

Western Lane Community Foundation Awards 2015 Grants to Thirty-Seven Non-Profits

WLCF is excited to start out their next 40 years of philanthropy by giving over \$90,000 in grants for 2015. Thirty-seven non-profit recipients covering most of western Lane County received checks at the Rotary Club of Florence meeting on Tuesday, March 31. These funds will further their worthy projects that fall within the four Western Lane Community Foundation grant criteria areas of focus; Culture, Medicine/Science, Education, and Social/Civic Services.

This year's grants covered a wide range of projects including partnering with the Deadwood Creek Services to restore their commonly used community center clerestory windows and the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery to preserve historical records. Both Mapleton and Siuslaw School districts are benefiting by several projects funded to enhance the student's educational curriculum that are not covered with regular school district funding, like the Lego Robotics and MATE ROV Programs. The Arts are represented through Florence Regional Arts Alliance's Outdoor Public Art Project, Florence Festival of Books, DanceAbility International and C.R.O.W.'s production "Once Upon a Mattress."

The Rotary Club of Florence established the Western Lane Community Foundation in 1974 as a community trust, a private non-profit organization, to attract, administer and distribute private charitable resources for the benefit of residents in western Lane County. Through these resources the Foundation helps sustain and enhance the quality of life in western Lane County by supporting non-profit organizations operating in all fields of interest.

The Foundation manages current assets of \$5,000,000, which consist of *Designated Funds*; assets that are established by donors to support certain organizations, *Field of Interest Funds*; donors who set a criteria of a particular area of community service that they want the grant distributed to, and *General Funds*; which are flexible resources the Foundation can apply to address changing community needs.

To see the complete list of all thirty-seven 2015 grant recipients or to establish your own grant please check the website www.wlcfonline.org or call our Executive Director, Gayle Waiss, at 541-997-1274.



Picture: Grant recipients that were awarded funds at the Rotary of Florence luncheon on March 31, 2015. Picture courtesy of Gary Quinn, Videographer

