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Parks Foundation Announces Grant Award Recipients

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Parks Foundation announced the recipients of its Community Grant Awards at the foundation's June 9 annual meeting and luncheon. Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation's community gardens program received \$5,100 to fund the addition of one new community garden at Haagen Community Park and introduce neighborhood food gardens in several neighborhood parks. Ridgefield received \$4,515 for its Abram's Park Gee Creek Trail Improvement Project which will provide a defined route and surface enabling the community to enjoy the natural beauty of Abrams Park and Gee Creek in Ridgefield. And \$8,000 was awarded to Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation's Everybody Plays! Scholarship Program which allows low income families and individuals access to fee-based classes and activities they would not normally be able to afford.

During the luncheon, keynote speaker Pete Mayer, director, Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation announced the foundation's launch of a \$15,000 campaign to fund the return of the Summertime Recreation FunWagon. The FunWagon will bring fun, safe, and free summertime recreational opportunities to children living in economically diverse and underserved neighborhoods throughout Vancouver and Clark County. For more information and to donate, please contact the Parks Foundation at 693-7050 or via email to cheri.martin@parksfoundation.us.

About the Parks Foundation

The Parks and Recreation Foundation of Vancouver and Clark County was established in 1999 to accept and administer donations, gifts and bequests for the enrichment and enhancement of our communities' parks, trails, and recreational programs.

The mission of the Parks Foundation is to raise funds through public and private partnerships for parks, trails, and recreational programs throughout Clark County. The Foundation is a 501 C 3 non-profit corporation and all gifts are tax deductible. The Foundation is governed by a board of directors comprised of local citizens who oversee, invest and administer donations made to the Foundation.