

Local organizations earn Community Chest grants

Non-profit seeks additional donations from the community

The Camas-Washougal Community Chest recently announced the distribution of 15 grants totaling \$69,375 to local non-profit organizations delivering services, exclusively, to children and families in Camas and Washougal.

The grants will fund such diverse services as emergency food assistance, aid to families in crisis or needing emergency services, safe temporary shelter for at-risk youth, summer swimming scholarships or enhancing the habitat of Gibbons Creek in the Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

In addition, monies have been reserved for up to \$500 mini-grant applications from Camas-Washougal Boy and Cub Scout troops.

Some of the non-profit organizations being funded in 2015 include Inter-Faith Treasure House, Children Home Society's East County Family Resource Center, Janus Youth Program, Meals on Wheels, Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library, Camas



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Children participate in pumpkin decorating during a past Camas Farmer's Market Harvest Festival. A 2015 grant from Camas-Washougal Community Chest will help to implement "Produce Pals," a weekly activities program to educate children at the market about where and how food is produced. Kids completing weekly programs receive a \$2 token to spend at the market. The grant will purchase \$3,600 in tokens.

Farmer's Market, Silver Star Search and Rescue and Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership.

To reach its 2015 fundraising goal of \$70,000, the CWCC needs additional donations from individuals and businesses in Camas and Washougal. The CWCC is a registered

501(c)(3) non-profit organization for federal charitable tax deduction purposes.

"The needs in the local community continue to be great and we hope families and businesses can help the Community Chest support local non-profit organizations that

are providing much needed community services," said CWCC President David Pinkernell,

More information and donation forms can be found at www.Camas-WashougalCommunityChest.org.