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The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound Earns National Certification

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound has attained national accreditation for meeting the most rigorous standards in philanthropy from The National Council on Foundations located in Washington D. C. Following a comprehensive, year-long evaluation process, The Foundation has demonstrated its compliance with national standards for quality and accountability.

The accreditation affirms The Community Foundation's commitment to transparency, accountability and best financial practices. It also confirms The Foundation's grantmaking is an open, competitive process designed to address the changing needs of its service area -- Mason, Lewis and Thurston counties.



"This is similar to the Good Housekeeping Seal for community foundations," said Norma Schuiteman, Community Foundation executive director. "We are honored to have our longstanding commitment to operational quality, integrity and accountability confirmed."

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The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations program requires applicants to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound is one of only 400 foundations in the nation with confirmed in compliance.

The accreditation provides quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors. “When people make a charitable bequest or establish a fund they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely and honor their charitable wishes. The National Standards confirmation says our practices and policies are in line with the best in the country,” says Marsha Tadano Long, The Community Foundation’s 2009 board chair. “In addition, it validates our grantmaking practices to the nonprofit community.”

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About the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound

Founded in 1989, The Foundation is dedicated to helping individuals, families and businesses realize their philanthropic goals. The Foundation currently stewards close to \$4 million in assets within 80 separate charitable funds. The Foundation guides donors setting up endowments, scholarships, and other funds to help communities within Thurston, Mason and Lewis counties meet challenges over changing times. Donors trust The Foundation to monitor current and emerging regional needs and to identify organizations capable of meeting these needs. The Foundation invests donors’ charitable gifts with local agencies providing important services in order to strengthen the community—both now and in the future. For further information please visit www.thecommunityfoundation.com or call us at 360.705.3340.

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