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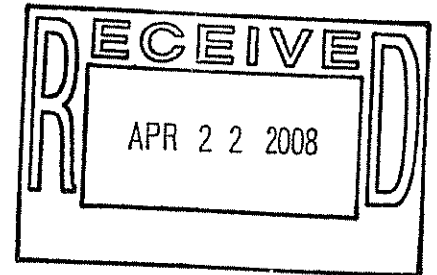
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**To Members of the Prineville City Council
Request for annual support**



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In January, the Crook County Foundation completed a review of our 2007 strategic plan and we are proud to report that significant progress has been made toward reaching our goals.

One of our strategies is to implement a wide base of community support for the Foundation. Our first membership drive resulted in a 20% return to our mailing, \$7,550 in individual contributions, and an anonymous donation of \$100,000 to establish the Lookout Mountain Scholarship fund.

Executive Director
Kristi Steber

Our corporate and business partners include Brooks Resources, which has entered its second year of a three-year annual \$10,000 challenge grant; multi-year support from Community First Bank, Les Schwab Company, Contact Industries, Mid Oregon Credit Union, and Amerititle; as well as an increasing number of annual contributions from our local business community.

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Another of our strategies is to obtain annual funding from our founding partners to establish a sustainable funding base. A consistent base of financial support will enable CCF to expand our capacity to train new community leaders, provide more college scholarships, and enhance cultural opportunities. The

outcome will be more people, more businesses, and more organizations investing shared resources and working together to build a positive future for the City of Prineville and Crook County.

Our target is to receive \$5,000 annually from each of our five partners – the City of Prineville, Crook County, Crook County School District, CC Parks & Rec District, and the Chamber of Commerce. We realize with the current economic climate the Council must thoughtfully consider each request. However, we believe your investment in the Crook County Foundation will see benefits in an increased number of trained community leaders willing to serve on commissions, boards and councils; more education opportunities for our youth; and a strengthened and vibrant city.

Sincerely,

Kristi Steber, Executive Director

Leadership Crook County

- The fifth LCC leadership class will begin in September 2008. CCF has partnered with COCC for the second year to provide curriculum and professional instruction. Class qualifies for continuing education credits.
- Two graduates from previous classes are campaigning for county commissioner, others are active on community boards and commissions and civic organizations.
- Leadership community projects include: Sister City Project, Kids Center at Pioneer Health Care, Cops in Your Neighborhood, Crook County Resource Book, Crook County Bookmobile, Post and Powell Butte rural fire protection, Crook County Natural Resource Committee, tree planting project at the industrial park, and many others.

Scholarship

- CCF anticipates awarding \$18,000 in college scholarships in June 2008. Fifty college scholarships totaling \$40,000 have been awarded since the program began.
- Six permanent scholarship endowment funds in excess of \$400,000 are invested with Oregon Community Foundation.

Arts

- The fourth annual *Picnic in the Park* will bring hundreds of people to downtown Prineville in July and August to listen to free weekly concerts.
- Plans for the 2008 series include incorporating an art show in City Hall and an increased number of vendors to Pioneer Park during the concerts.
- A two-page article in the spring issue of *Prineville Magazine* was distributed to hundreds of Central Oregon motels, restaurants and newsstands encouraging Central Oregon visitors to attend *Picnic in the Park*.