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Bainbridge Community Foundation Awards \$91,700 in Community Grants to Local Nonprofits

Bainbridge Island, WA. The Bainbridge Community Foundation has awarded grants to 24 local non-profit organizations for its 2009 Community Grants program. The grants were awarded to a wide range of organizations, all providing essential services and support during this difficult recession.

During this time of great need in our community, the Bainbridge Community Foundation **awarded 15% more dollars than in 2008.** This is in direct response to the decrease in contributions to nonprofits from foundations and individuals due to the economy. To ensure that many nonprofits would continue critical programs and services that support island residents, the Bainbridge Community Foundation Board of Trustees voted to increase its own giving level, and asked its donors and other partners to help. BCF joined forces with donor-advised funds and local philanthropists help to fund 13 of the 24 organizations' grant proposals.

The community need was obvious early in the grants process; the Foundation had almost double the amount of dollars requested year-on-year, with nearly \$285,000 requested this year. The number of grant proposals increased from 30 in 2008 to 47 initial inquiries in 2009, representing a 57% increase.

Unfortunately, \$193,000 in funding was not met this year, so the Foundation hopes that others in the community will be inspired to participate in community philanthropy either through BCF or through direct donations to organizations.

For more information about the Bainbridge Community Foundation's grant-making programs, to donate to the Bainbridge Community Foundation, or to find out how you can start a fund to benefit the community, visit the Foundation's website at www.bainbridgecommunityfoundation.org or contact them by phone at (206)842-0433.

Bainbridge Community Foundation 2009 Grant Recipients and Award Amounts

From The Bainbridge Fund, the community needs fund at Bainbridge Community Foundation, and Plan B Fund, a partnering designated fund:

- **Bainbridge Arts & Crafts:** \$2,000 to help fund one month of rent.
- **Bainbridge Schools Foundation:** \$8,000 to fund remedial reading teachers' salaries.
- **Bainbridge Youth Services:** \$5,000 to help fund an emergency temporary part-time position.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Bainbridge Island:** \$3,000 to help fund a half-time employee.
- **Elder & Adult Day Services:** \$6,000 to help fund operations due to cut in Medicaid funding.
- **Health, Housing and Human Services Council:** \$7,500 to support agency capacity training and Board training programs.
- **Helpline House:** \$2,500 to support the food bank.
- **Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers:** \$4,000 to provide operational expenses for community-based services.
- **IslandWood:** \$2,500 to help fund low-cost and free community events.

- **Kitsap Legal Services:** \$4,000 to operate a free legal clinic for low-income clients on Bainbridge Island.
- **Kitsap Sexual Assault Center:** \$2,000 to provide therapy sessions for sexual assault victims and their families.
- **North Kitsap Fishline:** \$4,000 to support the food bank.
- **Puget Sound Restoration Fund:** \$1,000 to support the community shellfish farm.
- **Sound Works Job Center:** \$3,000 to support job search program for unemployed and low-income residents.
- **Washington State Smile Partners:** \$3,000 to help fund the purchase of a real dental chair at the senior center.

Partnership Community Grants from Philanthropy Partners:

- **Bainbridge Arts & Crafts:** \$1,000 from the Bob & Judy Karr Family Fund to support one month's rent.
- **Bainbridge Island Historical Society:** \$1,500 from the Alder Fund and \$1,000 from the Greiner Family Foundation for volunteer training, transcriptions and staff supervision.
- **Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community:** \$1,500 from the Alder Fund to complete production of Fumiko Hayashida film.
- **Bainbridge Island Special Needs Foundation:** \$6,800 from the Alder Fund to fund additional staff and purchase program supplies.
- **Bainbridge Public Library:** \$3,700 from the Alder Fund to fund electronics upgrade in community room.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Bainbridge Island:** \$1,000 from the Peters Fund for a Sustainable Community to help fund a half-time employee.
- **Bremerton High School Pay It Forward Scholarship:** \$500 from Elaine VonRosenstiel and Mary Lewis to help fund annual fundraiser.
- **Harmony Hill Retreat Center:** \$2,500 from the Alder Fund to fund cancer support program.
- **Helpline House:** \$2,500 from an anonymous donor to support the food bank.
- **Housing Resources Board:** \$5,000 from the Alder Fund for roof replacement on apartment buildings.
- **Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers:** \$1,000 from the Peters Fund for a Sustainable Community to provide operational expenses for community-based services.
- **Kids Discovery Museum:** \$1,000 from the Alder Fund to train instructors for Love & Logic Parenting program.
- **Martha & Mary Lutheran Services:** \$2,000 from Alder Fund to support math and science summer camps.

Community Response Fund Partnering Grants:

- **Bainbridge Youth Services:** \$2,200 to help fund a temporary part-time position.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Bainbridge Island:** \$2,000 to help fund a half-time employee.

Bainbridge Community Foundation

Building the future of our community through encouraging philanthropy today.

The Bainbridge Community Foundation was established in 2001 to encourage philanthropy in our community. BCF currently has over \$4.5 million in assets and 30 donor funds and scholarships. The Foundation's donors support non-profit organizations that are vital to the health of Bainbridge Island. For more information about Bainbridge Community Foundation, please visit www.bainbridgecommunityfoundation.org or call 842-0433.