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Pacific Power Foundation grants fund education and health programs for children

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — The Pacific Power Foundation has awarded \$10,000 to organizations in Walla Walla that support the well-being of the area’s children.

Camp Fire USA, Walla Walla Council received \$5,000 for its After School Camps and Super Summer in the Park programs. Every day after school and all summer long, children involved in Camp Fire out-of-school programs are engaged in a variety of fun, safe and productive activities, including recreation, math and reading, crafts, music and more. The foundation grant will help support an increasing need for scholarships.

Fort Walla Walla Museum received a \$3,500 grant to support its admission-free School Tour program. Led by a museum tour guide, students and teachers visit the museum’s displays, exhibits and 17-structure pioneer village, learning about the vibrant heritage of their own home territory and gaining a sense of ownership in the community. Without grant support for free tours, most schools would not be able to visit the museum.

The **Access to Baby and Child Dentistry program**, administered by the Walla Walla County Health Department, received \$1,500 from the Pacific Power Foundation. The grant will help fund a part-time coordinator for the program, which serves Medicaid-eligible children from birth to 6-years-old, with emphasis on enrollment by age 1. Early preventive dental visits yield positive behaviors by both parents and children, reducing costly restorative work later on.

“An investment in children always pays off in a better future,” said Bill Clemens, Pacific Power regional community manager. “Pacific Power Foundation is pleased to provide grants to these organizations that help children all around us. It makes our community a better place for everyone.”

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About Camp Fire USA, Walla Walla Council

For nearly 100 years, Camp Fire has made a difference in the lives of children in the Walla Walla Valley. The Council’s goal is to provide quality, enriching out-of-school programs and to make those programs accessible to all boys and girls in our community. For more information visit <http://wwcampfire.org/>.

About Access to Baby and Child Dentistry

A program of the Walla Walla County Health Department, Access to Baby and Child Dentistry provides preventive and restorative dental care for children, aged birth to 6 years old, who qualify for Medicaid. The goal is to enroll children by age 1 for maximum lifetime benefit by developing good behaviors and educating parents early. For more information visit <http://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/>.

About Fort Walla Walla Museum

With a mission to discover, preserve and share the heritage of the Walla Walla region, the museum maintains a collection of artifacts and photographs that help tell the region's stories. The museum shares this remarkable heritage through exhibits and displays, a 17-structure pioneer settlement and many other events and programs. For more information visit <http://www.fortwallawallamuseum.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.