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## News Release

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### **Pacific Power Foundation awards \$58,500 to Portland health and welfare organizations**

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Pacific Power Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$58,500 to 18 nonprofit groups that have demonstrated their commitment to improving the health and welfare of Portland-area residents.

“There are so many people in need throughout our communities,” said Sheila Holden, Pacific Power regional community manager. “Fortunately, there are also many organizations, fueled by compassion and creative energy, reaching out to fill those needs and transform lives in the process. Pacific Power Foundation is honored to support the well-established programs and ground-breaking efforts alike as they strengthen individuals, neighborhoods and our community as a whole.”

“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.”

One of the largest grants was \$10,000 awarded to the **Emanuel Medical Center Foundation** for the **Oregon Burn Center’s** Burn Education and Prevention Program. This program provides critical education to help prevent burns among children, adults, seniors and high-risk professionals, and educates healthcare professionals on the specialized treatment and care of burn injuries.

The **Volunteers of America of Oregon** received \$3,500 to launch Child/Youth Domestic Violence Advocacy Services inside the new Gateway Center, a one-stop resource for domestic violence survivors in our community. Child/Youth Advocacy Services offers a full spectrum of support for parents and children exposed to domestic violence, including resources for teens. The goal is to help children and parents feel competent and confident, while ending the cycle of violence.

Other Portland organizations to receive funding from the Pacific Power Foundation include:

- **American Red Cross – Oregon Trail Chapter:** \$2,500 to support the Together We Prepare our Neighborhoods program, which helps prepare residents of high-risk, high-poverty neighborhoods with emergency preparedness education and tools.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters Northwest:** \$3,000 to help recruit, train and support volunteer mentors who are matched with a child and meet weekly to read, play or help with school work.
- **Black United Front of Oregon:** \$3,000 to support college scholarship workshops for African American high school students, training them to identify available scholarships and prepare compelling applications.
- **Boy Scouts of America – Cascade Pacific Council:** \$2,500 to support the Learning for Life classes at Beach and James John elementary schools.
- **Bradley Angle House:** \$2,500 to enhance the Self-Sufficiency Assistance project for residents in the Emergency Shelter and Transition Services programs.
- **CARES Northwest – Emanuel Children’s Hospital Foundation:** \$4,000 to help the Child Abuse Prevention team educate and empower participants to protect all children.
- **CASA for Children, Inc.:** \$5,000 to recruit, train and support new volunteers who advocate for children who have been placed in protective foster care because of abuse or neglect at home.
- **Morrison Child and Family Services:** \$5,000 to support Parent Mentor, a peer-to-peer recovery program for parents struggling through drug and alcohol addiction.
- **Salvation Army, Cascade Division:** \$2,500 for the Veterans Emergency and Transitional Shelter program, which helps homeless veterans and their families find housing and caseworker support.
- **YWCA of Greater Portland:** \$5,000 to help provide after-school mentoring through the LearnLinks program operated in four low-income housing complexes, plus summer day camp scholarships.
- **Human Solutions, Inc.:** \$2,000 to provide case management and housing so homeless families can begin rebuilding their lives.
- **Cascade AIDS Project:** \$1,500 for the Kids Connection program to improve safety, health and well-being for families living with HIV.
- **LifeWorks NW:** \$1,500 for gang prevention and intervention programs, including skill-building sessions and the Being on Your Own series.
- **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society:** \$2,000 to increase education programs for patients diagnosed with lymphoma.
- **Loaves & Fishes Centers, Inc.:** \$1,500 to support the meal delivery program for seniors.

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#### **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](http://www.pacificpower.net/ppfoundation).