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**Columbia County Children's Fund at Inland Northwest
Community Foundation awards \$4,600 in grants**

SPOKANE, WA, *October 12, 2011*— Family members of Frances Broughton Boyd Milham established the Columbia County Children's Fund at Inland Northwest Community Foundation in 1984. Today, the fund is providing two grants totaling \$4,600 to nonprofit organizations in Columbia County serving children and families and supporting the arts. The Fund was established to provide educational enrichment and special needs programs, guidance, counseling and therapy to children and their families, as well as medical and dental services and supplies for disadvantaged children. A Board, comprised of individuals who represent the area, recommends the grants from this fund.

Grants awarded include:

Blue Mountain Counseling of Columbia County

\$3,000 grant awarded for the Dayton High School Natural Helpers/SHEO Club (Students Helping Each Other). The program will train 16 students at Dayton High School in basic helping skills when working with other students who exhibit social and academic stressors.

Touchet Valley Arts Council

\$1,600 grant awarded for the Children's Summer Theater to assist in start up funds for a new summer theatre program.

Founded in 1974, INWCF serves 10 Eastern Washington counties and 10 North Idaho counties to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The community foundation currently manages 305 funds valued at more than \$67 million and has awarded \$39 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region.

For more information on INWCF and its work in the Inland Northwest, contact PJ Watters, Director of Gift Planning at 509-624-2606.

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