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The Center Foundation Awarded \$45,000 Grant from Maybelle Clark MacDonald Fund

*Bend nonprofit receives matching funds to support sports medicine program
in Central Oregon communities*

BEND, OREGON - November 12, 2019 - [The Center Foundation](#), a Central Oregon nonprofit dedicated to providing sports medicine services to high school students, has been awarded a \$45,000 matching grant to increase philanthropy in support high school sports medicine program in Central Oregon's communities. The grant is funded by [Maybelle Clark MacDonald Fund](#), a nonprofit foundation established in 1970 by Maybelle Clark MacDonald and Fred MacDonald with the mission of easing the hardships and improving the well-being of humanity.

"This support from Maybelle Clark MacDonald Fund resulted in increased participation in our internal workplace giving campaign and enabled us to leverage donations for our online paddle raise. Due to COVID-19 this past spring, we canceled our largest fundraising event of the year and replaced it with an online paddle raise. These funds are vital to continue our mission to provide highly trained medical professionals to manage sports injuries and concussions in high schools across Central Oregon," said Sonja Donohue, Executive Director of The Center Foundation. "We are honored to receive this award, and proud of the work we do to keep youth in our communities safe and healthy."

Funding from the grant helped The Center Foundation increase support for its sports medicine program in Oregon's high schools in Sisters, La Pine, Madras, and Prineville. The Center Foundation provides certified athletic trainers to these high schools to deliver medical services to young athletes at no cost to students or their families. The sports medicine program ensures that students receive immediate and ongoing injury care, concussion baseline testing, onsite concussion evaluation and post-concussion care, referrals to appropriate medical professionals as needed, and injury prevention education. Funding from Maybelle Clark MacDonald Fund and the gifts it stimulates will directly benefit more than 5,000 children in these communities annually.

To learn more about The Center Foundation, visit <https://www.centerfoundation.org/>.

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About The Center Foundation

The Center Foundation provides certified athletic trainers to Central Oregon high schools, serving more than 5,000 student athletes at over 1400 sporting events each year, managing injuries and concussions, and educating young athletes on injury prevention. These services are provided at no cost to students or their families. Foundation programs also deliver brain and spinal cord injury prevention education in grade schools, free multi-sport helmets to children in need, and education seminars and conferences for healthcare professionals. Since 2000, The Center Foundation has been Central Oregon's only nonprofit solely dedicated to providing sports medicine services as a means to ensure youth are safe, healthy, and protected in an active lifestyle. To learn more visit www.centerfoundation.org.