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Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grants help organizations that support children and families

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$7,000 to three organizations that are easing the burden on families and enriching the lives of children.

The **Young At Heart Senior Citizens Center** received \$2,500 to support its onsite **Young At Heart Early Learning Child Day Care** program. With an average of 400 children on waiting lists for day care in the county, there is a real need for this quality program that serves 58 young children.

YWCA of Sweetwater County received \$2,500 to enhance its Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Each year, the program matches up to 40 children with an adult volunteer who becomes a reliable friend and partner. The mentoring relationship builds trust, creates a sense of belonging and encourages children to explore new interests. However, there are many more children waiting for a match. Foundation funds will help the program recruit and train more volunteers, while continuing to provide engaging activities for all the children, whether they have a mentor yet or not.

CLIMB Wyoming received \$2,000 for its Rock Springs program, which trains and places low-income single mothers in careers that allow them to successfully support their families. For job placement, CLIMB's goal is to specifically target higher paying occupations that meet local workforce needs.

“When local organizations help support families, they not only help children thrive, but our whole community as well,” said Craig Nelson, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is pleased to contribute to groups that have a positive impact now and for years to come.”

“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 improve their daily lives, and there is no greater benefit to the community than helping people in need.”

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About the Young At Heart Senior Citizens Center

Every day, seniors gather to enjoy each other and the center's programs, which are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship into their lives, fostering continued good health. Onsite child care programs benefit everyone involved. For more information visit <http://www.youngatheartseniorcenter.com/>.

About YWCA of Sweetwater County

The YWCA works to eliminate racism and empower women. It is a safe and nurturing place for women and children. The YWCA Big Brothers Big Sisters matches a caring adult volunteer one-to-one with a child to develop character, confidence and competence.

About CLIMB – Wyoming

CLIMB Wyoming programs train and place single mothers in higher paying jobs. Households headed by single mothers are the most likely to live in poverty. CLIMB graduates consistently double or triple their monthly wage income, the impact of which will be felt for generations to come. For more information visit <http://www.climbwyoming.org/>.

About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

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