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MARGARET MEAD

FUND GOES TO THE DOGS

WARNING: Reading the following article might make you vulnerable to adopting a new dog!

Meet Buddy who is six years old! You wouldn't know it from this picture, but Buddy's life didn't start out well. He was severely abused, often hit with shovels. Then Buddy was rescued by Inland Empire Golden Retriever Rescue (IEGRR). He is among hundreds of golden retrievers fostered back to health so they can be adopted out to families that nurture and love them.

By day (and sometimes by night), Carol Tompson is a microbiologist at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. With the rest of her free time, though, she is the IEGRR intake coordinator who provides nurturing care and places golden retrievers with foster families and into permanent homes with compassionate people. She does this out of her love for animals and a real desire to protect them.



Buddy soaking up some rays.

Through a fund established at Inland Northwest Community Foundation, IEGRR is a quarterly recipient of a donor-advised grant. A couple from Southwest Montana set up the fund specifically to assist IEGRR in doing the work they do. Carol says, "We are deeply appreciative to these funders. Without their financial assistance, there is no way we would be able to adopt out certain golden retrievers. Some of them require a great deal of medical care."

The appreciation goes both ways. The founders say, "There are amazingly dedicated and hard-working people at IEGRR who always work on a shoestring budget, and we wanted to set up a fund to help them financially and make the dogs more adoptable."

The couple that created the fund want to remain anonymous and clearly have a passion for these animals. They have personally committed themselves to adopting older dogs—

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Inland Northwest Community Foundation serves twenty counties throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Founded in 1974, its mission is to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The Foundation manages more than 250 funds, valued at approximately \$65 million, which have been established by individuals, families and businesses.

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GOING FOR THE GOLD

Wouldn't it be a wondrous world if we could replicate the achievements of the 2008 summer Olympic Games in Beijing? The fulfillment of hope was found in so many gold, silver and bronze medals. What was heralded was the achievement of personal and team goals because of a focus on responsibility, dedication and perseverance, regardless of socio-economic class and cultural diversity.



The Olympic Charter contains an inspiring example of how our daily lives, work and values can become integrated into our regional communities.

“Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles.”—Olympic Charter, Fundamental Principles, Paragraph 1.

This newsletter features compelling stories of that Olympic spirit in action.

Whitworth University professors, Drs. Linda and Jim Hunt, turned a terrible tragedy into something meaningful and lasting by creating a fund in their daughter's name after she was killed in a bus accident in Bolivia. By establishing the Krista Foundation, Krista's parents have continued her youthful idealism and memory throughout the globe.

The Blanchard Community Center provides more than nourishment for seniors. It also is modeling cooperative values of a caring community while providing volunteer opportunities for its youth.

Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute understands that effective conservation education depends on evaluation measures so that gradual, positive changes can become visible for a community.

Inland Empire Golden Retriever Rescue is not simply an operation to rescue stray dogs, but is an example of humans protecting nature by making a difference in the lives of animals and positively affecting the people who adopt those animals.

These stories and hundreds more throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho are at the heart of that Olympic spirit. They represent Inland Northwest Community Foundation, donors, community leaders, volunteers and a myriad of dedicated nonprofit employees inspired by the belief that, like the Olympic games, hope can be realized by the achievement of goals.



Mark Hurtubise
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Megan Planck, Lauren Nelson, Willy Corder, Sam Ihm and Samantha Babb (in back) learn about Moscow and Pullman's geology and aquifers through a stratigraphy exercise, plotting real well log data to create a geologic cross section of the area.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION BEGINS IN THE CLASSROOM

At the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI), 14 dedicated employees and more than 15 AmeriCorps members are hard at work addressing environmental concerns. With a recent \$6,000 grant from Inland Northwest Community Foundation, PCEI is developing outcomes-based evaluation measures for a Municipal Water Conservation Education Program. One component of the education program works with kids, teenagers

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and adults in the Moscow and Pullman area. This project came about due to concern about the declining water levels in the Grande Ronde aquifer.

All of the water in Moscow comes from the Wanapum and Grande Ronde aquifers while the city of Pullman gets its water from the Grande Ronde aquifer. The Grande Ronde aquifer has declined one to two feet per year for the last 70 years. This is of great concern to the area.

During the 2007-2008 school year, every fifth grader in the public school system in the area, including the charter school, learned about the aquifer, watersheds and the importance of water conservation. In the ninth grade, students took a pre- and post-test during a two-day educational program through PCEI. Each student took a pledge to conserve water and was required to grade themselves one month later. At PCEI, they want to know if the kids will follow-up on pledges when they are asked to make a promise.

Jenica Wood-Beauchamp, the Education Program Manager at PCEI, is currently looking at results and measuring effectiveness of the education program. "If there are behavioral and attitudinal changes, that will lead to greater conservation," Wood-Beauchamp explained. "This grant is critical for us because short term we get to find out specifically about our water conservation education efforts and how our education may ultimately affect the residents' knowledge, behavior and values. Long term, our ability to measure outcomes several different ways helps us develop evaluation instruments that we might use for other programs in the future."

CELEBRATING NEW FUNDS

At INWCF, we are proud of our donors' and grantees' hard work, dedication and love for the region. Recently, Opera Plus! created a new fund, Endowment for Opera Excellence. This designated endowment fund will provide yearly permanent support to Opera Plus!, a Coeur d'Alene based nonprofit which produces a new opera each year for the enjoyment and enrichment of the community.

Congratulations, Opera Plus!, with special thanks to Mark and Marlo Faulkner and Jim and Jan Karel who provided the initial funding for this endowment.

Do you have a favorite nonprofit that would benefit by having a designated fund established with us? It's a great way to start an endowment while being assured that your money is growing effectively into a permanent resource for a charity you love.

CONGRATULATIONS BILL ZUPPE AND SPOKANE UNITED WAY!

Bill Zuppe selected Spokane's United Way to receive a special \$250 grant from Inland Northwest Community Foundation. Bill's name was drawn from among 53 fund founders who responded early to the annual INWCF Donor Survey. The grant was made possible by a donation from Merrill Lynch.

This annual survey is important to help us improve our services to our donors and our community. A summary of the survey responses can be viewed on our website at www.inwcf.org. Thank you, Merrill Lynch, for supporting our donor's philanthropy!

FROM TRAGEDY, A LEGACY BLOOMS

“Heart work.” This is a phrase David James Duncan used during a keynote address to the third annual Krista Foundation conference in Davis Lake, California in 2003.

Anyone who has lost a child knows that the only way to get out of bed each morning is to find

your ‘heart work’ and continue to do that in the name of your child. That is exactly what Drs. Linda and Jim Hunt did when they founded the Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship in memory of their married daughter, Krista Hunt Ausland, who was killed in a bus accident in 1998 while volunteering with her husband, Aaron with indigenous families in Bolivia.

The Krista Foundation supports and encourages young adults to express their faith and values through a period of voluntary or vocational service in America’s inner cities, developing nations or environmental stewardship. Nominated by university and civic leaders, each “Krista Colleague” serves with an established organization, such as Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Jesuit

Volunteers, Presbyterian Young Adult Mission or World Concern.

Each year, eighteen colleagues become part of a mentoring community and receive a \$1,000 Service and Leadership Development Grant to explore vocational interests. In return, each Krista Colleague commits to helping mentor future Krista Colleagues through involvement at planned conferences, debriefing retreats and writing for *The Global Citizen Journal*.

MEET A RECENT KRISTA COLLEAGUE



Megan with colleague, Thanh-Phuong Chu

“Can you imagine living on the streets right after being discharged from a hospital?” Megan Hurley, a Gonzaga University honors graduate asked. Hurley, a Krista Colleague, worked in Portland, Oregon with homeless persons with acute medical needs. Using a grant she received from the Krista Foundation, she attended a national conference in Washington, D.C. about an innovative approach called “Housing First.”

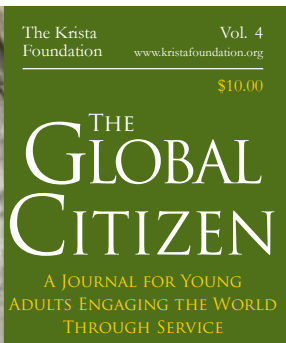
She discovered that Portland was a pilot city for this creative approach which linked her with other concerned social service leaders. When she began her service, Portland’s Recuperation Care Program had five respite beds and a contract with one hospital. By the end of her year, they had 26 respite beds, five hospital systems, two additional case managers and a housing specialist.

Megan explained, “I never would have guessed that flying to D.C. for this conference would help put so many beautiful little pieces in place, or that a small program could grow this big. It makes change seem possible.”

Krista’s mother, Linda Hunt, explains that, “because of Inland Northwest Community Foundation, we were able to start our own foundation right away before our own 501(c)(3) status was established. INWCF provided the opportunity as a means for people to begin donating immediately so we could secure an endowment to endure beyond Jim and me.” In 10 years, the Krista Foundation endowment has grown to nearly \$400,000, thanks in part to a generous gift from the estate of Krista’s grandmother, Evelyn Christensen.

We are honored that the Hunts chose their community foundation to begin growing the endowment, and as the Krista Foundation continues to grow, we celebrate the hard work and dedication of these young people.

For more information about the Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship, please visit their website at www.kristafoundation.org.



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eight years to 13 years old—because they know how difficult it can be to place these dogs. “They are wonderfully easy going animals, and we want to give them a home for as many weeks or months they have left.”

Talking to Buddy’s new family confirms the good work of IEGRR. “Carol Tompson is a doggie angel. She dedicates her life to helping dogs get the right homes so they have successful placement,” says Ingrid Kinder, Buddy’s ‘den mother.’ “It’s very rewarding to see these dogs thrive.”

Buddy is doing well now and so is IEGRR, thanks to the donor-advised fund that Inland Northwest Community Foundation manages.

For more information about adoptable dogs, you can visit their website at www.iegrr.org.

A COMMUNITY CENTER AT ITS BEST

On a warm June 2008 morning in Blanchard, Idaho, over 100 people gathered for an auction and pancake breakfast at the Blanchard Senior/Community Center in Bonner County and raised nearly \$3,500. The event was one of many the center can now host utilizing equipment provided by funding through Inland Northwest Community Foundation.

The \$20,000 INWCF community strategies grant was used to purchase and install a commercial kitchen hood and fire suppression system over the stove. For a public facility, the large, commercial-grade system is a requirement to meet local fire codes. Barb Hornby, Executive Director of Blanchard Area Seniors Incorporated said, “Fire officials think this is one of the safest places in the county because

BASIC president, Deirell Paine cooks under the new hood



of the funding provided by INWCF.”

Volunteers at this progressive center have been working hard over several years to fill an important niche for their residents who historically had to travel to other areas for basic needs and entertainment. “We now have a common area where we can provide informative programs, gather for social events and enjoy eating together. It would have taken us forever to raise the money without the support of INWCF,” Hornby added.

INWCF recognizes the important need the center fills for the residents of the Blanchard area and we are thrilled to be a part of it.

INWCF GRANTS PROGRAMS SUPPORT VITAL PROJECTS

INWCF supports the important work of charitable organizations in Eastern Washington and North Idaho through five competitive grants programs. These grants are funded through community funds established by generous donors who have entrusted INWCF to direct their philanthropic dollars to programs and projects that represent the greatest opportunities to benefit the community.

While each grant program has its own guidelines, in general, INWCF encourages proposals that:

- Address the root causes of community problems.
- Strengthen an agency’s effectiveness or stability.
- Include meaningful stakeholder involvement or civic engagement.

Guidelines and eligibility requirements for the grant programs are available at www.inwcf.org. All proposals are submitted via an online grant application.

For more information about INWCF’s grant programs, please contact the grants staff at 509-624-2606 or grantstaff@inwcf.org.

2008 – 2009 COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION SCHEDULE

GRANT PROGRAM	WEB APPLICATION AVAILABLE	DUE DATE
Community Strategies Grant Program Fall 2008 grant round (application period closed) Spring 2009 grant round	July 21, 2008 December 15, 2008	September 9, 2008 January 21, 2009
Pullman Community Foundation Grant Program	January 5, 2009	February 18, 2009
Columbia County Children’s Fund Grant Program	January 5, 2009	February 18, 2009
Florence Wasmer Fund for Arts and Culture Grant Program	May 11, 2009	July 1, 2009
Florence Wasmer Fund for Children and Families Grant Program	May 11, 2009	July 1, 2009

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HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER?

Do you have a vision for the Inland Northwest? Whether you would like to give to a specific nonprofit or want to know who best meets certain needs in our community, we can help. For more information, contact PJ Watters, Director of Gift Planning, 509-624-2606, or by email at pjwatters@inwcf.org.

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