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## **Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grants support family safety, parent education and arts experiences**

OGDEN, Utah — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded \$9,000 in grants to organizations that educate parents, support families and promote arts education.

The **Davis Arts Council** in Layton received \$2,500 to support the Active Stages arts education program, bringing a play performed by young actors into community classrooms. The grant will help produce discussion guides for teachers, as well as fund sets, costumes and marketing.

“Rocky Mountain Power Foundation values arts education for its role in elevating academic achievement and creative thinking,” said Steve Rush, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager.

Rush added, “We also wholeheartedly support the effort of organizations that are reaching out to protect victims who have suffered, and to help families and individuals learn better ways to deal with anger. Education and intervention are effective tools in preventing abuse.”

**Your Community Connection of Ogden – Northern Utah** received \$2,000 to support a social service worker’s salary for the Domestic Violence Victim Spanish-Speaking program. As more Hispanic families move into the area, there is greater need for an individual who can speak the language to help break the cultural barriers that prevent victims from seeking assistance. The social worker also coordinates a domestic violence support group.

**Your Community in Unity** in Brigham City received \$2,000 for its domestic violence shelter and programs that help abuse victims heal. All services are free and are focused on protecting victims, while at the same time helping them rebuild their lives. The program includes classes, and education outreach to help end the cycle of abuse.

The **Family Connection Center** in Clearfield received \$1,500 in support of its Parents As Teachers program. During home visits, educators model and facilitate effective parenting and connect families with additional community resources. Parents and children also attend a monthly meeting for support and education. The grant will provide funding for salaries, benefits and program supplies.

The **National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome in Ogden** will use its \$1,000 grant to help increase communication about its prevention program, the Period of PURPLE Crying. By sharing the program with health professionals and adoption and foster care agencies, the organization reaches out to

those who can recognize the signs and help prevent tragedies. The grant will also help support a public education campaign throughout the state.

“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. “These organizations help people deal with and manage difficult situations they may be facing in their lives, and there is no greater benefit to the community than helping people in need.”

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