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T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation awards grants

In a time when money can be difficult to come by, three local organizations have been awarded grant funding that will be used for programs that directly benefit local youth.

The T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation recently provided three separate \$1,000 grants to the Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School Booster Club, Camas Parks and Recreation and the Camas-Washougal Soccer Club.

After a call across east Clark County for requests, these three stood out from the pack.

"I think what we were impressed with is that they will reach a large number of recipients," said Jeff Hudson, T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation vice president.

The 2009 grant winners are:

- The Cape Horn-Skye Boosters. The organization will use its grant to purchase a rock climbing wall for the elementary school's preschool through fifth-grade students. The permanent structure, which costs a total of \$3,200, will be installed later this school year in the gymnasium.

- The Camas-Washougal Soccer Club/Washington

Soccer Academy. Monies will be used to help support the rental fees for portable lighting that will illuminate area athletic fields. The light towers will enable local teams to practice after dark.

- Camas Parks and Recreation. The city department will use its grant to help provide scholarships

to low-income children who would like to participate in youth sports programs.

The T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation annually awards grants to residents of north Clark County. In this first year that grants for east Clark County groups were added, Hudson said he was pleased with the response.



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Representatives from the organizations selected by the T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation to receive grant funding recently accepted their awards. Pictured above are (left to right) Jeff Hudson, T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation vice president; Gary Osterhage, Camas-Washougal Soccer Club director of coaching; Melissa Haldy, president of the Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School Boosters; Tammy Connolly, recreation coordinator with Camas Parks and Recreation; and Dennis McCormick T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation board member.

"It was a success story," he said.

The organization, which doles out funding to help youth in a variety of ways, generates its funding through an annual bowling event at Crosley Lanes in Vancouver.

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