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## **Pacific Power Foundation grants support children's programs**

CORVALLIS, Ore. — The Pacific Power Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$12,000 to organizations that improve the future for children in Corvallis and Albany.

The **Old Mill Center for Children and Families** in Corvallis received \$4,500 for its Rally Around Families Together program. Through education, advocacy, counseling and intensive home visits, the program seeks to prevent abuse and neglect.

“This therapeutic program reaches out to parents who don’t know how to cope with a multitude of stress factors in their lives, so they resort to abuse or neglect,” explained Doris Johnston, Pacific Power regional community manager. “Their children are at high risk for maltreatment and school failure later on. The program intervenes with parents, helping them develop skills to prevent these devastating impacts.”

“These organizations are dedicated to improving the quality of life of residents,” said Lilisa Hall, executive director of the Pacific Power Foundation. “They rely on contributions from local businesses and individuals and we are pleased to be a part of that support.”

“We are grateful for this generous funding from the Pacific Power Foundation,” said Bev Larson, Executive Director of the Rally Around Families Together program. “We continue to make progress with parents and children who really need us because of the foundation’s renewed support.”

The Pacific Power Foundation also provided grants to these organizations that focus on child development and well-being:

- **Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis** — \$3,500 for the purchase of an X-ray machine to be used in the Dr. Ken Johnson Dental Clinic located inside the club. The clinic is supported by volunteer dentists and hygienists who provide free dental screenings and procedures to alleviate pain for youth, many of whom have never seen a dentist before. Since opening in February 2008, the clinic has served more than 1,200 children in Benton County and provided more than \$1 million in free dental services.

- **CASA of Linn County** — \$1,500 to provide recruitment and screening, a training session and staff support for volunteers who advocate for children in the court system.
- **Da Vinci Days, Inc.** — \$2,500 for the Children’s Village, a venue within the larger festival that exposes children to hands-on math and science activities and inspires creativity in the arts.

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**About the Old Mill Center for Children and Families/Rally Around Families Together**

Rally Around Families Together is a community collaboration with three other organizations providing a therapeutic program for parents and their children, ages birth to three. Housed within the Old Mill Center for Children and Families, the program works to prevent the impact of abuse and neglect. For more information visit <http://www.oldmillcenter.org/>.

**About the Pacific Power Foundation**

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