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## **Advantis Credit Union Awards \$50,000 in GROW Grants to Local Nonprofits**

Portland, ORE., Aug. 5, 2015 — Advantis Credit Union has named the six nonprofit organizations that will receive grants through GROW: The Advantis Community Fund. The grant fund has contributed over \$200,000 to local organizations and funded 27 projects since the program began in 2011. This year Advantis invited the community and members to vote on 12 local projects, chosen by a selection committee, through Advantis' Facebook page and website. More than 30,000 public votes helped to determine the following six grants:

- The Children's Book Bank will receive a grant to support children's language development by providing low-income families of color and English language learners with culturally specific books.
- Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. will receive a grant to provide low-income women with safety gear including hard hats, safety glasses, rain gear, gloves and tool belts to prepare pre-apprenticeship students for employment in high-wage construction trades careers.
- Raphael House will receive a grant to create an outdoor play structure and enhance the courtyard at its emergency shelter for women and children, providing spaces where families can safely enjoy being outdoors.
- SnowCap will receive a grant to replace the freezer in its shopping-style pantry, increasing access to healthy frozen foods for those who are unable to afford it.
- Store to Door will receive a grant to create four new call stations which will be used by volunteers to take grocery orders and provide outreach calls to elderly and disabled clients.
- The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon will receive a grant to support a new phone system for the organization that receives nearly 10,000 phone calls annually to provide services to cats and caregivers.

"The GROW campaign allows us to connect with both our members and the community and understand the needs of those living in our neighborhoods," said Wendy Edwards, Advantis Credit Union's senior vice president/chief administrative officer. "Advantis is proud to support these six projects that will have a lasting impact in the Portland area for years to come."

### **About Advantis Credit Union**

Advantis Credit Union, with more than \$1 billion in assets, is one of Oregon's largest not-for-profit, financial cooperatives that returns earnings to members in the form of better rates, low fees, and more free services. Advantis is locally-owned by over 56,000 members and has six branches in the Portland metro area. For more information, visit [www.advantiscu.org](http://www.advantiscu.org).