



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **Proclamation for Yavapai County Community Foundation - Approval of a request from the Yavapai County Community Foundation that the Town of Clarkdale help celebrate fifteen years of service along with creating awareness throughout Yavapai County of what Yavapai County Community Foundation does.**

Staff Contact: **Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk**

Meeting Date: **September 9, 2008**

Background: **Yavapai County Community Foundation (YCCF) was founded 15 years ago and the stated mission is the building of a legacy of community philanthropy by connecting donor interest with community needs.**

The Yavapai County Community Foundation recently awarded \$132,404 in grants to 22 nonprofit organizations throughout Yavapai County. The grants were awarded through YCCF's 2008 open competitive grant cycle and were paid from community and field-of-interest endowment funds.

Funds awarded include a \$19,493 grant to the Prescott Valley Police Department and \$16,000 in two grants to the Open Inn's Turning Point Youth Center. The full list of grant recipients follows:

- **Prescott Police Department**, \$8,744 to provide advanced K-9 training, available to all Yavapai County K-9 units.
- **Prescott Police Department**, \$1,393 to purchase a thinner competition style bite suit.
- **Prescott Valley Police Department**, \$19,493 to purchase, train and implement an Explosive Ordinance Detection K-9 team and a competition style bite suit.
- **Open Inn**, \$8,000 for the Turning Point Youth Center's transitional living program, providing homeless youth in Yavapai County with living accommodations, life skills training, counseling and educational and employment support.
- **Open Inn**, \$8,000 for the Turning Point Youth Center to provide immediate needs, ongoing case management and community resources to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth and families.
- **New Horizons Independent Living Center**, \$1,070 to support Living Well with a Disability, a class for physically disabled adults.
- **Prescott Valley Early Bird Lions Foundation**, \$5,068 to provide eyecare assistance to children who can not afford it.
- **Horses with H.E.A.R.T.**, \$600 to provide a therapeutic horseback riding scholarship for one visually impaired child.

- **Yavapai Symphony Guild**, \$500 for the annual classical music competition for students in grades 6 through 12.
- **Franklin Phonetic Primary School**, \$900 to buy a musical instrument for the band program.
- **Highlands Center for Natural History**, \$3,033 to install a rainwater catchment system for a native plant arboretum on campus.
- **Highlands Center for Natural History**, \$1,000 for the Take A Hike Hiking Spree program to encourage children, adults and families to hike trails in the Prescott National Forest.
- **Central Arizona Land Trust**, \$3,500 for a community workshop for agricultural landowners to teach rangeland preservation and discuss conservation agreements and tax incentives.
- **Prevent Child Abuse**, \$7,196 to support Best for Babies, a collaboration of community members working to provide care for vulnerable infants and toddlers in foster care.
- **Valley Youth Organization**, \$2,996 for the PATHS curriculum to help children in the Stepping Stones Program develop healthy social and emotional skills.
- **Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter**, \$5,000 to support early intervention, education, support, care planning and empowerment to diagnosed individuals and their families while also building community awareness about Alzheimer's disease.
- **Yavapai Regional Medical Center**, \$9,000 for the Partners for Healthy Students program to provide free pharmaceuticals to uninsured and underinsured students and their siblings in need.
- **Mediation Center of Yavapai County**, \$2,500 for a peer mediation program in cooperation with the schools in Yavapai County.
- **Yavapai County Community Foundation Canine Committee**, \$680 for a veterinary care grant.
- **Bagdad Core Committee**, \$1,000 to repair musical instruments for the Bagdad Community Orchestra.
- **Cottonwood Police Department**, \$2,393 to assist with veterinary care and a new competition style bite suit.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona**, \$4,000 for the first Teen Center in Camp Verde (in addition to recent grants awarded in cooperation with the United Way of Yavapai County).
- **Rainbow Acres**, \$5,070 for the Health Network Project to use new technologies to promote wellness, coordinate the administration of medicine and prevent/manage medical conditions of developmentally disabled residents.
- **Performing Arts Studio**, \$768 for an after-school performing arts program in the Camp Verde Unified School District.

Recommendation: Approval of Proclamation for Yavapai County Community Foundation.

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE,

Honoring Yavapai County Community Foundation

WHEREAS, the Yavapai County Community Foundation was created in 1993 as the first affiliate of the Arizona Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Yavapai County Community Foundation has as its stated mission the building of a legacy of community philanthropy by connecting donor interests with community needs; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Yavapai County Community Foundation has generated more than \$3.5 million in endowment assets, the Yavapai County Community Foundation family of funds represents more than \$16 million in assets; and

WHEREAS, the various funds, grants and other assets accumulated by the Yavapai County Community Foundation have been used to benefit the entirety of Yavapai County – its diverse communities, organizations and citizens; and

WHEREAS, during its first 15 years, the Yavapai County Community Foundation has returned more than \$1.3 million to those whom it serves, inclusive of more than \$160,000 distributed in 2008; and

THEREFORE, let it be proclaimed that the Common Council and Mayor of Clarkdale are proud to join other communities throughout Yavapai County in recognizing and congratulating Yavapai County Community Foundation in its celebration of 15 years of exemplary service and enthusiastically urge support for Yavapai County Community Foundation.

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor
Town of Clarkdale



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WHEREAS, the YCCF has as its stated mission the building of a legacy of community philanthropy by connecting donor interests with community needs; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the YCCF has generated more than \$3.5 million in endowment assets, the YCCF family of funds represents more than \$16 million in assets, and

WHEREAS, the various funds, grants and other assets accumulated by the YCCF have been used to benefit the entirety of Yavapai County—its diverse communities, organizations and citizens; and

WHEREAS, during its first 15 years, the YCCF has returned more than \$1.3 million to those whom it serves, inclusive of more than \$160,000 distributed in 2008;

THEREFORE, let it be

RESOLVED that the below affixed signatures acknowledge, commend and enthusiastically urge future support for one of Yavapai County’s premier philanthropic foundations; and be it further

RESOLVED that these same signatures are proud to join other signatures from throughout the county in recognizing and congratulating the YCCF in its celebration of 15 years of exemplary service.

Name of organization

(S) Names of signators

August 14, 2008

Doug Van Gausig
Town of Clarkdale
PO Box 306
Clarkdale, AZ 86324

Dear Mayer Van Gausig,

The professional staff and the board of directors of the Yavapai County Community Foundation are proud to begin this fall by celebrating 15 years of serving the residents of Yavapai County—and we'd like your help.

Attached is a suggested resolution/proclamation that describes what YCCF has accomplished during the past 15 years. We're asking all the incorporated communities and the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors if they would join together in helping create even more awareness throughout Yavapai County of what YCCF does.

It's with that thought that we respectfully request that you and your colleagues adopt and sign the suggested resolution/proclamation and then return it to us so we can demonstrate that YCCF indeed does serve residents throughout the county.

Once you have adopted and signed the resolution/proclamation, we would appreciate your returning it to the address noted on this letterhead. If possible, we would like the resolution/proclamation returned to our office by mid October.

We earnestly hope you can help celebrate 15 years of exceptional philanthropic service to citizens within the various communities of Yavapai County.

In advance, on behalf of YCCF and its board of directors, we thank you for your consideration

Sincerely



Kristi Edwards, CFRE, CSPG
Foundation Director



Carl Brown
Board Chair

Encl. -- Resolution