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### **Parks Foundation will award more than \$70,000 in Grants**

*Grants to be distributed at June 4 Annual Luncheon*

**Vancouver, Wash.** – On June 4, the Parks Foundation of Clark County will honor the recipients of the 2013 Florence B. Wager Awards and distribute \$71,529 in funding to Clark County parks, trails, and recreation programs. The following programs and projects have been awarded funds for 2013:

- **Battle Ground: Summer Playground Program—\$7,500**
- **City of Camas Crown Park ADA Accessible Merry-Go- Round—\$7,800**
- **Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Discovery Guide Printing—\$3,750**
- **Evergreen Park Playground Program—\$15,000**
- **Everybody Plays Scholarship Program—\$14,000**
- **City of Washougal Hartwood Park Barnyard Playground—\$23,479**

The Foundation launched the Community Grant program in 2009 to help fund needs of the parks and recreation departments of Clark County. Since that time, \$242,000 has been distributed to the cities of Clark County. The Foundation raises funds to meet needs identified through Community Grant applications and also solicits support for specific programs and projects throughout the year. Thanks to the generous support of area businesses and community members, the Foundation was able to fund a large portion of grant requests again this year.

The luncheon will also feature the formal presentation of the **2013 Florence B. Wager Awards** honoring leaders, volunteers, and parks and recreation professionals who have had a significant impact on the development and enhancement of the parks, trails, and recreation programs of Clark County. The award's namesake, Florence B. Wager, was a tireless advocate for parks, trails, and greenways in our community, and exemplified the high level of service these awards recognize. Florence B. Wager passed away in 2012. This year's recipients are:

Bill Dygert and George Simpson  
Anita Will  
Steve Wall

Co-Leading Eagle  
V-Formation Flyer  
Tributary

Conservations Futures Program  
Whipple Creek Restoration  
City of Ridgefield

For more information about the Florence B. Wager Award recipients, please visit the web at <http://www.parksfoundation.us/awards>

To purchase tickets to the Annual Luncheon and/or for more information, please contact the Parks Foundation at 487-8370 or [www.parksfoundation.us](http://www.parksfoundation.us)

The Parks Foundation's **Annual Meeting of the Membership**, which had formerly been included as a part of the Annual Luncheon, will be held on Tuesday, September 17, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center. The meeting will serve as an opportunity for the Foundation to honor and recognize those in the community who support Clark County's parks, trails, and recreation programs through their annual membership contribution.

#### **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.