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Pacific Power Foundation grants help provide homes for local residents

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore. — The Pacific Power Foundation has awarded \$4,000 to organizations that help Cottage Grove families put a roof over their heads.

The **Community Sharing Program** received \$1,500 to help provide secure, warm housing for low-income families in south Lane County. The program distributes Federal Emergency Management Agency housing and utility funds and must raise matching funds to pay its staff. South Lane County has a high unemployment rate with many families on the verge of eviction or homelessness, and needing help with utility bills. These families can turn to Community Sharing Program for emergency assistance.

Cottage Grove Area Habitat for Humanity received \$2,500 to help construct its 11th home in the community. A local family that is employed, but falls short of qualifying for a conventional home loan, will assist in building this home, and then move in. Foundation funds will help purchase materials and defray other project expenses.

“Every family deserves a warm, dry place to call home,” said Doris Johnston, Pacific Power regional community manager. “The current state of the economy is making it more difficult for many families to afford even the basics. These two organizations are constructing a foundation of emergency and long-term support within our community.”

“The Pacific Power Foundation supports the growth and vitality of communities through its charitable investments,” said Lilisa Hall, executive director of the Pacific Power Foundation. “These organizations help people deal with and manage difficult situations they may be facing in their lives, and there is no greater benefit to the community than helping people in need.”

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About the Community Sharing Program

Community Sharing is a basic needs safety net for south Lane County. The program helps residents remain fed, housed and safe while they work towards self-sufficiency. For more information visit <http://www.communitysharing.org/>.

About Cottage Grove Area Habitat for Humanity

Cottage Grove Area Habitat for Humanity seeks to help eliminate substandard housing by building simple, affordable homes. Teams of volunteers and Habitat homeowners provide the labor, building community as well as shelter. For more information visit <http://www.habitatcg.org/>.

About the Pacific Power Foundation

The Pacific Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California) and Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho). The foundation's mission, through charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information, visit www.pacificpower.net/ppfoundation.