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Parks Foundation Announces 2010 Community Grant Awards **\$28,371 to be distributed at Annual Luncheon**

Vancouver, Wash. – The Parks Foundation of Clark County will award \$28,371 in support of local parks, trails, and recreational programs at the June 21 Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The Parks Foundation launched the Community Grants Award program in 2009 to help fund needs of the parks and recreation departments of Clark County. The following programs and projects have been awarded funds for 2010:

- Battle Ground: *Traveling Summer Playground Program* – \$4,400.
- Camas Parks and Recreation: *City Event Tent* \$2,800 funded through Georgia-Pacific.
- Ridgefield: *Water Fountain for Davis Park* – \$2,500 funded through Corwin Beverage.
- Washougal: *Beaver Park Development* – \$4,271.
- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation: *Take Back Evergreen Park Neighborhood Playground Program* – \$8,000.
- Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation *Nature Play Demonstration Area* \$5,000 funded through the Firstenburg Family Foundation.
- Yacolt: *Security Lighting and Signage for Yacolt Town Park* – \$1,400 in partnership with US Bank.

The foundation raises funds to meet needs identified through Community Grant Award requests and also solicits support for specific programs and projects throughout the year. The foundation was able to fund a large portion of grant requests this year through the generous support of Corwin Beverage, the Firstenburg Family Foundation, Georgia-Pacific, and US Bank.

About the Parks Foundation

Winner of the 2010 Washington Recreation and Parks Association Citation of Merit, the Parks Foundation of Clark County works to strengthen the enduring connection between people and nature. The Foundation accomplishes its mission by making strategic grants, creating innovative partnerships and establishing special funds to enhance our parks, trails, and recreational programs.

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.

Awards will be presented at the **Parks Foundation Annual Meeting & Luncheon**

Monday, June 21
Water Resources Education Center

Vancouver. 11:30 – 1pm.
Members \$20

Nonmembers \$25. Register at www.parksfoundation.us

Be Out There: Re-Connecting Families to Nature

Guest Speaker Courtney Sullivan, Regional Education Manager of the National Wildlife Federation, will discuss the benefits of Nature Play and shares ideas about incorporating elements of their national “Be Out There” program into our communities.