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**The Center Foundation Awarded \$100,000 Grant from The Ford Family Foundation**  
*Bend nonprofit receives two-year grant to support sports medicine program in rural Oregon communities*

**BEND, OREGON - November 12, 2019 -** [The Center Foundation](#), a Central Oregon nonprofit dedicated to providing sports medicine services to high school students, has been awarded a \$100,000 grant to support its high school sports medicine program in Central Oregon's rural communities funded by [The Ford Family Foundation](#).

"This support from The Ford Family Foundation will enable us to continue to provide highly trained medical professionals to manage sports injuries and concussions in some of the most underserved areas of Central Oregon," said Sonja Donohue, Executive Director of The Center Foundation. "We are honored to receive this award, and proud of the work we do to keep youth in these communities safe and healthy."

Funding from the grant will help The Center Foundation support its sports medicine program in Oregon's rural high schools in Sisters, La Pine, Madras, Culver, and Prineville. The Center Foundation provides certified athletic trainers to these high schools to deliver medical services to young athletes at no cost to students or their families. The sports medicine program ensures that students receive immediate and ongoing injury care, concussion baseline testing, onsite concussion evaluation and post-concussion care, referrals to appropriate medical professionals as needed, and injury prevention education. Funding from The Ford Family Foundation will directly benefit more than 2,500 children in these communities annually.

"Athletic trainers in high schools are critical for safe participation in school sports for our students," said Rob Bonner, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Crook County High School. "Crook County High School students and community have benefited tremendously from the services provided by The Center Foundation over the last 5 years. We are very grateful to The Ford Family Foundation for their support and the opportunity to continue to work with The Center Foundation."

To learn more about The Center Foundation, visit <https://www.centerfoundation.org/>.

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**About The Center Foundation**

The Center Foundation provides certified athletic trainers to Central Oregon high schools, serving more than 5,000 student athletes at over 1400 sporting events each year, managing injuries and concussions, and educating young athletes on injury prevention. These services are provided at no cost to students or their families. Foundation programs also deliver brain and spinal cord injury prevention education in grade schools, free multi-sport helmets to children in need, and education seminars and conferences for healthcare professionals. Since 2000, The Center Foundation has been Central Oregon's only nonprofit solely dedicated to providing sports medicine services as a means to ensure youth are safe, healthy, and protected in an active lifestyle. To learn more visit [www.centerfoundation.org](http://www.centerfoundation.org).