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## **Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grants \$16,800 to support local arts and children's organizations**

CEDAR CITY, Utah — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded \$16,800 in grants to two theater companies and two childcare programs for families in crisis.

The largest grant of \$10,000 went to the **Utah Shakespearean Festival**, under the auspices of the Southern Utah University Foundation in Cedar City. With this grant, Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is co-sponsoring the festival's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" to be presented during the 2010 fall season.

"This play conveys important, timeless messages about the power of hope despite all odds," said Tom Heaton, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. "We are honored to help the festival deliver this powerful story through a professional quality production."

"The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation supports the growth and vitality of communities through its charitable investments," said Lilisa Hall, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation. "It is important to provide youth the opportunity to learn about the arts."

The **Tuacahn Center for the Arts** in Ivins received \$3,300 to produce the exclusive regional theatre premiere of Disney's "Tarzan." The play is based on the film and features the Grammy® Award-winning score written by Phil Collins. "Tarzan" is one of three high-caliber productions presented during Tuacahn's 2010 Broadway in the Desert season.

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation also granted funds for crisis childcare in the region.

**Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah** in Cedar City received \$1,500 for its Crisis Care Nursery. The facility is available year-round, 24 hours a day, to parents when they feel they cannot safely take care of their children. The Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) may also place abused or neglected children in the nursery until foster care is arranged. There is no charge to families for these services, so grant money helps provide for the basic needs of the children.

**Family Support Center of Washington County** in St. George received \$2,000 to pay for two months of rent for the crisis nursery. The Family Support Center crisis nursery and respite care is available 24 hours a day for parents or caregivers who feel they are at risk of hurting their children, or who are in crisis. The program also offers respite care and parenting classes. All services are free of charge.

The Utah Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City presents life-affirming classic and contemporary plays in repertory, with Shakespeare as our cornerstone. These plays are enhanced by interactive festival experiences that entertain, enrich and educate. For more information visit, <http://www.bard.org/>.

**About Tuacahn Center for the Arts**

Tuacahn Center for the Arts is a professional nonprofit organization with a purpose to entertain and enlighten the public through the arts and education. For more information visit, <http://www.tuacahn.org/>.

**About Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah**

Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah is a nonprofit organization in Cedar City working to promote the welfare of abused children and to assist them and their parents by providing temporary shelter, care and rehabilitative services. All services are free of charge to families.

**About Family Support Center of Washington County**

Located in St. George, the Family Support Center of Washington County is a safe place for families to take their children when they feel they cannot care for them safely. The program is available at no charge, 24 hours a day, every day.

**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 growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information visit, [www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation](http://www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation).