

2011 Annual Report

The McConnell Foundation

In 2011, 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 Institute Program; the annual City of Redding fireworks show; giving in the countries of Nepal and Laos; allowing public use of the walking trails; and use of meeting space at Lema Ranch by nonprofit organizations.

Redding School of the Arts (RSA) was completed and has received three national design awards in addition to attaining Platinum LEED Certification – the highest level. The school has proved to be a model for those hoping to embark on their own green building projects, and is a living learning lab for students.

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 2011 BY THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Asia Foundation

Securing the Future: Water Quality of Laos' Rivers, Phase II
\$400,000

Asia Foundation

Community Mediation in Nepal, Years 2012-2013
\$608,000

Asia Foundation

Police Reform in Nepal
\$60,000

Asia Foundation

Women's Leadership Program in Laos
\$60,000

City of Redding

4th of July Fireworks 2012
\$82,000

City of Redding

Sundial Bridge tile repairs and maintenance
\$100,000

Cypress Elementary School

Donation for shade structure for vegetable garden
\$3,500

Happy Valley Fire Protection District

In-Kind Donation of riding lawnmower
\$2,500

KCHO Northstate Public Radio

KCHO Challenge Grant for Fall 2011 Membership Drive
\$10,000

McConnell Scholarships 2012

Vista and Scholars Programs
\$720,000

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Women's Leadership Development Program, Phase III
\$1,071,306

NatureBridge

Tuition for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools to participate in the 2012 Yosemite Institute Program, a residential field science and environmental education program of NatureBridge
\$70,989

North State Symphony

Classical Music for Children
\$96,075

Northern Valley Catholic Services

CASA Program
\$5,000

Redding School of the Arts

Professional development, programs, and organizational support
\$28,700

Shasta College Foundation

From the Quarters to Lincoln Heights Documentary
\$5,000

Shasta County Department of Public Health

Healthy Shasta Partnership

\$225,000

Shasta County Office of Education

Donation to Whiskeytown Environmental School

Toolshed and repairs

\$8,500

Shasta Family Justice Center

Operations

\$5,000

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Foundation Fund 2012

\$742,500

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Donation in Honor of Kathy Ann Anderson

\$5,000

Shasta Women's Refuge

Crab Feed support and auction purchase

\$17,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support for second half of 2011 and calendar year 2012

\$1,875,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens – 2012 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

OTHER GIVING

Board & Staff Matching Gifts

The McConnell Foundation has a generous company matching gift program which allows individual board members and staff to make donations to eligible nonprofit organizations of their choice. Individual donations are matched by the Foundation.

\$130,285

Qualifying Memberships

\$35,885

Lema Ranch Persimmons

Persimmons grown and harvested on Lema Ranch were donated to Shasta Senior Nutrition Program, Great Northern Corporation, Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance, Lifeboat Mt. Shasta, 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, Shasta Senior Nutrition Center, Great Northern Corporation, Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance, and Trinity County Food Bank.

In addition to new grants approved in 2011, the Foundation paid out the following amounts on previously approved grants:

Asia Foundation

Community Mediation Program
\$103,050

Asia Foundation

Improve Access to Justice for Poor and Rural Citizens of Laos
\$187,450

California State University, Chico

University Center – CSU Chico Degree Program
\$41,000

City of Redding

4th of July Fireworks 2011
\$82,364

College of the Siskiyous

Healthy Siskiyous Endowment Campaign
\$80,000

Federation of Community Forestry Users, Nepal

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Initiative
\$280,000

McConnell Scholarships 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 Vistas and Scholars

\$841,950

NatureBridge

Tuition for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools to participate in the Yosemite Institute

Program, a residential field science and environmental education program of NatureBridge
\$74,813

NatureBridge

Campus Development at Yosemite National Park
\$1,500,000

Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development Area Council

Butte Valley Community Center & Recreation Park
\$285,000

Redding Foundation

Shasta County Recreation Trails
\$50,000

Shasta Family YMCA

Healthy Students Initiative
\$545,363

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive
\$67,956

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Fund 2011
\$742,500

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive
\$183,948

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support for Fiscal Year 2010-2011
\$625,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens - 2011 Site Maintenance
\$70,000

Secret Witness of Shasta County

Secret Witness Reward Funds
\$2,500

University of California, Office of the Regents

College OPTIONS Partnership

\$563,169

Working Women Journalists of Nepal

Developing and Supporting Women Journalists in Nepal

\$24,724