

## **Press Release**

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#### The Simpson Family Fund and Green Diamond Resource Company Announce Gifts to Local Organizations

Green Diamond Resource Company is pleased to announce the presentation of gifts to three local organizations from the Simpson Family Fund and the Green Diamond Chairman's Award. Green Diamond Resource Company President, Douglas Reed, will present the awards personally on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. "The work that these organizations do in the community changes lives every day. We are proud to be able to recognize and support all of them," says Reed.

Simpson Timber Company was founded in 1890 by Sol Simpson. Although locally Simpson Timber Company became Green Diamond Resource Company in 2004, the Simpson family is still engaged with the management of the Company, including supporting the local community. The Simpson family actively supports charities in communities where its members live and have business operations. The family is delighted to sponsor organizations that can deliver measurable and meaningful outcomes to these communities. Working with staff in Green Diamond's California operations, the Simpson Family Fund identified three organizations we found met the spirit of the targeted donations:

- The Betty Chinn Homeless Fund Programs for youth and young adults at the Day Center. A check for \$20,000 will go toward: supplies for the before and after school program for elementary to high school age children; GED workshops for young adults (age 18-26) without their high school diploma; and emergency housing vouchers.
- CASA of Humboldt County The gift of \$28,500 will fund the training for ten Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) as well as providing ten children with CASAs for a year.
- Rising Stars Foundation The award will sponsor the Gary Roberts Industrial Technology Fair at \$2,000 a year for five years (\$10,000 total).

Completely independently from the Simpson Family Fund awards, the Chairman of Green Diamond Resource Company, Colin Moseley, provides awards to organizations that make a difference in the local community where the company operates. This year he has chosen the Betty Chinn Homeless Fund for an award of \$15,000.

Community is one of the core values of Green Diamond Resource Company. This means supporting the people, organizations and programs that improve the quality of life in the communities we call home. These three organizations do just that.

Green Diamond Resource Company is a privately held forest products company that owns and manages working forest lands in Washington, Oregon, and California. Learn more about Green Diamond Resource Company at <u>www.greendiamond.com</u>. In Washington, the company's forest lands are independently certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) standard. In California, Green Diamond's forest lands are independently certified to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) standards.

### **CASA** Presentation



Kevin Fox, Douglas Reed, Matt House, Steve Volow (CASA ED), Karen Miller (CASA BOD), Kriss Lewis (CASA BOD), Jeremy Wright, Chelsea Barto (CASA staff), Amy Scolari (CASA staff), Kameron Crocker, Jan Bramlett (CASA staff), Jason "Woody" Woodward (CASA BOD), Cory Busher



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# **Rising Stars Foundation Presentation**



Jon Sapper (Deputy Superinterdant of the Humboldt County Office of Education), Douglas Reed, Colleen Toste (Managing Director of Rising Stars Foundation), Gary Eagles (Superinterdant of the Humboldt County Office of Education)

## **Betty Kwan Chinn Presentation**



Douglas Reed and Betty Chinn



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