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South Central Public Health Announces Grant Winners

TWIN FALLS-South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) and South Central Idaho Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) are pleased to announce mini-grant winners. AFHK is the nation's leading nonprofit and largest volunteer network fighting childhood obesity and undernourishment by working with schools to improve nutrition and physical activity.

These mini-grants, made possible to SCPHD through a grant from the Twin Falls Health Initiatives Trust, focus on physical activity and/or nutrition. The mini-grants are being awarded to schools and daycares in Twin Falls County.

- Perrine Elementary School is receiving \$950 to purchase a Geo-Motion learning mat and curriculum. Perrine Elementary School has about 650 students.
- Oregon Trail Elementary School is receiving \$1000 for physical activity equipment. Oregon Trail has about 633 students.
- Wings Charter Middle School is receiving \$960 in funding to purchase exercise balls. There are 189 students at the charter school.
- Magic Valley Home Educators (MVHE) is receiving \$1200 to fund a hiking/outdoor education program. MVHE serves about 150 children in the Magic Valley area.
- Lincoln Elementary School is receiving \$1400 to purchase a juicer, a dehydrator, and to help create a run/walk club. The funding for the machines and the club will benefit all 460 children enrolled at the school.

- Hollister Elementary School is receiving \$490 for playground equipment and nutrition education. Hollister Elementary has about 70 children.
- More Sunshine and Rainbows, a Buhl daycare, is receiving \$400 for a raised garden bed. This daycare has 24 children enrolled.
- Kids Can Be Kids Preschool, Inc. in Twin Falls is receiving \$600 for playground equipment. Kids Can Be Kids has two facilities with over 90 children enrolled.
- Immanuel Lutheran Child Development Center in Twin Falls is receiving \$2000 for the Kid Fit/Moving through the ABC's curriculum and exercise class. The Child Development Center has 179 children.
- Bacon's Lil Bits Daycare in Kimberly is receiving \$900 for playground equipment and a garden. The daycare has 21 children enrolled.
- Migrant Seasonal Head Start in Twin Falls is receiving \$2300 for a sandbox and a "Muddy Boots" gardening program. This facility serves 133 children.

The South Central Idaho AFHK is made up of teachers, school nurses, principals, Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, University of Idaho Extension, Idaho Dairy Council, Magic Valley Marlins Swim Team, and parents.

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