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### **Mt. Angel Community Building project receives major gift**

**-- Meyer Memorial Trust donates \$200K to community project**

**Mt. Angel, OR, November 19, 2010** – The Mt. Angel Community Foundation announced today that they have received a \$200,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust toward construction of the new Mt. Angel Community Building.

**Meyer Memorial Trust is a private foundation that is not connected to Fred Meyer Incorporated.** The Portland, Oregon-based Meyer Memorial Trust is one of the largest 100 foundations in the United States, according to their website.

The Mt. Angel Community Building grant was one of 11 awards made in November by the Meyer Memorial Trust to nonprofit organizations in Oregon, totaling \$1.34 million.

**Dave Kohler**, chairman of the Mt. Angel Community Foundation's Fundraising Committee, said the grant represents a major boost for the Community Building project.

**KOHLER:** “The Community Foundation is very excited to receive this grant, and we are very grateful to the Meyer Memorial Trust for sharing our vision of how this new Community Building will benefit Mt. Angel and the surrounding community.”

With this grant, the Mt. Angel Community Foundation has raised approximately \$1.5 million so far towards the estimated \$2 million building project. Major donations have been received from organizations including The Slayden Community Fund, The Ford Family Foundation, and the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest, with significant contributions from local community groups and individuals.

**KOHLER:** “We have several grant applications pending with a number of large foundations around the state and will continue to pursue funding opportunities and fundraising events to support our new Community Building.”

Foundation Treasurer **Jim Hall** reports that the Community Foundation expects to receive an additional \$20,000 in proceeds from the Fall Festival Dinner & Auction held November 13<sup>th</sup>, which they co-sponsored with St. Mary Parish.

**HALL:** “We are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with the St. Mary Parish on this event. Thanks to the generous support of all the businesses and community members who donated or bid on auction items, and

enjoyed a wonderful community dinner, we are now significantly closer to reaching our fundraising goal.”

Community-based fundraising efforts continue as the Foundation works toward their estimated \$2 million goal.

**KOHLER:** “Our Fundraising Committee wants to reach out to local business owners and community members to let them know that now is the best time for them to get involved with this project. We are nearing our goal, and we just need that extra push from everyone now when it’s so important. This building will be a wonderful asset for our community, and everyone in our community will certainly want to help make it happen. Now is the time to join us, and we are so grateful for each person’s help at every level.”

Individuals who wish to donate may pledge online at the Community Foundation website, or call the Foundation directly at 503-845-6835.

When completed, the new Mt. Angel Community Building will feature a Bavarian-style design and improved facilities to host a wider variety of year-round community events, including Oktoberfest. Construction on the new Community Building is planned to begin in early to mid-2011, depending on completion of funding. The goal is to have the new Community Building ready to host its first Oktoberfest by September 2011.

Meanwhile, the existing Oktoberfest Building at 500 S. Wilco Highway is still actively serving the community. Reservations are still being accepted

for building use through Dec. 31, 2010. Plans are in progress to make another venue available during the construction period. For building reservations, contact the reservations officer at 503-939-9264.

The Mt. Angel Community Foundation welcomes support for the building project. Contact the Foundation at 503-845-6835, by email at [mtangelcommfnd@gmail.com](mailto:mtangelcommfnd@gmail.com), or visit [www.mtangelcommfnd.org](http://www.mtangelcommfnd.org).

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**ABOUT THE MOUNT ANGEL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:**

The Mount Angel Community Foundation is a community-based not-for-profit organization that facilitates funding and development of enduring projects that serve, enhance and enrich the greater community of Mt. Angel, Oregon. Since its inception in 1995, the Foundation has provided higher education scholarships for Mt. Angel high school graduates, furnished and equipped the Mt. Angel Public Library, helped build and maintain Mt. Angel's Glockenspiel, and helps annually to beautify Mt. Angel's downtown core. The Foundation's primary current project is the funding and construction of a new Mt. Angel Community Building to serve the expanding needs of the community. The Foundation's history, current projects and past accomplishments may be found online at [http://www.mtangelcommfnd.org/home/about\\_us](http://www.mtangelcommfnd.org/home/about_us).

The Mount Angel Community Foundation formed the Mt. Angel Community Building Fundraising Committee in the summer of 2009 and established a capital campaign to raise approximately \$2 million for construction of a new Community Building. The Foundation's two-year capital campaign plan includes applying for private grants, organizing local fundraising events and soliciting personal donations from community members.

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