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Parks Foundation Awarded \$15,000 to Ensure Everybody Plays!

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Parks Foundation of Clark County was awarded \$15,000 in support of the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program through the Community Foundation Community Giving Fund.

The Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program helps provide low-income families the opportunity to participate in recreational programs throughout Clark County. Access to recreational programs for all members of Clark County helps ensure a healthy and vibrant community.

Play is a critical component to child development as well as a benefit to the entire family.

“This funding makes a significant difference in the lives of many, many families in Clark County,” said Cheri Martin, executive director of the Parks Foundation. “Budget cuts in our Parks and Recreation Departments make programs like these vulnerable, but the Parks Foundation is working hard to fill the gaps. We are incredibly excited and grateful for this generous grant from the Community Foundation.”

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.