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Waste Management Awards Think Green Grant

Grant will help Land Trust connect kids to nature

WENATCHEE — The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust has just been awarded a \$5000 *Think Green Grant* from Waste Management. The Land Trust applied for the grant to facilitate getting local children out and experiencing nature through their environmental education program, ***Kids & Nature Connection***. Through this program, over 550 local kids have explored and engaged with nature in NCW.

“We are thrilled to have the support of Waste Management. Our goal is to make it easy for kids of all backgrounds (and their parents) to explore, engage and learn about the natural world,” said Hillary Schwirtlich, CDLT’s Membership & Education Coordinator. “Here at the Land Trust, we believe that instilling our kids with a love of nature is crucial to building a culture of conservation in our area for generations to come.”

The Land Trust appreciates the support from Waste Management and their acknowledgement of the importance of teaching kids to value the natural world as an important part of a healthy community.

“Waste Management has about fifty employees who call the Wenatchee area home,” said Aaron Kelly, district manager for WM’s recycling and collection operations in North Central Washington. “Environmental stewardship is fundamental to our work, and we know the land and water make this a special place to live. We are delighted to step up as a community partner to help foster environmental stewardship and the outdoor ethic among young people and families in our community.”

Waste Management is the leading provider of comprehensive recycling and environmental services across the Pacific Northwest and North America. For communities in North Central Washington, Waste Management provides innovative sustainability solutions for weekly garbage and recycling, and every-other-week collection of yard-waste throughout the year. For more information, go to www.wmnorthwest.com

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a local non-profit working to conserve our land, our water, and our way of life. The Land Trust has a 31-year record of working collaboratively with property owners and communities to identify and protect the region’s most important natural landscapes forever. For more information: www.cdlandtrust.org.

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