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**Community Strategies Spring Grants Announced  
Inland Northwest Community Foundation**

SPOKANE, WA, 6/24/09— Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF) awarded more than \$297,000 through the Community Strategies Grant Program in May 2009. These grants were made possible by the combined generosity of donors who established or contributed to discretionary funds at INWCF. These funds allow INWCF the flexibility to meet the changing critical needs and compelling opportunities in our region.

Grants ranging between \$7,000 and \$50,000 will support these organizations and programs:

Active4Youth (Spokane County)

Cross-country running and fitness program for children

Backyard Harvest (Latah County)

Palouse Garden Collaborative: Establishing community gardens to provide fresh food for Moscow-area food banks

Clearwater Youth Alliance (Clearwater County)

Synergy Works! after-school youth development program

Coeur d'Alene School District (Kootenai County)

Teen Aid Project: Mentoring and tutoring program for high school students

Communities in Schools of Spokane County

Community resource coordinator to provide services for low-income families at Glover Middle School

Community Cancer Services (Bonner County)

Enriched Recovery Program: Providing support services to cancer patients

Daybreak of Spokane (Spokane County)

Life Skills Program: Providing life skills education for teens recovering from substance abuse

Ferry County Fair Association (Ferry County)

Installation of geothermal heating system to allow for year-round use of merry-go-round/community center building

Inland Northwest Land Trust (Spokane County)

Family Forests Forever: Conserving forest land

Institute for Extended Learning (Spokane County)

Displaced Homemaker/ChangePoint summer workshops and counseling

Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre (Latah County)  
Restoration of marquee on historic theatre

Panhandle Alliance for Education (Bonner County)  
Ready! for Kindergarten: Early childhood development program for parents

Second Harvest Food Bank of the Inland Northwest (Spokane County)  
Nutritious Food for Hungry People: Strategic development of food resources

Spokane Fire Department Foundation (Spokane County)  
CARES Team: Program coordinator for the Community Assistance Response Team

Syringa General Hospital (Idaho County)  
Replacement of central cardiac monitoring system

Volunteers of America (Spokane County)  
Homefinders/Homekeepers Program: Housing assistance for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Founded in 1974, INWCF serves ten Eastern Washington counties and ten North Idaho counties to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. INWCF manages 262 funds valued at \$48.4 million. INWCF has awarded over \$34 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region.

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