

Family Access Network receives grant to support development efforts

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Grant funds to be used to increase resource development opportunities locally

(BEND, Ore.) -- The Family Access Network (FAN) is the recipient of \$35,000 in grant funds to hire a development specialist to implement a sustainable fundraising model and create new revenue resources for FAN. FAN has received a \$20,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation through the Shirley V. Ray Fund, Morrison Family Fund, Betty Lou Roberts Fund, FJ Hodecker Family Fund and Robert W. Chandler Discretionary Fund. FAN also received a \$10,000 grant from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation based in Roseburg.

“We are very appreciative of grant funds from Oregon Community Foundation and Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation and look forward to continuing to diversify our funding base so FAN is available to our disadvantaged families for many years to come,” said Kristi Miller, FAN Foundation Board Chair.

FAN began in January 1993 and currently employs 22 advocates in 41 public schools (K-12) and two early childhood sites. FAN strives to improve lives by ensuring all children in Deschutes County have access to basic-need services. FAN is unique to Deschutes County, utilizing advocates to efficiently reach and connect disadvantaged children and families with basic needs, such as food, shelter, and health care. During the 2006-07 school year, FAN connected over 6,800 children and their family members with food, shelter, health care and other critical services.

The Oregon Community Foundation, established in 1973, manages charitable funds donated by individuals, families, and businesses to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. Today, the Foundation’s endowment consists of over 1,300 funds with combined assets of \$903 million.

Each year the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation makes grants to eligible non-profit organizations in communities in Douglas, Coos, Lane, Deschutes, Klamath, Jackson and Josephine counties. As of January 2007, the Cow Creek Foundation had funded 674 grants for a total of \$7,470,000 to community organizations in the seven county area.

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