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Investing in Southern Oregon's youth, individuals, families and communities.

**Gordon Elwood Foundation invests \$108,000  
in Southern Oregon communities**

**July 1, 2009:** The Gordon Elwood Foundation is pleased to announce \$108,000 in grant awards to 17 nonprofit organizations.

**Southern Oregon Adolescent Study & Treatment Center**

- Grant purpose: support the expansion of an innovative mental health wellness and prevention model of service in 13 rural schools in Jackson and Josephine County.
- Grant amount: \$10,000.

**CASA for Children of Klamath County**

- Grant purpose: enable CASA to continue to provide court-appointed advocates for 67 currently served foster children and increase service to 18 additional foster children.
- Grant amount: \$10,000.

**North Curry Families' & Children's Center**

- Grant purpose: facilitate a strategic visioning and planning process for North Curry County area nonprofits in alignment with county-wide needs.
- Grant amount: \$10,000.

**Oregon Building Congress**

- Grant purpose: support the Southern Oregon Construction Academy's efforts to increase the quality and diversity of applicants into the construction profession by providing stipends and tools for students aspiring to work in the construction profession.
- Grant amount: \$9,349.

**Mac Field Boosters -- Youth Enterprises at Willow Lake**

- Grant purpose: provide hope, inspiration, education, job training, exercise, and a sense of civic pride to 46 identified at-risk youth working to renovate Willow Lake Park.
- Grant amount: \$8,000.

**Southern Oregon Child & Family Council -- Project LISTO**

- Grant purpose: promote literacy for Spanish-speaking families by providing a consistent and participatory family literacy program two evenings a week at Howard Elementary School.
- Grant amount: \$7,500.

**Phoenix-Talent School District #4 -- ESL program**

- Grant purpose: promote strong parent-school partnerships and improve English language skills of 120-160 parents of students at Talent Middle School and Phoenix High School.
- Grant amount: \$7,500.

**WinterSpring Center**

- Grant purpose: facilitate the launch of a new program for 30 to 60 children and 30 parents coping with the grief and loss associated with a divorce.
- Grant amount: \$5,522.

**netCorps**

- Grant purpose: increase the capacity of Southern Oregon nonprofits by providing technical assistance in technology and information systems.
- Grant amount: \$5,000.

**The Job Council**

- Grant purpose: improve the lives of approximately 90 youth served by Jackson County's Youth Program by maintaining on-site drug and alcohol counseling.
- Grant amount: \$5,000.

**Medford School District 549C -- Project Dove**

- Grant purpose: provide 140 identified at-risk elementary and middle school youth with intervention and prevention services designed to keep them out of the juvenile justice system.
- Grant amount: \$5,000.

**Disability Advocacy for Social & Independent Living (DASIL)**

- Grant purpose: provide a range of emergency assistance for people in Jackson County who are disabled, homeless, and/or have a low income.
- Grant amount: \$5,000.

**Chiloquin Visions in Progress**

- Grant purpose: provide safe, structured educational and enrichment activities at an after-school day care in northeastern Klamath County.
- Grant amount: \$5,000.

**Integral Youth Services**

- Grant purpose: provide safe, structured educational and enrichment activities at an after-school day care in Klamath Falls.
- Grant amount: \$5,000.

**Children's Advocacy Center**

- Grant purpose: assist 15 girls in Jackson County who have suffered abuse to experience healing and a sense of connectedness to our community through art therapy activities.
- Grant amount: \$4,129.

**The Union Drop-In Center**

- Grant purpose: matching grant support for client-driven fundraising in Josephine County.
- Grant amount: \$3,000.

**United Community Action Network**

- Grant purpose: provide additional funds for Josephine County Food Bank to meet an increase in food demand due to the current economic crisis.
- Grant amount: \$3,000.

**The History of the Gordon Elwood Foundation**

Gordon Elwood, a lifelong native of the Rogue Valley, lived a remarkably Spartan existence. Beginning as a paper delivery boy at the age of twelve, Gordon scrimped and saved and invested the bulk of his earnings through years of labor as a fruit picker in the Valley and forty years as a television technician. After retiring, he continued his frugal lifestyle by collecting recyclable cans and bottles for their deposit value.

When he died at age seventy-nine in 1999, Gordon left a surprisingly large financial estate of \$9 million to benefit his beloved southern Oregon community. In his final days, Gordon expressed his philosophy thusly:

"Everyone is put on this earth to accomplish something, and not just for their own self. Through this foundation I feel I have made my life worthwhile to others."

The Gordon Elwood Foundation is committed to fulfilling Gordon's legacy by offering a hand up to those in need. We are pleased to honor his memory in service to the southern Oregon community.