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### **Spirit Mountain and SEDCOR will help Mt. Angel Community Building project**

**--Spirit Mountain Community Fund pledges \$50,000 to community project**

**Mt. Angel, OR, December 10, 2010** – The Mt. Angel Community Foundation announced today that they have received a \$50,000 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund to aid construction of the new Mt. Angel Community Building. The Spirit Mountain pledge is a challenge grant which requires matching funds to be raised from donations to the Mt. Angel Community Foundation.

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund was founded in 1997 as the philanthropic arm of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, based in Grand Ronde, Oregon. It funds a wide variety of community projects and organizations through use of profits from Spirit Mountain Casino. The Spirit Mountain Community Fund is one of the largest foundations in Oregon, and since its founding has given over \$52 million to support communities throughout the region. “As a Tribe located in a rural community, we know the importance of having a gathering place in small communities. We are

excited about this opportunity for the community members in Mt. Angel,” said Director **Shelley Hanson**.

**Dave Kohler**, chairman of the Mt. Angel Community Foundation’s Fundraising Committee, said “The Community Foundation is very honored to receive this grant, and we’re excited by the opportunity to partner with the Spirit Mountain Community Fund in this project. We feel certain that we can match funds for this challenge amount with the help of our supporters, many of whom are making their donations now before the end of the tax year.”

With this grant, the Mt. Angel Community Foundation has raised approximately \$1.6 million so far towards the estimated \$2 million building project. Major donations have been received from organizations including The Ford Family Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, and the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest, with significant contributions from local community groups and individuals. Those who wish to join the many others who have already donated may pledge online at the Community Foundation website, or call the Foundation directly at 503-845-6835.

Another very exciting development for the Mt. Angel Community Foundation is that **SEDCOR CONSTRUCTION ALLIANCE** is joining the Mt. Angel Community Building Project.

After meeting with members of the Mt. Angel Community Foundation and the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest, the SEDCOR Construction Alliance Committee voted unanimously to support the Mt. Angel Community Building project.

SEDCOR's Construction Alliance was a major participant in the recent "Extreme Makeover" of the Salem School for the Deaf. Many of these same people will bring their talents, expertise and time to bear on this important project for the people of Mount Angel and the surrounding communities.

A major aspect of SEDCOR's support of the Mount Angel project is to educate and train high school students from Marion and Polk Counties in various aspects of construction. "Our ability to provide this on-site education and training opportunity for high school youth is a highly-anticipated part of this project," said Kohler.

When completed, the new Mt. Angel Community Building will feature a Bavarian-style design and improved facilities to host a wide 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 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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