

2010 Annual Report

The McConnell Foundation

In 2010, 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 Yosemite National Park high-school trip; the annual City of Redding fireworks show; giving in the countries of Nepal and Laos; and allowing public use of the walking trails and meeting space at Lema Ranch.

The Foundation Board committed in 2008 to build a Platinum LEED-certified K-8 public charter school for Redding School of the Arts (RSA) as a Program Related Investment (PRI). The construction is well underway, and the Foundation and all partners are working together to allow the school to open at its new site in the Fall of 2011. The Foundation's hope is that the school will be a learning laboratory to exhibit sustainability. The curriculum will have sustainable practices woven throughout and the school will be a model for those hoping to embark on their own green building projects.

The Foundation continues its commitment to greening its buildings and the organization. A sustainability committee, with representatives from each area of the organization, meets regularly to scrutinize purchasing decisions, energy use, and technology choices. Significant energy-reducing measures have been put in place, most cleaning chemicals have been changed to less-toxic solutions, and organic fertilizers are now used instead of most chemicals. Employee travel is now tracked and carbon offsets are purchased for travel.

GRANTS APPROVED IN 2010 BY THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Asia Foundation

Improving Access to Justice for Poor and Rural Citizens of Laos, Phase II
\$500,000

Asia Foundation

Securing the Future: Water Quality of Laos' Rivers
\$150,000

City of Redding

4th of July Fireworks 2011
\$80,000

City of Shasta Lake

Greentech Business Park Study

\$3,500

Federation of Community Forestry Users, Nepal

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Initiative

\$612,000

Great Valley Center

President's Circle Membership

\$5,000

KCHO Northstate Public Radio

KCHO Challenge Grant for Fall 2010 Membership Drive

\$10,000

McConnell Scholarships 2010 – Vistas and Scholars

\$720,000

Mt. Shasta Recreation & Parks District

Weed Community Center

\$400,000

NatureBridge

Tuition for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools and Big Valley High School in Lassen County to participate in the 2011 Yosemite Institute Program, a residential field science and environmental education program of NatureBridge

\$70,989

Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development Area Council

Butte Valley Community Center and Recreation Park

\$285,000

Red Bluff High School

In-Kind Donation – Used HVAC Controls

\$200

Redding Foundation

Shasta County Recreation Trails – FB and Other Trails

\$100,000

Secret Witness of Shasta County

Secret Witness Funds

\$5,000

Shasta Family YMCA

First-grade Learn to Swim Lessons

\$8,875

Shasta Historical Society

In-Kind Donation – Firewood

\$500

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Foundation Fund

\$742,500

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Occupancy Expenses, 2011-2015

\$360,792

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Occupancy Expenses, 2011-2015

\$976,608

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support

\$1,250,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Refreshments for Iconic Bike Ride

\$1,500

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens – Site Maintenance

\$70,000

Working Women Journalists of Nepal

Developing and Supporting Women Journalists, Nepal

\$97,200

OTHER GIVING

Board & Staff Matching Gifts

The McConnell Foundation has a generous company matching gift program, allowing board members and staff to give to eligible organizations of their choosing.

\$168,170

Qualifying Memberships

\$37,385

Lema Ranch Persimmons

Persimmons grown and harvested on Lema Ranch were donated to Shasta Senior Nutrition Program, Great Northern Corporation, Frontier Senior Center, and the community at large.

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 Women's Refuge, Empire Recovery Center, and Great Northern Corporation.

In addition to new grants approved in 2010, the Foundation paid out the following amounts on previously approved grants:

Asia Foundation

Community Mediation Program

\$433,950

Asia Foundation

Domestic Violence Mediation Training

\$70,000

Asia Foundation

Improve Access to Justice for Poor and Rural Citizens of Laos

\$150,000

California State University, Chico

University Center – CSU Chico Degree Program

\$123,000

City of Redding

4th of July Fireworks 2010

\$80,454

College of the Siskiyou

Healthy Siskiyou Endowment Campaign

\$80,000

County of Shasta

Healthy Shasta Partnership with Public Health Department

\$75,000

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Women's Leadership Development

\$358,000

McConnell Scholarships 2007, 2008, 2009 – Vistas and Scholars

\$611,552

NatureBridge

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\$46,137

NatureBridge

Campus Development at Yosemite National Park

\$2,500,000

Redding Foundation

Shasta County Recreation Trails

\$45,000

Shasta Family YMCA

Healthy Students Initiative

\$728,501

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive

\$101,295

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Operating Support – Fiscal Year 2006/7 – 2010/11

\$339,000

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Fund 2010

\$742,500

Siskiyou County

Wagon Creek Bridge at Lake Siskiyou

\$600,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Endowment for \$8 million conditioned on 2002 Resources Bond Act funds

\$128,472

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive

\$256,616

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support

\$625,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens 2010 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

University of California, Office of the Regents

College OPTIONS Partnership

\$678,452