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GDUW Impacting Communities with Second Year of CI Funding

Roseburg, OR (UPDATE DATE) — Greater Douglas United Way will soon be issuing checks to seven local organizations leading programs to create lasting change in Douglas County.

Those organizations will share nearly \$70,000 from the Community Impact Fund, which started three years ago to help get to the root causes of some of the key issues plaguing the community.

A special committee considered 16 applications for first year CI grants and recommended five recipients. Two other programs will receive funding for the second year.

The full United Way board approved grants for the following:

Kids In Common: Providing children involved with Child Welfare in Douglas County with immediate, responsive services. Provide respite care, in-home visits, therapeutic preschool, counseling and parenting classes through Douglas CARES and CASA.

Legal Aid: Allow Legal Aid Services of Oregon to bring a nationally recognized speaker/expert on violence prevention.

Options' Shelter and Opportunity for Stabilization (SOS): Allow Options Counseling to collaborate with DHS Self-Sufficiency and Child Welfare programs to identify families so they may be able to stabilize their living situation.

UVdN Community Garden: To make known and address the issue of food security and individual wellness.

Scouts of Service Members (SOS): Help get veterans who are fathers of young children involved in scouting and reengaged in their families.

Two other programs are receiving CI funds for the second year:

Battered Person's Advocacy: Provide services to survivors referred by healthcare providers for screening and identifying Intimate Partner Violence.

Phoenix School: Targeted expansion of capacity for community partners providing Douglas County Youth learn, serve, and earn (LSE) opportunities in order to increase school success, developmental life assets, and career-readiness.

Recipients of Community Impact Funds will be recognized September 3 at the GDUW Kickoff Breakfast at UCC.

Community Impact Funding will continue in 2015-16 with up to %35 of the total campaign or designated donations, whichever is higher.

GDUW is proud to be celebrating its 61st Year of serving Douglas County. The first community fund drive took place in 1954 as the United Fund. The monies raised went to assist five non-profits, all of whom are still member agencies today.

The 2014-15 campaign set a new record for donations. The community lent their support to 29 agencies, over 70 local non-profits, and our new Collective Impact Funding, raising over \$1,044,000.

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