



Willamette Heritage Center (WHC) Receives \$23,520 from Spirit Mountain Community Fund

The WHC is the proud recipient of \$23,520 from the Grand Ronde Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

The grant provides funding for capital upgrades to integrate staff, data, archives and improve WHC's library facilities by allowing the following:

- Purchase collection shelving and supplies for care of combined collections
- Improve a publicly-accessible research library/reading room for researchers
- Purchase computer systems to assure coordination of public, stakeholder, donor member and collection data

This funding is part of Stage One of WHC's Center's three-stage process for "Launching of the New WHC":

- Stage One is a capital investment that will help establish a sustainable and efficient infrastructure;
- Stage Two will be the fulfillment of the programmatic changes as highlighted in the Strategic Plan; and
- Stage Three will be expanding the WHC capacity to increase its interpretation and focus.

"We deeply appreciate the support from Grand Ronde," said Peter Booth, Executive Director. "The funding will assist with preserving our cultural artifacts; and provide an information nexus that empowers preservationists, researchers and educators to effectively tell and preserve our collective stories."

Mission Mill Museum, part of the Willamette Heritage Center, has been designated an American Treasure by the National Park Service. Mission Mill Museum is a non-profit, five acre, historical museum that preserves and interprets two homes from the 1841 Methodist Mission Station in Salem, the 1847 home of the Oregon Trail traveling John D. Boon Family, the oldest Presbyterian Church in the Pacific Northwest, and the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill established in 1889. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>.

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