



# Parks Foundation

## CLARK COUNTY

Inspiring kids of all ages to connect with nature.

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## Local business owners give *the gift of health, fun, and lifelong activity*

In the truest spirit of giving back to their community, John and Debra Bauman, owners of Bauman Chiropractic, have committed a donation of \$12,000 to the Parks Foundation to fund swim lessons for children from low-income families and provide free Saturday afternoon family swim sessions at Marshall Community Center beginning January 2011.

"Debra and I believe swim lessons not only give kids a lifelong skill that could one day save their lives, but knowing how to swim raises their self-esteem," Bauman said. "Being able to swim makes them proud of themselves."

"The free family swim sessions will provide an opportunity for hundreds of families to have a place to go on Saturday, at no cost, and spend time together in the pool," said Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Director, Pete Mayer. "In these difficult economic times, it's a solution to the challenge faced by so many families: to find activities they can afford to do together."

To apply for a scholarship, or for more information, please contact Marshall Community Center at 360.487.7100 or Firstenburg Community at 360.487.7001.

To learn how you can support a special project or program in 2011 please contact the Parks Foundation office.



*Debra and John Bauman with their three children, Tavvia, Aqeel, and Rafael.*

Thanks to all our generous donors who carry the spirit of giving throughout the year. *Happy Holidays!*

Your friends at the Parks Foundation



**Donations to the Parks Foundation make great gifts for everyone on your list...**

- for the child you hope to teach the value of conservation
- for the music lover who enjoys concerts in the park
- for the skateboarder who learned his first trick
- for the family who picnics in the park
- for the walker who hikes our trails
- for the girl who loves to be green
- for the guy who has it all!

Buy a brick, sponsor a bench, adopt a tree or simply make a donation in honor of a friend.

Visit [www.parksfoundation.us](http://www.parksfoundation.us) to finish your holiday shopping while helping to ensure the future of our parks, trails, and recreational programs in Clark County.



***2010 Mayor's New Year's Eve Ball***

Hors d'oeuvres, party favors, no-host bar, silent auction, midnight toast, dancing, and live music featuring the award-winning Sonny Hess, Lady Kat, and the Smokin' True Blue Band.

***A portion of the proceeds from this year's signature event will benefit the Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program through Vancouver Clark Parks and Recreation.***

Limited tickets are available so purchase your tickets early. To reserve your place at this event visit [www.vancouvermayorevents.com](http://www.vancouvermayorevents.com).

***Where***

Hilton Convention Center  
301 West 6th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98660

***When***

December 31, 2010  
7:00pm - 1:00am

***Cost***

\$95.00 per person  
Corporate tables available