

2014 Annual Report

The McConnell Foundation

In 2014, 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 Program; the annual City of Redding fireworks show; and giving in the countries of Nepal and Laos.

For the fourth year, the Foundation made available 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 and firefighting crews into rugged backcountry areas such as the Trinity Alps and the Yolla Bolla Wilderness.

Public use of the Foundation's greenway properties provided recreational opportunities for walking, hiking, and biking; open space; watershed protection; and watershed protection. The Foundation also worked with local ranchers and bee keepers on some Foundation properties providing land to the local agricultural community. The community partnership expanded to include students from Shasta College who assisted the Foundation and some agricultural partners with land restoration and grazing management on Foundation property.

The Foundation continued to offer tranquil meeting space on a complimentary basis to nonprofit organizations, nonprofit collaborations, government agencies, and schools. Our meeting space allows groups to get away from their daily work environment and focus on their goals. In 2014, 140 meetings were held at the Foundation's headquarters and guest house. These meetings hosted approximately 5,360 people. Groups that met at the Foundation include Cal –Trans, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, California Endowment Board, College Options, First 5 Shasta, North State Symphony, One Safe Place, Record Searchlight 20 Under 40, Shasta Community Health Center, Shasta Family YMCA, Shasta Library Foundation, and Tehama County Department of Social Services

GRANTS APPROVED IN 2014 BY THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

American Red Cross of Northeastern California

Disaster Relief Fund - Boles Fire
\$10,000

Anderson New Technology High School

The Flying Words Project
\$5,000

City of Redding

2015 4th of July Fireworks

\$82,500

Forward Redding Foundation

Nonprofit of the Year Award (Recipient: Military Order of the Purple Heart)

\$2,500

Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs

Wintu Place-Names and Pathways Ethno-Geographic Database

\$5,125

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Leadership Generation Workshop 1: The Heart and Soul of Leadership

\$2,805

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Women's Leadership Development Program - Phase IV

\$800,000

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center

Leadership Generation Workshop 2: Appreciative Inquiry

\$2,182

NatureBridge 2016

Tuition and transportation for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools to participate in the NatureBridge at Yosemite Program, a week-long residential field science and environmental education program held in Yosemite National Park.

\$131,547

One SAFE Place

In-kind Donation of Projectors

\$2,000

One SAFE Place

Capital Campaign

\$1,000,000

One SAFE Place

Campaign/Admin Assistant

\$25,000

Scholarship Programs - Vista and McConnell Scholars

2015 Vista and McConnell Scholars

\$720,000

Shasta College Foundation

Shasta College Northern California Region International Student Expeditions in Honduras - Pilot Year

\$10,000

Shasta County Arts Council

Tightrope Playback System (radio)

\$25,000

Shasta County Arts Council

Expenses Associated with Radio Production at Old City Hall

\$20,000

Shasta County Office of Education

Ignite Opportunity STEM Career Day

\$10,000

Shasta Humanity Project, Inc.

In-kind donation of computers

\$1,000

Shasta Library Foundation

Auction Support: Fund-a-Need

\$5,000

Shasta Library Foundation

Auction Support: Digital Sign for Library

\$3,100

Shasta Living Streets

Family Bicycling Day

\$2,000

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Fund 2015

\$742,500

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Community Disaster Relief Fund - Boles Fire

\$10,000

Siskiyou Family YMCA

Unrestricted Gift

\$5,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support for Calendar Year 2015

\$1,250,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens - 2015 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Miscellaneous (support for auction; in-kind donation of six-seat golf cart)

\$11,300

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.

\$266,855

Qualifying Memberships

\$37,000

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 Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance, Empire Recovery, Great Northern Corporation, One Safe Place, Shasta Senior Nutrition Center, and Trinity County Food Bank.

In addition to new grants approved in 2014, the Foundation paid out the following amounts on previously-approved grants:**Asia Foundation**

Water Quality of Laos' Rivers

\$49,250

Asia Foundation

Community Mediation in Nepal
\$150,000

Asia Foundation

Improve Access to Justice for Poor and Rural Citizens of Laos
\$300,000

City of Redding

4th of July Fireworks 2014
\$80,000

First 5 Shasta

Reach Higher Shasta Support
\$20,000

Mercy Foundation North

Support for Community Event
\$5,000

McConnell Scholarships 2008 - 2014

Vista and Scholars Programs
\$550,910

NatureBridge 2014 and 2015

Tuition and transportation for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools to participate in the NatureBridge at Yosemite Program held in Yosemite National Park
\$94,099

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center

Implementing and Deepening Practice - Phase III
\$279,000

North State Symphony

Classical Music for Children
\$15,615

Recreation Trails

National Park Service and Redding Foundation
\$50,000

Shasta County Health Department

Healthy Shasta Partnership
\$60,000

Shasta Family YMCA

Healthy Shasta Partnership

\$15,000

Shasta Family YMCA

Healthy Students Initiative

\$347,284

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive

\$74,256

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Fund 2014

\$742,500

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive

\$201,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support for calendar year 2014

\$1,250,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens - 2014 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

University of California, Office of the Regents

College OPTIONS Partnership

\$600,000