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Parks Foundation Receives \$25,000 Grant

Funds will reinstate Teen Late Night Programs at Marshall and Firstenburg

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Parks Foundation of Clark County announced today receipt of a \$25,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington through the Community Giving Fund. The grant will reinstate the Teen Late Night Program on Friday evenings at both Marshall and Firstenburg Community Centers for the 2012-2013 school year.

“The Teen Late Night program, which was eliminated due to 2012 City of Vancouver budget cuts, reinforces safe, supervised, and positive activity for middle and high school age youth,” Cheri Martin, Executive Director of the Parks Foundation said. “We are very grateful to the Community Foundation for their generosity in reinstating this very important program for the youth of our community.”

Marshall Center’s “SPOT” and the Firstenburg “Zone” provide teens a safe place to “hangout” and make new friends. The program offers board and video games, pool tables, ping-pong, a plasma big screen for movies, Xbox 360’s, PS3 and a Wii game system, open gym and more.

Teen Late Night is free to all middle and high school age students, identification is required. Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation plans for the program to be back up and running by mid-October. For more information, please check the VCPRD website at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/index.asp> after October 1 for updated information

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.