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UCC Strong Fund Frequently Asked Questions

Roseburg, OR (October 29, 2015) — Representatives from community organizations with ties to Umpqua Community College are working together to manage a fund that has been created to help address the unmet needs of the victims, families and those affected by the UCC tragedy on October 1, 2015. The fund is called UCC Strong.

Leaders from The Ford Family Foundation, Umpqua Community College Foundation, Greater Douglas United Way and Oregon Community Foundation have assembled a team representative of the community to determine a process for distributing funds. Here are answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about the fund:

How will the funds be used?

The funds will assist the short-term, intermediate, and long-term unmet needs of victims, families and community affected by the tragedy. This includes UCC students and staff who were on campus at the time of the shooting, First Responders, and even hospital staff who may have been affected by the shooting. Work is being done to determine what other funds are available to assist people in their recovery. Every effort will be made to meet needs that are not being met by other sources of funding.

How will funds be dispersed?

On October 15, the UCC Strong Committee voted to release \$120,000 to be shared by the families or individuals defined by the District Attorney's office as 'Primary Victims' of the incident. Checks were written and distributed to the families. Now the committee is working to determine how the remaining funds will be dispersed and how much money to keep in reserve for long term needs.

Why was money given to the Salvation Army?

\$25,000 of the UCC Strong Fund was set aside in a special grant to assist students and staff who were on campus on October 1. This was the first effort to distribute funds to people other than the primary victims of the incident. UCC students and staff who have certain unmet financial needs can bring their UCC ID and an outstanding bill to the Salvation Army for consideration. Bills that are to be paid will be paid on behalf of the student or staff member. Money will not be issued directly to them. The Salvation Army was chosen to assist the Greater Douglas United Way with this process because it is a United Way agency and because systems were already in place to make transactions on behalf of others.

Will administrative fees be assessed on my donation?

No. One hundred percent of the public's donated funds will be distributed to those affected by the tragedy. Operational and overhead costs are currently being supported by the philanthropic community.

Who will make decisions about how the funds are used?

A group of community leaders will oversee decisions about how money from the UCC Strong Fund is distributed. The committee was appointed and ratified by the two non-profit boards of Umpqua Community College and Greater Douglas United Way. Here is the committee:

Chair - Neal Brown, Executive Vice President of Umpqua Bank, Business Community

Vice Chair - Norm Smith, Consultant to Philanthropy and Attorney

Toby Luther, CEO of Lone Rock Resources, Vice Chair The Ford Family Foundation

Janet Holland, Executive Director, Community Health Alliance

Wendy Weikum, UCC Board of Directors, UACT Board Member

Dennis O'Neill, Executive Director, UCC Foundation

Kristopher Yates, UCC Student

Grant Goins, Associate Pastor, Roseburg Alliance Church, Vice Chair Douglas County Evangelical Fellowship

Andrea Zielinski, Douglas Co. Sheriff's Office, Roseburg City Councilor, Greater Douglas United Way Board

The UCC Strong Committee is being supported by an advisory panel including:

Steve Oleson, Wicks Emmett CPA, UCC Foundation Accountant

Tom Davidson, Nuener Davidson CPA, United Way Accountant

Derek Simmons, Attorney, Watkinson Laird Rubenstein

Kelly Wright, Douglas County District Attorney's Office Crime Victims Unit

Anne C. Kubisch, President, The Ford Family Foundation

Bryan Trenkle, Executive Director, Greater Douglas United Way

People who want to donate to this fund can:

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- Visit any Umpqua Bank Branch
- Visit the web site www.uccstrong.com to make a secure credit card donation.
- Visit the Umpqua Community College Foundation online: www.umpqua.edu/scholarships-donations
- Mail checks or money orders made out to:

Greater Douglas United Way
UCC Strong Fund
PO Box 2329
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UCC Foundation
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