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### **Parks Foundation Awarded \$20,000**

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** – The Parks Foundation of Clark County announced they have been awarded \$20,000 through the Community Giving Fund, a charitable fund of the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. The grants will support the Everybody Plays! Scholarship Program (\$15,000) and fund the purchase of art supplies and art programs offered through Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation (\$5,000).

The Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship Program provides children from low-income families in Clark County 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.

“This funding will have a significant impact on the lives of many children in Clark County,” said Cheri Martin, executive director of the Parks Foundation. “Parks and Recreation budget cuts throughout Clark County make programs like the Everybody Plays! Recreation Scholarship program more vital than ever. The Parks Foundation is committed to help fill the funding gaps for this program and others like it in our community. We are incredibly excited and grateful for this generous grant from the Community Foundation.”

Pete Mayer, Director of Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, commented, “We greatly appreciate the continued support of the Community Foundation in providing funding to the scholarship program. In this challenging financial environment, these funds are more crucial than ever to ensuring access to recreation for all children in our community. The additional funding for art supplies and programs will be used to enhance our summer day camps and pottery offerings. Our young campers will enjoy the additional arts and crafts activities and potters of all ages will benefit from the upgraded supplies and materials in the Marshall Community Center’s pottery studio.”

**[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.

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