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### **Parks Foundation releases funds to enhance senior programming**

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Parks Foundation announced today the distribution of \$31,014.19 in support of senior programs offered by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation at the Rudy Luepke Senior Center. The funds were received through the Theodore A. Barney Fund, a charitable fund administered by the Community Foundation for SW Washington.

“The purpose of these funds is to support programs that encourage healthy, active, and vibrant lifestyles for seniors,” said Cheri Martin, Parks Foundation executive director. “As we continue to face challenging times and an unstable economy, it is more important than ever to ensure that our seniors stay positively engaged in our community.”

The funds will support senior enrichment and 50+ Travel programs as well as aquatics and fitness programs for seniors at the Marshall/Luepke Community Center. Mr. and Mrs. Barney were “regulars” at the Luepke Senior Center for many years and it was their wish that their bequest to the Parks Foundation be dedicated to senior recreation and enrichment programs offered at the Marshall Community Center and Luepke Senior Center Campus.

Luepke Senior Center and Marshall Community Center are adjacent facilities located at 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver Wa.

#### **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.