



P.O. Box 2397 • 610 Esther Street • Vancouver, WA 98668 • 360-619-1170 • [www.parksfoundation.us](http://www.parksfoundation.us)

## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

December 13, 2010

For more information

Cheri Martin ([cheri.martin@parksfoundation.us](mailto:cheri.martin@parksfoundation.us)) or 360-619-1170

### **\$10,000 Gift Bolsters Parks Foundation End-of-Year Campaign**

*Donation from Waste Connections will support 2011 Community Grant Award Program*

VANCOUVER, Wash. – A \$10,000 donation from Waste Connections, Inc. provided the Parks Foundation of Clark County a much-needed boost toward achieving its end-of-year campaign fundraising goal.

“We’re pleased to support the foundation in its efforts to ensure a healthy community with access to recreation for all Clark County citizens,” said Rob Nielsen, western region vice president for Waste Connections.

In addition to the contribution from Waste Connections, Parks Foundation Board of Directors, leading by example and hoping to inspire donors to open their checkbooks in support of parks and recreation this holiday season, will donate an additional \$25 for each individual contribution, no matter the size, the foundation receives through its end-of-year campaign.

“Budget cuts continue to impact the future of Clark County’s parks, trails, and recreational programs. The directors’ \$25 challenge contribution is our way of stepping-up-to-the-plate in supporting our parks and recreation programs,” said Parks Foundation President Henry Gerhard.

100 percent of all funds raised through the 2010 end-of-year campaign will directly support the 2011 Parks Foundation Community Grant Awards.

“The Community Grant Award program provides an opportunity for Waste Connections to have an immediate impact in the community,” Nielsen said.

A complete list of projects and programs benefitting from the foundation's grant award program is available online at <http://www.parksfoundation.us/CommunityGrants.php>.

To make a donation to the foundation and/or for more information about the foundation's community grant program, please contact the Parks Foundation office at 360-619-1170 or online at [www.parksfoundation.us](http://www.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.

- PF -