haagen Community Park. Thank you, Firstenburg Family, for all you do, and have done, for our community.



Georgia-Pacific is generously supporting Camas Parks and Recreation's request to purchase an event tent for community-wide special events and programs. Georgia-Pacific, having contributed more than \$20,000 to park projects in and around Camas and Washougal over the past few years, is a longtime friend of the foundation. Thanks Georgia-Pacific—we appreciate your continued support.

If you or your business is interested in helping to fund a specific project or program, please contact the Parks Foundation at 360.619.1170 or send an email to [admin@parksfoundation.us](mailto:admin@parksfoundation.us). You can also visit [www.parksfoundation.us](http://www.parksfoundation.us) to make a secure donation online.

Cheri Martin  
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# YOUNG ADVENTURER FULFILLS QUEST

At age three, Josef Schwarzott became a regular at his neighborhood park. His parents, David and Keri recognized how much fun he experienced playing outdoors and decided to start exploring other local parks.

They soon realized the city is filled with parks. Working through the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation website at [www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation), they began their quest to visit all developed parks in the city. At age six, Josef finished his quest - visiting 92 parks!

Josef was recognized by Mayor Leavitt with a Super Duper Achievement Award for visiting all the parks in Vancouver. Josef was also featured in *The Columbian* for his incredible feat.



*Josef "Indiana Jones" Schwarzott has played in every public park in Vancouver, reaching the finish in West Minnehaha Park. The Columbian*



Josef and his family are an example of Nature Play adventurers. They recognized the value in getting outdoors and made it an important part of their lives.

Josef will be posting his explorations on the Parks Foundation's facebook page to share his adventures and encourage everyone to get outdoors!

Why? Because it is fun!

Post your stories on our Facebook page, too.

*Josef playing at his favorite park - Carter Park - because it has a merry-go-round.*

