

2008 Fiscal Annual Report

The McConnell Foundation

In 2008, the Foundation continued its commitment to long-term and ongoing projects such as Turtle Bay Exploration Park; Children, Youth & Education; The McConnell Fund at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation; the annual City of Redding fireworks show; giving in Asia; and sharing the space at Lema Ranch.

The Foundation Board committed to build a Platinum LEED-certified K-8 public charter school for Redding School of the Arts (RSA) as a Program Related Investment (PRI). RSA has served the greater Redding area for nearly a decade in leased space that expires in 2010.

Foundation Board and Staff members spent much of 2008 working with a team of consultants designing the new school, which will be home to approximately 450 children. This project advances two areas of priority to the Foundation - an interest in sustainability and green building practices, and an opportunity for interactive hands-on learning. The Foundation is working diligently with all of its partners to complete the school by the fall of 2010.

Associated Charitable Resource of South Siskiyou

Mount Shasta Skate Park Project

\$100,000

City of Anderson

Anderson River Park Amphitheater Project

\$150,000

City of Redding

Fireworks for 4th of July Freedom Festival

\$80,000

City of Redding

In-kind Donation of 210 lbs. hamburger, plates and napkins for BBQ lunch following 2008 Community Creek Cleanup

\$1,958

County of Shasta

Shasta County Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan

\$50,000

County of Shasta

Healthy Shasta Partnership with Public Health Department

\$225,000

County of Siskiyou

Wagon Creek Bridge at Lake Siskiyou

\$600,000

NatureBridge (formerly Yosemite National Institutes)

Campus Development at Yosemite National Park

\$5,000,000

Regents of the University of California

College OPTIONS Partnership

\$3,000,000

Scholarships awarded to students attending 4-year colleges & universities

McConnell Scholars awards

\$751,600

Scholarships awarded to students attending Shasta College or College of the Siskiyous

Vista awards

\$48,400

Shasta Family YMCA

Healthy Students Initiative, Phase I

\$415,000

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Foundation Fund

\$742,500

Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc and Trinity County High Schools and Big Valley High School in Lassen County

Tuition for high school students and teacher chaperones to participate in the Yosemite National Institute Program
\$70,989

Siskiyou Family YMCA
YMCA Facility Improvement Phase III
\$170,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park
Sustainability Gardens – Site Maintenance
\$70,000

OTHER GIVING

Employee Matching Gifts
\$106,820

Miscellaneous Contributions
\$25,823

Qualifying Memberships
\$39,500

Lema Ranch Persimmons
Persimmons grown and harvested on Lema Ranch were donated to Shasta Senior Nutrition Program, People of Progress, Shasta County Women’s Refuge, Great Northern Corporation, Frontier Senior Center, and the Shasta College Culinary Arts Program.

4-H/FFA Jr. Livestock Auctions
The McConnell Foundation supports local 4-H and FFA clubs by purchasing animals at livestock auctions and donating meat to Shasta County Women’s Refuge, Empire Recover Center, and Great Northern Corporation.