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Parks Foundation receives \$3,000 donation for Soccer Scholarships

Vancouver, Wash. – The Parks Foundation of Clark County has received a donation of \$3,000 to provide scholarships for children from low income homes in Clark County. The donation was made possible thanks to a number of sponsors and individuals who contributed in honor and memory of Darin Thorp who was killed in a car collision in January of 2013.

Thorp's greatest love, outside his children, was soccer and he was well-known for his involvement with, and commitment to, the local soccer community as player, coach, and referee. Thorp was passionate in his commitment to ensuring that every child be provided the opportunity to play the game, often using his own money to pay fees for a child whose family could not afford it.

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation provides youth soccer leagues and camps throughout the year (both outdoor and indoor) for girls and boys ages 3 ½ through 11. The leagues are coed and emphasize building fundamentals, reinforcing good sportsmanship, and equal participation. Approximately 1,500 youth participate in soccer through Parks and Recreation annually. For more information about the scholarship program and how to apply, please contact Dave Perlick at david.perlick@cityofvancouver.us or 487-8314.

More information about the Darin Thorp Play It Forward Foundation can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DarinThorpPlayitforward>.

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.