

## **2012 Annual Report**

### **The McConnell Foundation**

In 2012, the Foundation continued its commitment to long-term and ongoing programs and projects such as Turtle Bay Exploration Park; Children, Youth & Education; Scholarships; The McConnell Fund at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation; NatureBridge at Yosemite (aka Yosemite Institute); the annual City of Redding fireworks show; and giving in the countries of Nepal and Laos.

For the second year, the Foundation charitably allowed use of its 400-acre Condiotti property off Shasta View Drive by the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service brings its mules to winter on the property in November, then trucks them back to Trinity County in May to be used by rangers. The mules pack supplies for California Conservation Corps crews into rugged backcountry areas such as the Trinity Alps and the Yolla Bolla Wilderness.

Charitable use of the Foundation's greenway properties provided recreational opportunities for walking, hiking, and biking; open space; watershed protection; and watershed protection.

The Foundation continued to offer tranquil meeting space on a complimentary basis to nonprofit organizations, nonprofit collaborations, government agencies, and school groups. Our meeting space allows organizations and collaborations to get away from the typical work environment and focus on their goals. Seventy-nine meetings were held at the Foundation's headquarters and guest house in 2012. Groups that met at the Foundation include PlusOne Mentors, Shasta Head Start, Department of Water Resources Forum & Collaborative, University of California Office of the President, College OPTIONS, California Department of Public Health, National Park Service, Department of Fish and Game, Reach Higher Shasta, The Sierra Institute for Community & Environmental Collaboration, Great Shasta Rail Trail Project Collaborative, California Association of School Business Officials, First 5 Shasta, Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), California Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Forum, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, Shasta Historical Society, Healthy Shasta, Anderson Union High School District, Shasta Union High School District, Shasta Economic Development Corporation, Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District, Shasta County Office of Education, The Pacific Forest Trust, Superior CA Help, Inc. Suicide Prevention Network, Shasta College Center for Community Engagement, City of Redding Community Services, and Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc.

### **GRANTS APPROVED IN 2012 BY THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Asia Foundation**

Improve Access to Justice for Poor and Rural Citizens of Laos - Phase III  
\$834,618

**Catalyst Redding Young Professionals**

TEDxRedding Event

\$2,000

**City of Redding**

4th of July Fireworks 2013

\$82,500

**City of Redding**

Fantasy Fountain Makeover

\$25,000

**Clear Creek Community Services District**

In-Kind Donation of Great Dane Chariot Riding Lawn Mower

\$500

**Forward Redding Foundation**

Nonprofit of the Year Award

Recipient: Shasta Family Justice Center

\$2,500

**KCHO Northstate Public Radio**

KCHO Challenge Grant for Fall 2012 Membership Drive

\$10,000

**McConnell Scholarships 2013**

Vista and Scholars Programs

\$720,000

**NatureBridge**

Tuition and transportation for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools to participate in NatureBridge at Yosemite (formerly known as Yosemite Institute), a week-long residential field science and environmental education program held in Yosemite National Park March 31-April 5, 2013

\$124,627

**Redding School of the Arts**

Miscellaneous (building use analysis; in-kind donation of golf cart, awards media)

\$23,825

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

The McConnell Foundation Fund 2013

\$742,500

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

In-Kind Donation of two Cisco Aironet Wireless Access Points  
\$400

**Shasta Women's Refuge**

Funds to purchase crabs for 2013 Crab Feed  
\$6,500

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Operating Support for calendar year 2013  
\$1,250,000

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Sustainability Gardens – 2013 Site Maintenance  
\$70,000

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Miscellaneous (support for Butterfly House; in-kind donation of computer server;  
programmatic support)  
\$13,950

**Western Shasta Resource Conservation District**

Lower Clear Creek Parkways Pedestrian Bridge  
\$5,000

**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.*  
\$199,335

**Qualifying Memberships**

\$39,500

**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 2012, the Foundation paid out the following amounts on previously-approved grants:**

**Asia Foundation**

Water Quality of Laos' Rivers  
\$153,000

**Asia Foundation**

Community Mediation in Nepal  
\$299,000

**Asia Foundation**

Improve Access to Justice for Poor and Rural Citizens of Laos  
\$209,618

**California State University, Chico**

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

**City of Redding**

4th of July Fireworks 2011  
\$924

**City of Redding**

4th of July Fireworks 2012  
\$82,838

**City of Redding**

Sundial Bridge Tile Work  
\$102,201

**Federation of Community Forestry Users, Nepal**

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Project  
\$306,000

**Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal**

Women's Leadership Development Program, Phase III  
\$357,104

**McConnell Scholarships 2007 - 2012**

Vista and Scholars Programs  
\$706,564

**NatureBridge**

Tuition and transportation for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools to participate in NatureBridge at Yosemite (formerly known as the Yosemite Institute), a residential field science and environmental education program of NatureBridge April 15-20, 2012  
\$94,414

**NatureBridge**

Campus Development at Yosemite National Park  
\$250,000

**North State Symphony**

Classical Music for Children  
\$27,477

**Redding Foundation**

Shasta County Recreation Trails  
\$50,000

**Redding School of the Arts**

Support for Professional Development  
\$1,000

**Shasta County Health Department**

Healthy Shasta Partnership  
\$75,000

**Shasta Family YMCA**

Healthy Students Initiative  
\$512,012

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive  
\$69,996

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

The McConnell Fund 2012  
\$742,500

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive  
\$189,468

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Operating Support for calendar year 2012

\$1,250,000

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Sustainability Gardens - 2012 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

**University of California, Office of the Regents**

College OPTIONS Partnership

\$822,635

**Working Women Journalists of Nepal**

Developing and Supporting Women Journalists in Nepal

\$30,242