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## **Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant helps low-income single mothers support their families**

**ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo.** — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant to CLIMB Wyoming to help support low-income single mothers in Rock Springs achieve economic self-sufficiency by training and placing them in higher-paying careers.

According to Derin Ross, CLIMB Wyoming's program director, the grant will be used to continue efforts to help low-income single mothers gain the training and skills necessary to enter higher paying careers. CLIMB Wyoming uses a combination of job training and placement, counseling and life-skills training to help these mothers overcome personal barriers and develop the skill sets necessary to become more successful.

“By helping these mothers, CLIMB Wyoming also is helping their children have an opportunity for a better life,” said Craig Nelson, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “We are pleased to be able to support the CLIMB Wyoming programs through the grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation.”

“This grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation gives us resources to continue our effort of helping low-income families on their path to self-sufficiency,” said Ross. “Through our partnership with the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, we are able to strengthen families in Rock Springs through strong employment.”

According to the 2007 American Community Survey, families headed by single mothers constitute almost half of all Wyoming families in poverty. In the Rock Springs area, CLIMB Wyoming is working to reverse this statistic by training women in higher paying fields in the construction and extraction industry. CLIMB graduates consistently double or triple their wage incomes, the effect of which will be felt for generations.

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### **About CLIMB Wyoming**

CLIMB Wyoming, a nonprofit organization, trains and places low-income single mothers in careers that successfully support their families. CLIMB Wyoming programs provide employer-driven job training and placement, life and parenting skills training, counseling and the support necessary to ensure self-sufficiency for generations to come. CLIMB Wyoming programs in Casper, Cheyenne, Laramie, Gillette, Jackson and Rock Springs reach out to serve families in more than 12 counties. For more information visit [www.climbwyoming.org](http://www.climbwyoming.org).

### **About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation**

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho) and Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California). The foundation's mission, through charitable investments, is to support the

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