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THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT LAKE CHELAN RECEIVES MAJOR DONATION FROM NAMES FAMILY FOUNDATION

CHELAN, Washington (June 18, 2020) - Seven Acres Foundation has announced receipt of a financial commitment of \$500,000 from the Names Family Foundation to help fund the development of the Community Center at Lake Chelan (CCLC).

“We are overwhelmed and very grateful for this incredibly generous commitment from the Names family’s charitable organization,” said Ben Williams, Board President of Seven Acres Foundation. “With this wonderful grant, we have now reached nearly 60% of our total fundraising target of \$8.5 million, and it provides a tremendous boost moving forward to help us attain our total financial goal.”

The Names Family Foundation, created back in 1996 and based in Fircrest, provides grants for non-profits that promote athletics, physical education, health and wellness within Washington state. Grants from the Foundation have helped to build everything from playgrounds to community centers to an aquatics complex. The Foundation has awarded over 891 grants, and donated more than \$28 Million to worthy organizations and causes. The commitment to the CCLC includes \$200,000 already received, plus an additional \$200,000 in 2021 and \$100,000 in 2022.

Erin Shagran, Treasurer of the Names Family Foundation, said granting this award was a relatively easy decision to make. “Although we are based in the Puget Sound area,

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our family has deep roots and very close ties to the Lake Chelan area. Our parents, Tom Names and Meg Horan Names, were long time summer residents in Chelan. Meg's father, John Horan, was an apple orchardist, and he and his wife Helen were deeply committed to the Wenatchee community. My sisters, Beth and Monica, and I are all thrilled to make this commitment to the CCLC, as it fits beautifully with the philanthropic legacy of our parents and grandparents. We also like to focus on projects that promote physical fitness, which not only improves one's health but also has the potential to greatly enhance relationships within a community.”

The Seven Acres Foundation is continuing fundraising efforts for the Community Center at Lake Chelan and expects to begin construction no later than the Spring of 2021. The mission of the CCLC is to connect people with the resources they need and with each other in order to enhance the quality of life in the Lake Chelan Valley.

To learn more or donate to the campaign, please visit <http://sevenacresfoundation.org/>.

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