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Pacific Power Foundation grants support child and family-centered organizations in southern Oregon

MEDFORD, Ore. — The Pacific Power Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$14,000 to organizations that enrich students and support residents in southern Oregon.

The **Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon** received a \$1,500 grant to help purchase music and hire professional coaches for the Chamber Music Series and Community Outreach Concerts. The grant also helps underwrite complimentary student tickets and scholarships. The **Rogue Valley Symphony Association** will apply its \$1,500 grant to the Chamber Players in the Classroom program, which enables students to experience a live performance and engage with professional musicians.

The **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley** received \$2,000 and the **Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley** received \$1,000 in grants to support Project Learn after-school educational, health and character-development activities.

CASA of Jackson County, Inc. will use the \$1,500 foundation grant to produce two educational videos that will raise community awareness about child abuse and neglect. The videos also will be a tool for recruiting more volunteers and increasing financial contributions.

The **American Red Cross of Southern Oregon** received \$2,000 to increase disaster assistance, including shelter, rent, clothing, food and medical supplies, for low-income families who might be homeless and without support.

Other organizations receiving grants include **Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Southern Oregon** (\$2,000) and **Associated Oregon Industries Foundation** (\$2,500).

“Each of these organizations addresses vital needs in our communities,” said Monte Mendenhall, Pacific Power regional community manager. “The Pacific Power Foundation is pleased to support these organizations’ efforts with grants that expand their resources during challenging times.”

The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon brings together string, woodwind, brass and percussion players, mainly ages 8-18, to perform classical symphonic music in a professional setting. The organization not only improves the technique and performance skills of young musicians, but provides cultural enrichment and builds audiences for classical music. For more information visit <http://www.yssso.org/>.

About Rogue Valley Symphony Association

Rogue Valley Symphony presents classical music concerts in Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass. The Association ensures the financial integrity of the symphony. One of four educational outreach programs, the Chamber Players in the Classroom program engages students in Kindergarten through 5th grade with professional musicians, resulting in a more thorough understanding of music. For more information visit <http://www.rvsymphony.org/>.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley works to provide year-round positive, fun and safe places and program for all kids. Since 1970, Boys & Girls Clubs have served thousands of southern Oregon youths each year. For more information visit <http://www.bgcrv.com/>.

About Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley

The Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley works to provide year-round positive, fun and safe places and program for all kids. Umpqua Valley Clubs have served Douglas County kids for a decade. For more information visit <http://www.bgcuv.com/>.

About CASA of Jackson County, Inc.

Since 1990, Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocates, CASAs, have been a voice for a single child or siblings in the anxious months after the child has been removed from an abusive or neglectful home and placed in safe but unfamiliar foster care. For more information visit <http://www.jacksoncountycasa.org/>.

About American Red Cross of Southern Oregon Chapter

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. The southern Oregon Chapter serves Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties. For more information visit <http://www.soredcross.org/>.

About the Pacific Power Foundation

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