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Dedicated community member leaves gifts to local non-profits

Four local non-profit organizations were recently notified that they are beneficiaries of the Alice Williams Trust. The Rogue Community College Foundation, the Four Way Community Foundation, Lovejoy Hospice, and Siskiyou Community Health Center each received gifts ranging from $75,000 to $100,000. HASL Independent Abilities Center received a gift of needed equipment, including an electric wheelchair.

“I had the pleasure of sitting down with Alice several years ago as she was doing her estate planning, said Jennifer Wheatley, Rogue Community College Foundation executive director. “She was a delightful woman who had a heart for this community and a particular respect for the college and her caregivers. It was her hope that those wonderful people who cared for her would have the opportunity to further their education if they so desired. With this gift to the RCC Foundation, she certainly made that happen. Her investment will be used to provide scholarships in our nursing program.”

The RCC Foundation supports the Rogue Community College through student scholarships and direct project support in Josephine and Jackson counties. The foundation currently manages an endowment valued at more than $6.5 million and awards over 400 scholarships each year. The non-profit foundation accepts tax-deductible gifts and bequests, sponsors fundraising events, and coordinates six active public committees. For more information, call 541-956-7327 or visit www.rccfoundation.org.

The Four Way Community Foundation’s gift will be added to its endowment, furthering the good work the organization does in the community. The foundation serves Josephine and western Jackson counties by providing funds for a myriad of community opportunities that address poverty issues, provide for needed facilities, and contribute to the cultural, economic, educational or social betterment of the community. For more information call 541-474-9774.

Lovejoy Hospice was founded in 1981 and provides compassionate hospice care and bereavement services to adults and children in Josephine, Jackson and parts of Douglas counties. In addition, the Transitions program provides needs assessments plus social and emotional support and referrals to local resources for those who face life-limiting conditions but who are not quite ready for hospice. Lovejoy’s Transitions program and bereavement support for youth and adults are offered at no charge to participants.

“Though hospice care is covered by most insurance plans and by Medicare or Medicaid, there are many in our region who are uninsured or underinsured,” said Deneen Silva, RN, BSN, and interim executive director of Lovejoy Hospice. “We offer other services that are not reimbursed, and we don’t turn anyone away for inability to pay, so this gift from the Alice Williams Trust will enable us to continue caring for our neighbors without regard to their financial circumstances.” For more information, call 541-474-1193 or visit www.lovejoyhospice.org.

Serving Josephine County since 1973, the Siskiyou Community Health Center mission is to build healthy communities by providing a wide range of primary medical and dental services. It operates

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two medical facilities, three school-based health centers, a dental facility and Outreach programs.

“As Siskiyou continues to grow to serve the needs of the community, we find this gift couldn’t come at a better time,” said Kurt Higuera, CEO Siskiyou Community Health Center. For more information visit call 541-471-3455 or visit www.siskiyouhealthcenter.com.

The mission of HASL Independent Abilities Center is to maximize the quality of life for people with disabilities and seniors by promoting a philosophy of self-respect and self-determination through equal access and equal opportunity. It is achieved through HASL’s provision of peer mentoring, advocacy, information and referral, and independent living skills training. For more information, call 541-479-4275 or visit www.haslonline.org.

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