



WHISKEYTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Keeping Environmental Education Alive in Shasta County December 2023



2023 REFLECTIONS

As 2023 comes to a close, WES Community is looking back on a productive year, full of community support, surprises, and real progress. Our partners, the National Park Service and the Shasta County Office of Education have provided help, both technical and financial. Surprise donations have appeared from beyond the region, and service clubs have committed to donate labor in addition to pledging generous financial assistance. Shasta County residents have opened their hearts and their wallets to this project. We are filled with gratitude for the love and determination shown by a community that is deeply committed to the return of WES for the benefit of our youth.



SIERRA PACIFIC FOUNDATION DONATES \$1.1 MILLION

WES Community and the Shasta County Office of Education are the grateful recipients of a \$1.1 million donation to assist with the rebuild of Whiskeytown Environmental School (WES). The announcement was made November 9, 2023 at WES with representatives from Sierra Pacific Industries, the Shasta County Office Education, WES Community and Whiskeytown National Recreation Area/National Park Service.



The gift will fund both the reconstruction of student housing for the residential program and student fees when the overnight program re-commences. Summing up her feelings about WES, Michelle Nystrom, Community Relations Manager for Sierra Pacific Industries, stated, “WES camp has been such an important facility, [an] institution in our community; it’s been such an important part of so many of our educations. I came here in fifth grade, I came back as a counselor, all my kids came here, my daughter was a counselor. And that story is true for so many of our crew members [at SPI] and their kids”. Many thanks to the Sierra Pacific Foundation, our community’s youth will again experience the education and growth that occurs during a week at Whiskeytown Environmental School.

AMPHITHEATER REHABILITATION AND GIVING TUESDAY

The Amphitheater Rehabilitation Project was a dream of Redding East Rotary that is rapidly becoming a reality. With the return of day programs at WES, the amphitheater is now more than ever, the heart of the campus. Under the leadership of Redding East Rotary, three other Rotary Clubs joined the project, pledging \$17,250 for materials, labor, and expertise to rehabilitate this important learning space. Funding expanded when 17 area businesses donated \$23,000 towards the budget. The community came through again by donating \$10,700 on Giving Tuesday for this project. **Within 3 months, 68% of the \$75,000 project budget has been secured!**



Some prep work has already begun at the site and construction will start in Spring, 2024. It’s a great partnership between all the parties; students and staff will be thrilled to have an improved outdoor teaching space. Visit WESCommunity.org to see a list of our amazing business supporters. It’s not too late to support this project! Consider a tax-deductible donation to help close the budget gap of \$24,050.

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REDDING EAST ROTARY WORK DAY

Staunch WES supporters worked on Oct. 28th to tidy up the area around the amphitheater and reopen overgrown trails. Spearheaded by our friends at Redding East Rotary, the work day included volunteers from Whiskeytown NRA/NPS, the Shasta County Office of Education, and WES Community. Another work day is scheduled in anticipation of the Spring, 2024 school session.



Marge Beck



Josh Hoines & Jennifer Haynes

WES T-SHIRTS FOR GIFT GIVING!

Help rebuild WES and support a local business with a shopping trip to the Enjoy Store in downtown Redding. WES t-shirts, sweatshirts, and swag are on sale at the store. All profits go directly to the Grow Back Stronger rebuild fund. The Enjoy Store is located in downtown Redding at 1261 Market Street.



HELP WES GROW BACK STRONGER



The work of rebuilding and reopening Whiskeytown Environmental School is a community effort. Will you join us in making a generous gift to the Grow Back Stronger campaign by December 31st? We'd love to be included on your Christmas List!

Together we can strengthen our community by ensuring that Shasta County children return to WES as soon as possible! Visit www.wescommunity.org to make an online gift. Please contact Gordon Flinn 530.945.8351 about and estate gift or to learn how to make a non-cash gift such an IRA, stocks or real estate.

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MEMORIAL GIFTS - 2023



Dan Suther - DVM
1931-2023
Veterinarian, back country horseman, Rotarian and especially family man.



Heidi Hatcher
1954-2008
WES Director, music lover, mountain biker, x-country skier, and most importantly, mom.

AMPHITEATER BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

WES Community expresses our gratitude for the support received from these organizations and businesses for the rehabilitation of the amphitheater:

- Anderson Rotary
- C.R. Gibbs
- Carr, Kennedy, Peterson & Frost
- D. H. Scott & Company
- GoForth Consulting
- JR Martin cpa
- Jennifer Perrow Consulting
- Les Schwab Tires
- LifeHelp
- Members 1st Credit Union
- Merrill Lynch
- New West Medical
- Perry's Automotive
- Redding Bike Shop
- Redding East Rotary
- Redding Lodging Group
- Redding Rotary
- Redding West Rotary
- Redding Rotary
- SHN Engineering
- Summit Wealth Strategies
- The Bike Shop
- Therapon
- Umpqua Bank
- WIT Group

CREATE A GIVING NETWORK WITH YOUR FACEBOOK/META PAGE

Create a network of awareness and giving for WES Community with your Facebook page. Your birthday, anniversary, or another special day for celebration is the perfect opportunity to support projects you value. It is an easy way for family and friends from afar to honor you with a gift of love to WES Community. We appreciate the many donations we have received from this source.

OUR MISSION

Whiskeytown Environmental School Community (WES Community) exists to support educational goals through immersive outdoor experiences for learners at Whiskeytown Environmental School (WES). WES Community contributes to the school's mission through advocacy and relationship building with communities, businesses and public agencies to generate funds and further shared goals.

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- Donate online, wescommunity.org or by check, WES Community, PO Box 3, Whiskeytown, CA 96095
- Facebook Birthday Fundraisers
- Benevity Corporate Matching program
- Asset and non-cash gifts: Gordon Flinn, 530.945.8351

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