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Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grants benefit youth and adult education

PROVO, Utah — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded \$8,000 in grants to two nonprofit groups that help develop skills and character in youth and adults.

The **Boys & Girls Clubs of Utah County** received \$6,000 to help fund the Power Hour, a comprehensive after-school homework help and tutoring program for more than 2,000 club members in kindergarten through 6th grade. The program, developed in conjunction with school district professionals, reinforces math and literacy skills while developing long-term academic and behavioral success in a fun environment. Foundation funds will enable the program to hire professional youth development staff and to buy supplies.

Recreation and Habilitation Services received \$2,000 for its social skills and development class, part of the People Project for developmentally disabled teens and adults. The People Project works to break down barriers of uncertainty and prejudice by integrating people with disabilities into the community. The social skills class in particular helps participants learn to take responsibility for their actions when they interact with others.

“Everyone deserves an opportunity to achieve their potential, especially children and people with disabilities,” said Bret Hunter, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “It is gratifying to contribute to organizations that are truly improving lives through education and skill development. These programs are an investment in a better future for all of us.”

“These organizations are dedicated to improving the quality of life for our residents,” said Lilisa Hall, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation. “They rely on contributions from local businesses and individuals and we are pleased to be a part of that support.”

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About Boys and Girls Clubs of Utah County

Boys & Girls Club youth development professionals work with local volunteers to deliver quality, evidence-based programs and activities that inspire and enable kids to BE GREAT and to reach their full potential. For more information visit, <http://www.bgcutah.org/>.

About Recreation and Habilitation Services

RAH is a private, nonprofit organization that provides training to help developmentally disabled citizens function effectively in society. The program serves between 1100 and 1300 people each month. For more information visit, <http://rah-provo.tripod.com/>.

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.