

Foundation's Grants Strengthen Community's Quality of Life

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Eight clubs and groups were awarded service excellence certificates by the Foundation of Leisure World at a ceremony held on June 29 in the Clubhouse I Crystal Ballroom.

The Foundation awarded these eight clubs and groups – the Book Club Network, Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL), Club Helping the Homeless and Working Poor (CHWP), Fireside Forum, Friends in Sickness and Health (FISH), Lions' Vision Research Foundation (the research arm of the Lions' Vision Support Group), Living Better with Parkinson's Support Group and the Rossmoor Library Guild

– with \$1,250 in grant money this spring.

Each club or group was chosen as a grant recipient because of the positive impact its work has on residents' quality of life, said Foundation president Paul Eisenhour. The ceremony also doubled as a successful fundraiser for the Foundation, which in addition to providing grant money to deserving clubs and groups also enhances and sometimes sponsors or co-sponsors educational, entertainment and health-related programs and events.

Putting Grants to Use

A handful of the club and group recipients outlined how they have used the grant money received from the Foundation.

“With your grant, we have been able to become more secure in having the money needed to assist Leisure World residents struggling with food insecurity,” said CHWP president Jill Lyons. “Our club relies on the generosity of others to fulfill [its] mission. Leisure World residents and the Leisure World Foundation have come through to make this possible.” Partnering with Leisure World's Social Work Department, the CHWP offers a drive-up food pantry at The Inter-Faith Chapel, during which a free bag of groceries is placed in each driver's car – no questions asked. The pantry program has been very successful, and residents are welcome to donate to the pantry.

FISH, which accepts donated assistive equipment that it then lends to residents, was able to have several of its wheelchair footings repaired thanks to the Foundation. The CLL, which provides educational classes and programs, purchased laptop computers for its instructors, and the Rossmoor Library Guild, which operates the library in Clubhouse I, acquired new books, including oft-requested large print books.

About the Foundation

The Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization that solicits and receives donations and bequests that have been helping to enhance residents' quality of life since the organization's founding in 1981.

The Foundation is unaffiliated with the Leisure World Community Corporation; it relies solely on the generosity of residents and other donors. Its resident-volunteer board is committed to the Foundation's mission.

To learn more about the Foundation, make a donation or to request a grant for your Leisure World club or group, visit (www.lwfnd.com). Residents who have questions can contact Eisenhaur at ([301-460-5588](tel:301-460-5588)) or (P_eisenhaur@comcast.net).

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