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Editor's Note: The Foundation's newsletter has focused on preserving the Larson-Parker family legacy because of the family's contributions to the Valley. The last issue of our High Hopes Newsletter focused on Daryl Parker, son of Shirley and Eleanor Parker and grandson of A.E. Larson. The winter issue's feature story illustrates the connection the family still has with the Valley and Yakima Valley Community College.

**Opportunity
 Connecting the
 Foundation's Past
 and Future**

**PY&SF Supporting a New
 Era - YVCC Women's
 Wrestling**

Yakima Valley Community College's board of directors met last year to address the continuing issue of athletic programs' gender inequity - more opportunities were available in men's sports, making the college out of compliance with Title IX. The college was still out of compliance after the women's soccer team's 2007 inaugural season. After presentations to the board by wrestling coach Mike Schmidt and former wrestling coach and Realtor Bob Spain, the board approved the addition of women's wrestling to the existing program.



Front row, l-to-r: Tito Pimentel, Christina Stanley, Monique Dilliner, Tamika Jones, Jo Ilev Bob Spain, Mike Schmidt; Back row: Kali Moser, Rachel Segura, Ashlee Phy, Cady Chambers, Jessica Gudger

Many readers may be aware of the emergence of women's wrestling at high school, college, and professional levels; most know about the professional arena. However, many readers may be surprised by the college's decision. Women's wrestling is growing. In fact, California has a high school association with a scheduled season and post-season and a website dedicated to the sport. The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association will sponsor the second **Mat Classic XXI, Boys and Girls State Wrestling Championship Feb. 20-21.**

The collegiate scene is even more organized. National championships have been offered since 2004, when the inaugural championship event was held at Missouri Valley College in Marshall. Missouri Valley College won the team title, repeating the feat in 2005 when the championship tournament was held at Menlo College, Atherton, Calif. In 2006, the tournament was held at the University of the Cumberland, Williamsburg, Ky., with Cumberland taking the team title. Cumberland repeated its title in 2007 when the tournament moved back to the West Coast with Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore., hosting. While most of the colleges sponsoring women's teams are found in the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) ranks, more DI and DII colleges are adding programs. Events of interest include:

- Body Bar Nationals, May 15-18, Colorado Springs, CO;
- Olympic Team Trials, June 13-15, Las Vegas, NV; and
- University World Championships, June 30-July 6, Greece.

The YVCC women's wrestling team comprises eight young women from the states of Washington, Idaho, Hawaii, and Alaska. Like any new program, the team faces the challenge of building a schedule. The women practice with the men and in some instances wrestle men in competitive matches.

(Story continued on page 4.)

A summary of the registration and financial documents of the PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION is available by calling the Office of the Secretary of State (Washington State) at 1-800-332-4483 or by visiting their website: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/charities/>.

Letter From the President



Dear Donors, Parker Partners, Supporters, and Friends of the Parker Foundation:

In December the Foundation initiated a membership drive, the goal of which is quite challenging. At its annual meeting in October the board of directors set the membership recruiting goal at a lofty 1,000 persons, including youths. The first membership recruiting step involved sending out a letter in December, just before Christmas, to more than 1,000 people, asking them to consider becoming "Parker Partners," that is, Foundation members. Letter recipients were folks who previously had participated in Foundation fund drives, committee work, board work, or Foundation projects.

The early response was quite amazing. In less than a week we started receiving membership registration forms and dues, and the sign-up continues. At the time of this writing there are **93** Parker Partners, and registrations continue to arrive at our post office box. That said, we've a long way to go to reach the 1,000 mark.

Most of you probably received that first recruiting letter in December, so a bit of this article will be redundant; but, the basic information is still important enough to be repeated:

- Membership is easy. The membership fee is a nominal \$25 per year (less than a mocha a month, so to speak).
- Membership established from this drive will be good through October 2009.
- A portion of the money collected from the Parker Partner dues will be used to cover the Foundation's office operation, e.g., office rent, telephone, fax and internet costs, materials and supplies. This is an important part of the Foundation's budget because these membership dues will free up all other donations and money raised through fund-raising projects to address the Foundation's mission goals.
- Any portion of the dues beyond the Foundation's overhead costs will be used directly for Foundation projects.

If you haven't already registered as a Parker Partner, this article is a reminder that the membership drive is under way, and your specific "partnership" will support the foundation's mission and goals in numerous ways.

We're also seeking help from any of you who might be willing to serve as a Foundation membership recruit-

er. The concept is to recruit 10 of your acquaintances to become Foundation members, people who would be interested in supporting one or more of the five Foundation goals:

- Maintaining and developing public park and youth athletic facilities in the Yakima area.
- Supporting youth athletic activities and programs.
- Providing financial support for Yakima Valley College athletic scholarships.
- Supporting projects which establish, maintain, and promote the Yakima Valley's rich athletic history.
- Supporting educational programs that promote the health, recreational, and social values inherent in youth athletic and activity programs.

If you are interested in helping recruit Parker Partners (foundation members), please contact me directly at (509) 452-4876. I will see that you are provided with the information and materials necessary for recruiting Foundation members. As you can see from the above list of Foundation goals, there are many ways you and others can help the Foundation conduct its mission. This drive is a very important way.

Sincerely,
Bob Alexander
Board President

2009 High Hopes Golf Scramble



Chairman Eric Carlson has the 4th Annual High Hopes Golf Scramble Committee off to a fast start with several changes planned. The committee meets once a month. Any questions can be directed to Eric at 728-1803.

The June date allows for participation by interested school personnel.

June 20, 2009

8:00 a.m. shotgun start

Apple Tree Golf Course and Resort

\$125 per player - 1/2 golf cart, 18 holes of golf, beverages, lunch, raffle and golf souvenir included.

A letter was mailed to past golf captains with specific information. Tournament entry and sponsorship forms will be posted on the website as soon as they are approved.

Mark your calendar for this June event. It is a first class tournament with profits supporting youth activities and facilities in the Yakima Valley.

Message from the Office



Connie Little and Jerry Ward holding down the office.

Changes have been made in the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation due to a slowdown in funding-source opportunities. Major changes and news items are detailed below.

Executive Director Takes New Position –

LeAnne Leahy has taken a new position as Yakima YWCA Operations Manager. She has an extremely busy schedule overseeing grant funding, human resources, and the day-to-day financial operation. The Foundation phased out the executive director position in December.

New Office Staff –

Jerry Ward and Connie Little are manning the PY&SF office. Jerry’s primary focus is updating files, answering e-mails and phone messages, picking up the mail and updating the address database. Connie is focusing on historical aspects of the Foundation and the people responsible for the Foundation’s vision. Both are dealing with general correspondence as well as thank-you notes to donors of designated memorials (acknowledgement listed on page 3) and Parker Partner memberships.

Donahue Scholarship Committee –

Bill Faller, chairman, scheduled the committee’s first meeting of the year for January 21. The committee will focus on:

- 1. Scholarship’s status - report from the recipient and the college.
2. Scholarship review - amount, eligibility, application form, recipient selection criteria, publicity, supervision and accountability.

Grant Applications –

The foundation website, www.parkeryouthfoundation.com, contains a downloadable pdf grant application. Applications include procedures and due dates; the committee will meet February 23. Applicants are expected to attend the committee meeting to be interviewed. While the committee makes a recommendation, the Executive Board will make the final decision at the March board meeting. Contact Carol Finney with questions (contact information is included on the application).

Office Hours –

The office is being staffed from 9-11:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome at room 912 of the A. E. Larson Building. To visit any other time, phone for an appointment.

Website –

The website is undergoing changes. More information is being added weekly. Look for the 2009 PY&SF Golf Scramble information and photos from last year’s tournament. Past newsletters and grant applications may now be downloaded. Interested parties will soon be able to order items from the Foundation store.



Parker Partner Roll Call

The second round of responders are beginning to come in to the office. The list below reflects those individuals who support the mission of the Foundation. If your name has been inadvertently left off the list, please contact the office. The Foundation appreciates your support!

- Bob & Michelle Alexander
Rich Austin
Bill Baker
Russ Banko
John & Connie Bloxom
Trudy Bray
Chuck Brayton
Herb & Jennifer Brayton
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Bob McCulloch
Bob McCutcheon
Hal & Mary Miller
C.J. Mitchell (Tri-Cities)
Tony Nady
Russ & Denise Nichols
Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Jeff Pfaff
Radke (Pat & Holly) Family
Glenn Rasmussen
Stan & Laurie Renecker
Riffe Family
Wayne Roberts
Renae Roberson
Hap Robinson
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Bob & Bernice Spain
Walt Schlagel
Jane & Mike Schwab
John Staffan
Mel Stottlemyre
Melba Strand
Roxanne Trees
Eileen Walen - (Thousand Oaks, CA)
Jerry Ward
Verne Welo (Grants Pass, OR)
Helen Wilson
Scott Wilson
Betty Yaden

DONATIONS

- Royal Little Memorial
Janice Lind-Sherman
Faller/Brayton Endowment
Verne Welo
Donahue Scholarship
Ellwood & Arla Crosier

4 Faller/Brayton Endowment Update

The "First Pitch" plea made late last year for the Faller/Brayton Endowment has had a good response, especially with a \$25,000 donation from Stan Renecker. Renecker inspired the formation of the Endowment Fund with the Renecker donation last year. His vision and hope were to establish a fund of \$100,000 the first year with a five-year goal of \$250,000. Stan lives in Portland, but is a Yakima Valley native who grew up in Wapato and graduated from Eisenhower High School.

The purpose of this endowment fund is to provide a permanent financial base to further the Foundation's mission and objectives. The fund is being managed by the Yakima Community Foundation as part of that Foundation's financial investments. Income earned on the fund balance will be available for distribution annually based on directives recommended by Faller and Brayton, and approved by the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Board of Directors.

The total amount deposited in the fund at this time is \$64,642. Contributors to the endowment are listed below with sincere thanks from the Board of Directors as well as from Faller and Brayton.

Herb & Jennifer Brayton	Jay Gilbertson
Larry Book	Bari & Trina Johnson
Carlos Bredin Family	Dr. Linda Kaminski
Connie & Roger Carlstrom	Mel Lewis
James Carmody	Larry Matson
Mike Carnahan	Ed & Mary Matveld
Gene & Denise Connor	Tony Nady
Don & Shirley Crook	Virginia Norman
Steve Evert	Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Bill & Nancy Faller	Stan & Laurie Renecker
Lloyd Gabriel	Jim & Bonnie Scoggins
Ginger Gooch Family	Mike & Jane Schwab
Ron & Hideko Hamamoto	Mike & Linda Sissom
Will Halpin	Richard A. Smith
Gary Hansen	R. K. & Kay Smith
Dave & Becky Hartwig	Casey & Millie Stenehjelm
Mike Havnaer	Mel Stottlemire
Tom Hinman	Archie Sutton
Phil Hinrichs	Jerry & Lynn Ward
Dave & Donna Hovde	Irma Ward
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Tied to the establishment of the Faller/Brayton Endowment last year was the purchase of genuine "Louisville Slugger" baseball bats autographed by Chuck "Bobo" Brayton and Bill "Butch" Faller. A price of \$1,000 per bat was established with purchasers recognized as members of the exclusive "Grand Club."

At the August meeting, the Board voted to give a bat to each contributor of \$1,000, or more, to the Faller/Brayton Endowment Fund. All have been generous

contributors to the Foundation and their interest and steady support are deeply appreciated, with a special 'thank you' from "Butch" and "Bobo."

At the present time, the following deserve recognition as members of the Foundation "Grand Club."

Bill & Nancy Faller	Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Mary & Tom Herche	Stan & Laurie Renecker
Phil & Pam Hinrichs	Richard "Dick" Smith

YVCC Women's Wrestling cont. from p. 1

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has a small part in the program's financial part with its support of eight scholarships. The Foundation thought readers would be interested in learning more about the quality of the women in the program, and the women responded to our request for information.

As recent as February 5, coach Mike Schmidt reported the Yakima Valley Community College women's wrestling program was ranked #1, in the point total, by the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Association (NCWWA), a division of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association. The team was ranked 3rd by the coaches poll.

The records beside each athletes' name is their record as of January 15.

Cady Chambers - Wrestling record (1 win and 10 losses)



A 2007 graduate of Bethel High School in Roy, Wash., Cady participated in cross country and track. She chose wrestling "because it's a challenge." After completing her YVCC eligibility she plans to transfer to a four-year university. Her other interests include running.

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded, "I broke my nose."

Monique Dilliner - Wrestling record (6 wins - 5 by pin and 1 loss)



Monique's hometown is Kailua, Hawaii, where she earned her G.E.D. She participated in Judo at school while competing in an off-season program of USA Sanctioned Freestyle and Greco Roman Wrestling. She participated three years at the Junior National Weightlifting Championships. She became interested in wrestling because of the "individual sport aspects and because anyone, regardless of gender and size, can have success." She plans to win a national title(s), try out for the national or Olympic team and become a writer.

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded, "many people I know would not guess that I am wrestling in college."

Jessica Gudger – Wrestling record (0 wins and 1 loss)

Jessica graduated from Davis High School of Yakima in 2008. She chose wrestling because her boyfriend was a wrestler and his coach encouraged her to try out. She plans to earn an AA Degree and transfer to the University of Washington. She enjoys camping and traveling.

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded, *“I received a full academic scholarship.”*

Jo Ielu – Wrestling record (4 wins – 1 by pin - and 5 losses)

Jo graduated from high school in 2008 in her hometown of SeaTac. She participated in volleyball and fast-pitch softball. She became interested in wrestling just to try something new. Her career goal is to become an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent. She enjoys being active.

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded, *“graduate from high school.”*

Tamika Jones - Wrestling record (3 wins and 6 losses)

A 2007 graduate of Ridge View High School of South Carolina, Tamika participated in basketball and track as well as JROTC Raiders. Tamika chose wrestling *“because it was more of a challenge than the other sports. Plus I love the team spirit.”* Her after-YVCC plans center around entering the U.S. Army or Air Force, starting a business with friends or something in the field of criminal justice. Tamika enjoys freestyle dancing, bicycling, and enjoying life.

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded, *“people would not imagine me as a wrestler and going to college.”*

Kali Moser – Wrestling record (0 wins and 0 losses)

Kali is a 2008 East Valley High School graduate. She participated in soccer, fast pitch and dance while in high school. She has been *“around wrestling my whole life and thought it would be a fun challenge.”* She would like to earn a teaching degree from Eastern Washington University. Her other interests include dance and serving as a middle school wrestling coach.

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded, *“I have a 4-year-old brother.”*

Ashlee Phy – Wrestling record (0 wins and 0 loss)

Ashlee graduated in 2008 from Mount Baker High School. Her hometown is Maple Falls. She participated in cross country and track in high school, each sport for four years. She fell in love with the sport in high school *“because it provided a great workout, and it continues to peak my interest – she’s always learning something new.”* She plans to earn an AA degree and becoming a Registered Nurse. She would like to continue in the sport by helping with the Mount Baker High School team. She enjoys running, art, and pottery.

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded, *“I had a heart murmur.”*

Rachel Segura - Wrestling record (1 win and 3 losses)

A 2005 graduate of Eisenhower High School of Yakima, Rachel participated in other sports – track and field, volleyball, and basketball and off-season weight training.

Rachel chose wrestling as a college sport because *“I wanted to try something new, and I’ve always been a tough cookie, and I thought wrestling would be a good way to channel that energy.”* While working toward degrees in nutrition and physical therapy, Rachel enjoys snowboarding and traveling with her husband, Mico Segura.

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded she has *“snorkeled with sharks in Florida – a blast.”*

Christina Stanley – Wrestling record (2 wins – by pin — and 2 losses)

Christina graduated from Cottage Grove High School, Cottage Grove, Ore., in 2007. Her high school highlights include placing third in boys’ district, qualifying for state, and a third-place finish in the Oregon Classic. She chose wrestling to be part of a family wrestling history – wrestling since third grade. She is working toward winning a national title, earning an AA degree and transferring to a four-year college with a wrestling program. She enjoys *“hanging with family and friends.”*

When asked to describe something interesting that happened in her life others might not guess, she responded, *“I was the first girl wrestler in my high school.”*

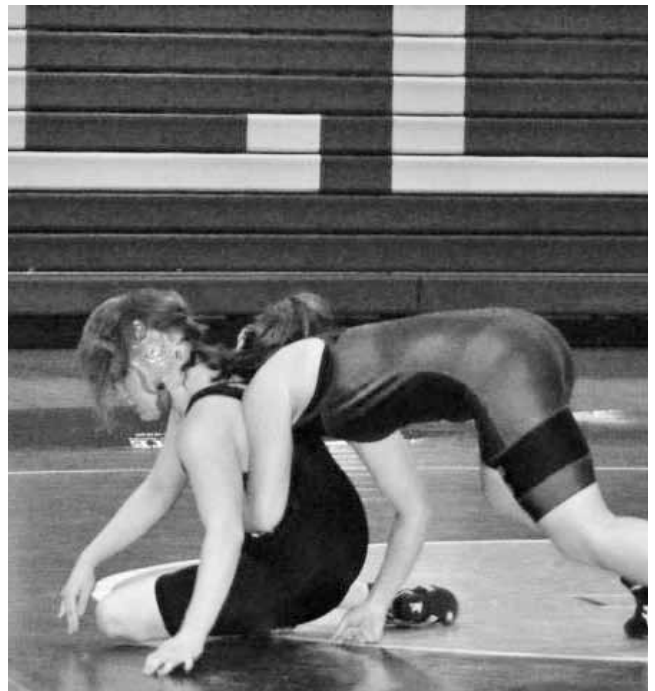
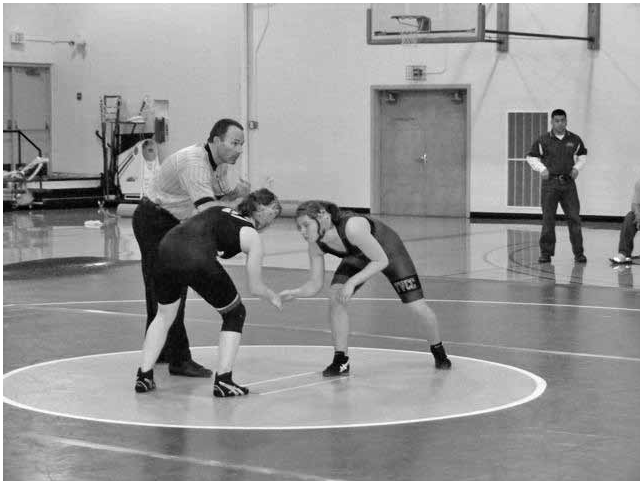
The team was in action Jan. 22, providing a great photo opportunity and chance to obtain observations on the season from the coaches and players. The coaching staff created a schedule for the women, after communicating with team

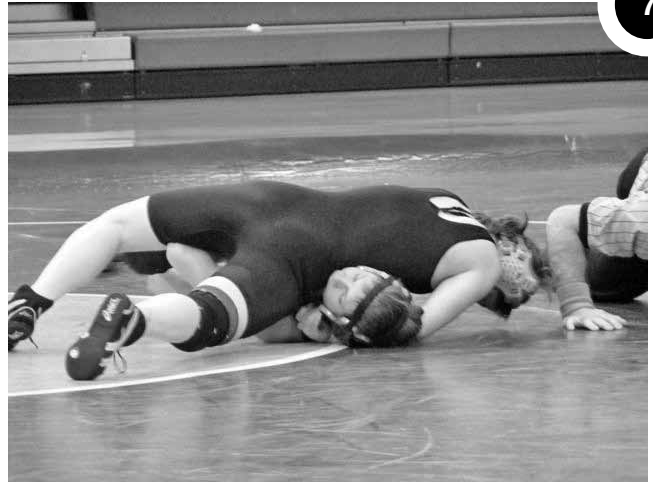
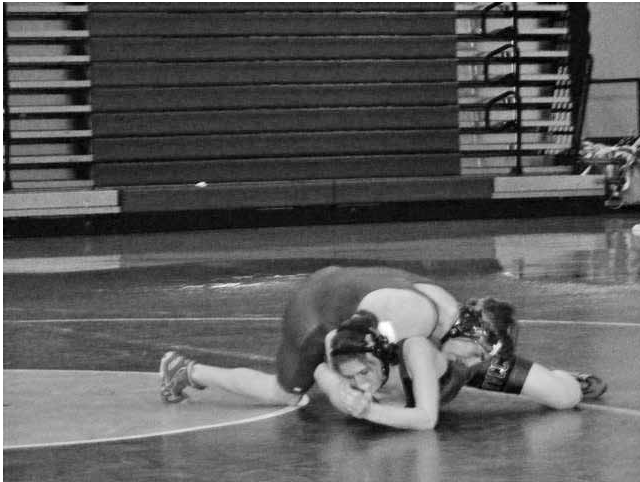
representatives from those wrestling, in the folk-style rather than the free-style method. This choice has proven difficult when generating a full schedule of wrestling opportunity for the women. Many times the women wrestlers are not able to wrestle after they have practiced and traveled to the event with the men's team.

The following photos were taken at the match on Jan. 22 with Pacific. Nine women were eligible to wrestle; five matches were created with the two female wrestlers from Pacific. An exhibition match was scheduled between a YVCC female wrestler and a Pacific male wrestler.



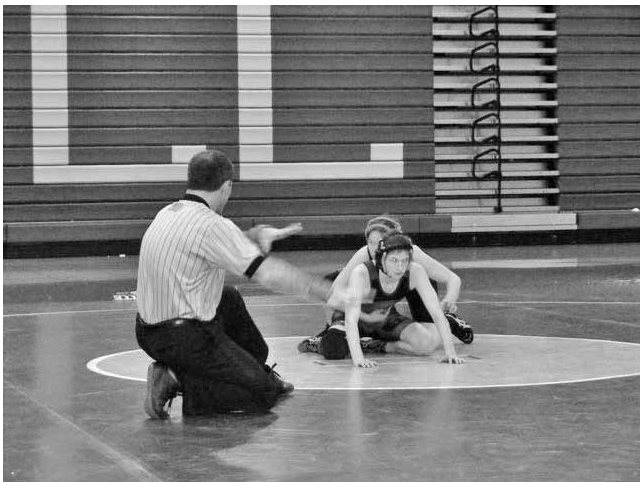
Assistant Bob Spain praised the women wrestlers for their dedication to the sport. They work out with a volunteer coach for an hour before the regular team workout.





If you attend a match, you will notice that the coaches yell encouragement from the sidelines to all wrestlers; the skills demonstrated are the same, as is the intensity of the action - equal playing opportunity for all competitors.

Scott Wilson recently completed the new sign for the Foundation office door. Board of Director member Bill Faller was by the office to admire the sign located on the 9th floor of the Larsen Building.





YES! I want to support parks, youth activities and sports with a donation to the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

I wish to contribute: (Make checks payable to Parker Youth & Sports Foundation)

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Parker Store - items now available: \$10 hat \$5 Souvenir Ball \$10 2008 Towel
 \$1,000 Faller/Brayton Grand Club Bat
 \$35 *Pride & Pinstripes*, Autographed Book by Mel Stottlemire
 \$25 Parker Partner

Please use my gift to support:

- The Joe Donahue Scholarship Fund
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- In Memory of _____
- I wish to order _____ High Hopes Print(s) @ \$160 each for a total of \$ _____
- I am interested in participating in the 2009 High Hopes Golf Tournament
- I am interested in The Faller/Brayton Endowment Fund

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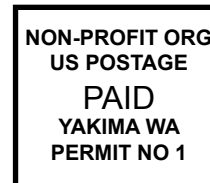
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