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### **The Summer FunWagon is on a Roll!**

*Vancouver, Wash.* – Thanks to generous support from the community, the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Summer FunWagon will visit underserved neighborhoods of Clark County again this summer. Filled with nature play centered activities and an enthusiastic staff, the FunWagon brings crafts, games, and educational experiences to neighborhood parks.

Garaged in 2003 after a round of budget cuts, the FunWagon sat on empty until last year when First Citizen Florence Wager initiated a jump start. Wager, a strong parks and recreation advocate, led the charge again this year to fuel the FunWagon tank.

A \$5,000 grant from the Children's Trust Fund, a charitable fund of the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, funded half the \$10,000 budget to roll out the wagon for ten weeks in ten Clark County parks. Umpqua Bank donated \$2,500 through their community giving program, Beaches Restaurant, through the Beaches Summertime Cruisin' program, added another \$2,000, and Banner Bank and Voiture 99 40et 8 each pitched in an additional \$1,000. Cheri Martin, Executive Director of the Parks Foundation, noted, "the foundation's fundraising efforts exceeded our initial goal of \$10,000, which means that in addition to providing unsupervised, safe summertime fun, the FunWagon will also provide nutritious snacks to children participating in the program this year."

The FunWagon will rev into high gear Monday, June 28. More information, including the 2010 Summer FunWagon schedule is available online at

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/recreation/kids/funwagon.htm>

#### **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.