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## **Days Creek Charter School District receives a grant from the Lilja Family Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation**

August 19, 2021, Days Creek, Oregon - Douglas County School District #15 - Days Creek Charter School District is a recipient of a \$2,495 grant from the Lilja Family Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation. The grant awarded last fall is being used to expand DiscoverU, an after-school program for students at Days Creek Charter School. Staff, professionals and community members teach skills to introduce students to fun and exciting ideas and topics.

The format of DiscoverU is relational and mentorship-based with a goal to create learning around team building, leadership, communication, trust, problem solving, collaboration, and coaching. The activities present students with learning opportunities not traditionally found in the classroom. The curriculum also includes culinary arts, career development, sustainable living, digital media and more. DiscoverU focuses on grades 7-12, however, assemblies and extracurricular activities have included grades K-6.

The grant made it possible for the district to purchase a hands-on and team-building learning repository known as the Fort Knox Kit. The kit includes more than twenty activities that challenge students to work together and solve problems.

Days Creek School District looks forward to providing more DiscoverU programming this coming school year. "Our school community is always eager to provide students with opportunities to learn and grow. The

grant from the Lilja Family Fund is greatly appreciated and will allow us to continue serving our students in caring, creative and innovative ways,” says Steve Woods, Days Creek Charter School superintendent.

Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) puts donated money to work in Oregon. More than \$100 million in grants and scholarships support Oregonians annually. For nearly 45 years, OCF grantmaking, research, advocacy and community-advised solutions have helped individuals, families, businesses and organizations create charitable funds to improve lives for all Oregonians. Impactful giving – time, talent and resources from many generous Oregonians – creates measurable change.

The Foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. To learn more about grant opportunities or to establish a fund, visit [www.oregoncf.org](http://www.oregoncf.org).

#### About Douglas County School District #15 - Days Creek

Douglas County School District #15 - Days Creek (Days Creek Charter School) is a public school in Douglas County, Oregon, serving Kindergarten through 12th grade students.

**Mission Statement:** Inspire and develop LEARNERS, THINKERS and LEADERS

**Vision Statement:** To challenge every student to pursue excellence every day

**District Goals:** 1. Create a welcoming culture of respect, responsibility and care. 2. Develop students who understand the purpose and relevance of subject matter.

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