

## **2015 Annual Report**

### **The McConnell Foundation**

In 2015, the Foundation provided funding to these priority areas of interest to the Board of Directors: Turtle Bay Exploration Park; Children, Youth & Education; Scholarships; The McConnell Fund at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation; the NatureBridge at Yosemite Program; public trail construction; the annual City of Redding fireworks show; and to programs in the countries of Nepal and Laos.

The Foundation offered complimentary use of its meeting rooms to nonprofit organizations, collaborations, government agencies, and public schools. Meeting space allows groups to get away from their daily work environment, and enjoy a tranquil setting to focus on their organization's goals. In 2015, 210 meetings were held at the Foundation's headquarters and guest house. These meetings hosted 4,626 people. A sample of groups that met at the Foundation are: The American Cancer Society, Anderson Police Department, Caltrans, College OPTIONS, Lassen Park Foundation, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, One Safe Place, Shasta Historical Society, Shasta Literacy Project, Shasta County Public Health, and the UC Office of the President.

Public use of the Foundation's trails and open space provided recreational opportunities for walking, hiking, and biking. In addition, the open space offered viewshed and watershed protection. In 2015, the Foundation also made available land for local ranchers and bee keepers to utilize, enhancing local agriculture. Once again our annual partnership with Shasta College to hire interns who assist the Foundation on land restoration and grazing management projects was successful.

For the fifth year, the Foundation made available its 400-acre Condiotti property off Shasta View Drive in Redding to the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service brings its mules to winter on the property in November, and then trucks them back to Trinity County in May. 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.

Annually, the Foundation's board members and staff voluntarily embrace opportunities to share our time and resources on projects and events that contribute to the quality of life in Redding and beyond.

### **GRANTS APPROVED IN 2015 BY THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Active 20-30 Club of Redding Foundation**

Sundial Film Festival

\$2,500

**Alta California Community Media**

KTHM License Transfer to Alta California Community Media  
\$1,500

**Center for Lao Studies**

Support for the Planning Phase of "Between Two Worlds: Untold Stories of Refugees from Laos"  
\$55,813

**Center for Lao Studies**

Study Abroad in Laos McConnell Foundation Fellowship  
\$50,000

**City of Redding**

2016 4th of July Fireworks  
\$82,500

**City of Redding**

"Stay on Top of It" Swim Program  
\$5,000

**Columbia Elementary School District**

Support  
\$25,000

**First 5 Shasta**

Gateway Students Achieving with Parent Support Phase II  
\$322,500

**Friends of Tehama County Library**

In-kind donation of computers and monitors  
\$1,750

**Friends of Whiskeytown Inc.**

Whiskeytown National Park's 50th Anniversary Celebration  
\$7,000

**Give2Asia**

Nepal 2015 Earthquake Recovery Fund  
\$5,000

**Lassen Park Foundation**

Volcano Adventure Camp  
\$80,000

**Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal**

Social Support to Central Region Communities and Organizational Recovery  
\$72,500

**Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center**

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\$62,500

**Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center**

Phase IV: Anchoring the Web  
\$700,000

**NatureBridge**

Capstone Pledge to Complete First Phase of National Environmental Science Center  
\$250,000

**NatureBridge 2017**

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.  
\$133,933

**Shasta Family YMCA**

In-Kind donation of computer packages  
\$1,200

**Scholarship Programs - Vista and McConnell Scholars**

2016 Vista and McConnell Scholars  
\$753,000

**Shasta College Foundation**

Scholarships for the Shasta College Global Education Program Expeditions 2016-2020  
\$50,000.00

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

Stewardship Campaign  
\$15,000

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

The McConnell Fund 2016  
\$742,500

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

Operating Support for Occupancy Expenses (2016-2020)

\$344,760

**Siskiyou Family YMCA**

Teen Leadership Council

\$5,000

**Soroptimist of Downtown Redding**

Scholarships

\$1,000

**Tehama County**

Library Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment

\$500,000

**The Asia Foundation**

Community-Based Water Resource Management in Laos

\$575,150

**The Asia Foundation**

Nepal 2015 Earthquake Relief

\$20,000

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Sustainability Gardens - 2016 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

In-kind Donations

\$12,700

**United Way of Northern California**

Redding Area Homelessness Coalition Project - Phase 2

\$25,000

**OTHER GIVING****Board & Staff Matching Gifts**

The McConnell Foundation has a generous matching gift program that allows board members and staff to make donations individually to eligible nonprofit organizations of their choice.

Individual donations are matched by the Foundation.

\$239,792

**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 2015, the Foundation paid out the following amounts on previously-approved grants:**

**Anderson Union High School District**

The Flying Words Project

\$1,500

**City of Redding**

4th of July Fireworks 2015

\$80,000

**City of Redding**

Grant for 14.17 Acres on Sundial Drive

\$369,000

**Community Mediators' Society Nepal**

Leadership Generation Workshop 3: Telling Your Story

\$2,175

**Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal**

Women's Leadership Development Program - Phase IV

\$300,000

**Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center**

Implementing and Deepening Practice - Phase III

\$230,000

**McConnell Scholarships 2010 - 2015**

Vista and Scholars Programs

\$713,560

**NatureBridge 2015 and 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 held in Yosemite National Park  
\$98,219

**One Safe Place**

Campaign/Admin Assistant  
\$25,000

**Redding Foundation**

Trails 2015  
\$50,000

**Shasta County Office of Education**

Ignite Opportunity STEM Career Day  
\$20,000

**Shasta County Health Department**

Healthy Shasta Partnership  
\$60,000

**Shasta Family YMCA**

Healthy Shasta Partnership  
\$15,000

**Shasta Family YMCA**

Healthy Students Initiative  
\$4,469

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive  
\$76,488

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

The McConnell Fund 2015  
\$742,500

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Occupancy Expenses – 1335 Arboretum Drive  
\$103,518

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Operating Support for calendar year 2015  
\$625,000

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Sustainability Gardens - 2015 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

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

College OPTIONS Partnership

\$600,000