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HISPANIC CHAMBER RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE WILLIAM G. GILMORE FUND OF THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

PORTLAND, OR. The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber (Hispanic Chamber) is the recipient of a \$40,000.00 grant from the William G. Gilmore Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation to support a future development director to build capacity and increase the number of businesses and students served.

The mission of the Hispanic Chamber is to work with all members of the community to support the economic advancement of Latino businesses in Oregon and Southwest Washington. The Hispanic Chamber provides technical assistance to Latino and other small businesses, scholarships for Latino students statewide, leadership training for Latinos in the public and private sector in a year long program, and conducts an Annual *Employment and Business Trade Show* to increase employment and contracting opportunities. The Hispanic Chamber has an endowment fund housed at the Oregon Community Foundation as the "*Oregon Latino Scholarship Fund*" to support scholarships long term. The Hispanic Chamber also conducts luncheon and dinner events with community leaders regarding community and civic issues at monthly membership events.

The mission of the Oregon Community Foundation is to improve the life of Oregon and promote effective philanthropy. OCF works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support the community causes that they care about. Through these funds, OCF awards more than \$60 million annually in grants and scholarships.

The Foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Application materials are available through the foundation's Portland office. Individuals or businesses interested in establishing a fund may contact the Portland office at 1221 SW Yamhill, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97205, 503-227-6846.

To learn more about the Hispanic Chamber programs and events, visit www.hmccoregon.com. The public is welcome to attend all events. To RSVP call 503-222-0280, or e-mailing to: info@hmccoregon.com.