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You Can Trust the Foundation Trust

BY JOHN G. MCBEE

With all the worthy places to donate your money in Pendleton, how do you select the right organization? You have to consider several important factors:

- Where will you get the greatest satisfaction in giving to a certain charity?
- Is this entity known for spending most of its income responsibly?
- Will the organization honor your wishes as to how it will spend your contribution?

I have lived in Pendleton for 80 years and in that time, I have observed many charitable organizations. I can assure you that the Pendleton Foundation Trust treats each contribution with the utmost care and puts it to use to make this community a better place for its residents.

Since its formation in 1928, the Pendleton Foundation Trust has built an impeccable reputation for wisely allocating its funds to improve the quality of life in Pendleton.

With many charities, your funds are sent and you have no way of knowing how or where your contribution is spent. The Pendleton Foundation Trust thoroughly reviews and researches each request. If funds are granted, they may be used only for the specific purpose that was approved. If there are funds remaining after the project has been completed, the money is returned to the Foundation. You can be assured that your money is valued and carefully spent.

Throughout this community, you will see the evidence of the grants the Foundation has made to make Pendleton a better place.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? 2010 Fisk Recipient Deven Jennings

When Deven Jennings won the Fisk Scholarship in 2010, he said, "I have always loved to help other people, especially in teaching them something new." Six years later, he is still pursuing that goal.

Following his graduation from Pendleton High School, Deven served a two-year mission for his church in Las Vegas, Nevada. While serving his mission, he decided that he loved serving and helping people. It was then that he decided he wanted to pursue an occupation in nursing.

He was accepted into the nursing program as one of 60 students whose average high school GPA was 3.9. In college, he served as vice president of the Student Nurses Association. He worked as a teaching assistant for four college courses and graduated in the top ten percent of his class. He was nominated by his classmates to be the graduating speaker at their college commencement.

Following graduation, Deven passed the NCLEX, the licensing examination for nurses, and was hired at the University Neuropsychiatric Institution at BYU in Salt Lake City, as a charge nurse on an acute psychiatric unit.

As Deven works as a psychiatric nurse, he has hopes of being accepted into the Doctorate in Nursing program at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.



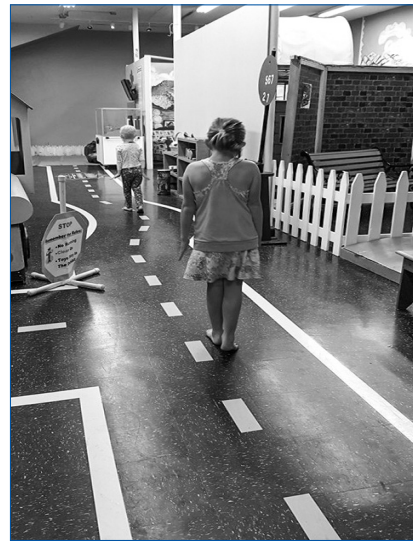
Deven Jennings

New Floors Make Big Impact for CMEO

2016 numbers skyrocketed at the Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon shortly after the installation of the "Roads to Discovery" exhibit. The exhibit included the replacement of the floors throughout the museum, featuring a roadway that winds throughout. Sections of the road display pipes that lie underneath a typical road in Pendleton. The exhibit was made possible largely through help of the Pendleton Foundation Trust.

Since the installation was completed in October of 2015, CMEO has seen a significant increase in visitors and program attendees to the tune of over 4,500 additional visitors than the previous year. "I credit much of the increase in visitors to the new floor" comments CMEO Executive Director, Heidi Anderson. "It not only provided a clean and inviting environment, but gave the whole museum a new look" she continued.

With more and more children and families utilizing the educational opportunities that CMEO provides, the museum is now looking for ways to partner with organizations and businesses in town to meet the growing need. "This project would not have happened without The Pendleton



Foundation Trust and we would have never reached those additional 4,500 children." Miss Anderson adds.

CMEO began in 1996 with a mission to provide children of all ages with opportunities for educational exploration and development through interactive exhibits and play. CMEO was created through the collaborative effort of over 300 community volunteers, and today has grown into an Eastern Oregon destination. In addition, CMEO is the ONLY children's museum in all of Eastern Oregon making it a unique community resource.

Wyland, Groupe Scholarships Awarded to Deserving Pendleton Teens

The Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship,

established in April of 1998, is given in memory of Alan Wyland, a youth pastor and vocalist. It is awarded to a Pendleton High School senior who is involved in music or the performing arts, with an emphasis in music.



Ezra Hernandez-Gallaway

In the spring of 2016, **Ezra Jordan Hernandez-Gallaway** was recognized as the recipient of the Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship and received a scholarship of \$1,000.

Ezra is attending University of Utah to pursue degrees in computer animation and music. In high school he was a member of the acapella choir. In addition to singing, Ezra is a talented musician and plays the flute, piano and guitar. While at Pendleton High School, Ezra was an Honor student. He is the son of Victor and Carol Hernandez.

Serena Bontemps is the 2016 **Ole Groupe FFA Scholarship** recipient.

Serena is a 17-year-old Junior at PHS and is in her 3rd year of FFA. She currently shows pigs at the Umatilla Co Fair and participates in different competitions. Serena is also working towards her State FFA degree.

Serena traveled to Washington DC to participate in the Washington Leadership Conference. The WLC is an FFA sponsored program to provide the students attending the opportunity to learn how to become effective leaders by learning their purpose, how to value people, how to take action and how to serve others. A couple of the highlights that Serena experienced was what it meant to serve our community, what qualities make great leaders, and it opened her eyes and made her and the other FFA members realize how lucky we all are to have access to food and a bed. They brainstormed in their groups on ways to end hunger in our community. Serena said - "This trip was one of the greatest things I have experienced". The Pendleton Foundation is honored to partner with the Groupe family and help provide PHS students the opportunity to gather with fellow FFA members and change the world.



Serena (2nd from left) and friends in Washington, DC

PFT Announces Fall Grants and Scholarships

The Board of Directors of the Pendleton Foundation Trust announced that grants, memorial trust funds and scholarships given in 2016 will total \$209,848.

The board has awarded fall grants in the amount of \$ 66,764.00 to the following recipients:

- **Blue Mountain Community College, \$6,192.30** to purchase a John Deere Gator for use by the Athletics Department, as well as the Student Outreach and Leadership Department. The gator is needed to transport an injured athlete from the field, and for set up of the many sports and other activities on campus.
- **Pendleton High School, Career Technical Education (CTE), \$20,235.00** to purchase a C02 laser cutter and associated peripherals for use in Engineering, Robotics, Business and Art programs at PHS.
- **City of Pendleton, Parks Department, \$15,000.00** toward replacement of the playground equipment at Aldrich Park, May Park and Sherwood Park.
- **Oregon East Symphony and Chorale, \$3,479.50** to purchase two half-size and three-quarter-size violins for the instrument lending library, and 20 battery powered stand lights with stand light charging station. The OES continues the Symphony Strings Program for 4th and 5th grade music students, and the music preparatory programs for 4th through 12th grade.
- **Clearview Mediation and Disability Resource, \$2,126.00** to wrap the transport bus with current signage to identify their organization. The bus was donated to Clearview by an assisted living facility in Portland. Clearview uses the bus for delivery of gently-used durable medical

equipment from their "medical loan closet" to anyone in our community at no cost.

- **Pregnancy Care Services, \$7,480.00** to purchase and install new light fixtures, fresh paint, vinyl flooring, and some updated furniture pieces for the Pendleton office.
- **Pendleton Public Library, \$4,737.34** to purchase shelving to expand the Teen Corner, comfortable teen friendly seating, a café table with charging station and two chairs for studying.
- **Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation, \$5,373.73** to purchase a new commercial dishwasher which will meet the sanitizing temperatures to meet Health Inspection requirements.
- **Umatilla County Historical Society, \$2,140.00** toward the cost of energy lighting upgrades and a new outside awning at the new Thrift Store building.

Did you know?? Pendleton Foundation Trust Supports Local Businesses

The Pendleton Foundation Trust was founded in 1928 to assist, encourage and promote the well-being of the citizens of Pendleton, Oregon. If you are reading this, you already know the Foundation receives gifts of money and property from interested persons and organizations, and in turn, invests this money and property for the benefit of citizens of Pendleton. But you may not know that one of the Foundation's goals is to support businesses in Pendleton as they attempt to accomplish those goals.

The many grant applicants have lofty goals, which the Foundation encourages! We want groups to dream big, and be thorough with their thoughts and

ideas. These groups bring those goals and dreams to the Foundation for help. A priority for the Foundation in helping to accomplish these goals is to support local businesses. Right on the grant application form, it reminds potential applicants to do business in Pendleton whenever possible.

In this day and age of free two-day shipping, deals, auctions, and online shopping on thousands of websites, the Foundation realizes that asking our grant applicants to do business locally whenever possible has a double benefit. Of course, the grant applicant already has an idea to help promote the well-being of Pendleton citizens. But by doing business locally, the added

benefit goes to more local citizens... the business owners and their families. When we all support local businesses, it's good for everyone.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust looks forward to your group bringing in a grant application in order to make the city of Pendleton a better place to live. We'll also be reminding you to shop locally! And most importantly, learn how you can make a donation to the Foundation Trust to help it grow and continue its mission for the next 88 years and beyond...to make Pendleton a great place to live, work and call home. What are you waiting for? Log on to www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com today and join us!

GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE - APRIL 1, 2017 is the deadline for applying for grants from the Pendleton Foundation Trust. Applications may be found online at www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com