



## News Release

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### **Plum Creek Foundation Grants Assist Variety of Lewis and Clark County Organizations**

**COLUMBIA FALLS, Mont.** – The Plum Creek Foundation distributed \$11,000 in grant money to three organizations based in Lewis and Clark County during the fourth quarter of 2007.

“We’re pleased to be active and supportive members of the communities in which we live and work,” said Hank Ricklefs, vice president, northern resources and manufacturing for Plum Creek. “The Plum Creek Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that enhance and support the lives of many Montana residents.”

The Florence Crittenton Home will be able to replace outdated computer equipment thanks in part to a \$4,000 grant.

A \$4,000 contribution will enable Intermountain to complete the Children’s Playgarden Project. The new equipment is specifically designed for children with various physical challenges and developmental needs.

“Play is an integral part of the healing process for emotionally distressed children. Some of our children have special physical needs that require specialized playground equipment,” said Todd Garrison, Donor-Investor Relations. “We began raising money for this project more than two years ago. The Plum Creek Foundation’s generous donation will enable us to complete the project and provide the equipment necessary to accommodate the needs of some of our most challenging residents.”

The Montana Audubon Council received a \$3,000 grant to help publish *Birds of Montana*. This book will be the first of its kind written about Montana’s birds.

Please visit [www.plumcreek.com](http://www.plumcreek.com), “community involvement” for more information on the Plum Creek Foundation and to obtain an application.

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