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## **LOCAL FOUNDATION GETS STATEWIDE NOD School Administrators Honor WSVEF**

A statewide group is taking note of the work being done for local schools at the White Salmon Valley Education Foundation (WSVEF). The Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) recently honored the Foundation with its 2011 Community Leadership Award for the Columbia River Region.

It's a recognition that has deep meaning for Board members, according to WSVEF Board President Sue Davis.

"The Foundation has inspired many community members to long hours of service, teachers to seek and receive funding for enormously enriching programs, and students to strive for excellence across every academic area," said Davis. "We are so proud to be recognized for the ways in which our work has benefited the school district and advanced our deeply held value of inspiring lifelong learners."

WASA Honor Awards Committee Chair Mike Stromme called the group's efforts motivating. "The Committee's work towards promoting and funding the best possible opportunities for all students is an inspiration to the community and the tireless efforts of the organization do not go unnoticed," said Stromme. "Your contribution of resources to support a richer educational experience is a tremendous service to children and schools that will have far reaching effects for many years to come."

“The work we do on behalf of our school children, in itself, is inspiring,” said Davis. “And receiving recognition of our efforts like this encourages us to work even harder with our schools to enhance education.”

White Salmon Valley School Superintendent Dr. Jerry Lewis nominated the Foundation for the award.

“Our work is a collaborative relationship with the district,” said Davis. “It’s rewarding to receive such an honor from our partner. Our thanks go out to Dr. Lewis and the district administration.”

Since its inception in 2006, the WSVEF has provided nearly \$250,000 in grants to the White Salmon Valley School District, and will provide at least another \$40,000 in 2011. The grant application deadline for the Fall funding cycle is coming up on June 21st. The deadline for the following round of grants will be in October.

The WSVEF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation dedicated to enhancing the quality of public education within our community by creating a stable source of supplemental funding for curriculum enhancement and investment in our teachers. At least 25% of every donation goes to the WSVEF’s endowment fund, which will allow for continued grant funding into the future. For more information, grant application information, or to make a donation, visit [www.wsvef.org](http://www.wsvef.org) or call (509)493-1175.

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