

2009 Annual Report

The McConnell Foundation

In 2009, 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 National Park high-school trip; the annual City of Redding fireworks show; giving in the countries of Nepal and Laos; and sharing the space at Lema Ranch.

The Foundation Board committed in 2008 to build a Platinum LEED-certified K-8 public charter school for Redding School of the Arts (RSA) as a Program Related Investment (PRI). The construction is well underway, and the Foundation and all partners are working together diligently to complete the school by Spring 2011. The Foundation's hope is that the school will be a learning laboratory to exhibit sustainability. The curriculum will have sustainable practices woven throughout. The school will be a model for those hoping to embark on their own green building projects.

The Foundation has also stepped up its commitment to greening its buildings and the organization. A sustainability committee has been formed, with representatives from each area of the organization. The committee meets regularly to scrutinize such purchasing decisions as cleaning products, chemical fertilizers, and even technology-related purchases. 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. All employee travel is now tracked and, last year, for the first time, carbon offsets were purchased for travel.

GRANTS APPROVED IN 2009 BY THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Asia Foundation

Community Mediation Program – Phase II, Years 2009-2011
\$612,000

Asia Foundation

Domestic Violence Mediation Training
\$70,000

Citizens for Responsible Government

Tehama County Community Broadcasters (KTHM) Radio Station
\$10,000

City of Redding

4th of July Fireworks 2010
\$80,000

Healthy Students Initiative

A 2008 grant to the HSI was amended in 2009 to include Phase II
\$4,018,000 through 2015

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Women's Leadership Development Program – Phase II, 2009-2011
\$636,000

Redding Foundation

Shasta County Recreation Trails – Flanagan & Upper Salt Creek Trails
\$45,000

Scholarships awarded to students attending 4-year colleges and universities, Shasta College, or College of the Siskiyous

\$457,098

Shasta Historical Society

In-Kind Donation – Firewood
\$500

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Foundation Fund
\$742,500

Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools and Big Valley High School in Lassen County

Tuition for high school students and teacher chaperones to participate in the Yosemite Institute Program, a residential field science and environmental education program of NatureBridge

\$70,989

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support
\$1,250,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens – Site Maintenance
\$70,000

OTHER GIVING

Board & Staff Matching Gifts

The McConnell Foundation has a generous company matching gift program, allowing board members and staff to give to eligible organizations of their choosing.

\$138,691

Miscellaneous Contributions

\$22,217

Qualifying Memberships

\$42,885

Lema Ranch Persimmons

Persimmons grown and harvested on Lema Ranch were donated to Shasta Senior Nutrition Program, Great Northern Corporation, Frontier Senior Center, 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, Empire Recovery Center, and Great Northern Corporation.

Property Conversions

Conversion of properties to facilitate the Redding School of the Arts project

\$667,722

Redding School of the Arts

Construction and infrastructure for the campus surrounding the Redding School of the Arts at Inspiration Place

\$1,175,450

In addition to new grants approved in 2009, the Foundation paid out the following amounts on previously approved grants:

Asia Foundation

Community Mediation Program

\$282,090

Asia Foundation

Community Mediation Program - Phase II

\$306,000

Asia Foundation

Community Mediation Program - Building the Foundation for Program Sustainability
\$75,000

Asia Foundation

Improve Access to Justice for Poor and Rural Citizens of Laos
\$250,000

California Emerging Technology Fund

Broadband Access/Communications Services for Northern California
\$233,000

Citizens for Responsible Government

Tehama County Community Radio
\$10,000

City of Anderson

Anderson River Park Amphitheater Project
\$150,000

City of Redding

4th of July Fireworks 2009
\$80,000

College of the Siskiyous

Healthy Siskiyous Endowment Campaign
\$80,000

County of Shasta

Healthy Shasta Partnership with Public Health
\$150,000

Federation of Community Forest Users, Nepal

Natural Resource Conflict Management
\$306,000

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Women's Leadership Development, Years Two & Three
\$278,694

McConnell Scholarships 2007, 2008, 2009 – Vistas and Scholars

\$457,098

Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools and Big Valley High School in Lassen County

Tuition for high school students and teacher chaperones to participate in the Yosemite Institute Program, a residential field science and environmental education program of NatureBridge Yosemite Institute 2009

\$52,589

Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools and Big Valley High School in Lassen County

Tuition for high school students and teacher chaperones to participate in the Yosemite Institute Program, a residential field science and environmental education program of NatureBridge

\$16,582

NatureBridge (formerly Yosemite National Institutes)

Campus Development at Yosemite National Park

\$750,000

Redding Foundation

Shasta County Recreation Trails – Flanagan Trail & Upper Salt Creek

\$45,000

Shasta College

University Center Video Conferencing Rooms

\$29,000

Shasta Family YMCA

Healthy Students Initiative

\$574,625

Shasta Historical Society

In-Kind Donation – Fire Wood

\$500

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Occupancy Expenses

\$98,345

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Operating Support

\$314,000

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Fund 2009

\$742,500

Siskiyou Family YMCA

YMCA Facility Improvement - Phase III

\$56,660

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Endowment Interest

\$161,546

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Occupancy Expenses

\$249,142

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support

\$1,500,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens 2009 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

University of California, Berkeley

GEMS Early Childhood Science Program

\$156,902

University of California, Office of the Regents

College OPTIONS Partnership

\$600,000