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South Suburban Announces Matching Gifts Program to Benefit Neighborhoods, HOAs, Sports Groups and Service Clubs

South Suburban Park and Recreation District's Board of Directors has allocated \$10,000 in its 2014 budget for its annual Matching Gifts Program. The program matches donated dollars with District funds, resulting in double the money available for the development and improvement of community parks, trails, facilities and programs. Neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, service clubs, individuals and other community organizations are encouraged to apply for matching funds to complete their community projects on District-owned or leased property.

South Suburban's Matching Gifts Program is designed to benefit a number of projects throughout the District, which serves residents of Littleton, Lone Tree, Sheridan, Columbine Valley, Bow Mar, western Centennial and portions of unincorporated Jefferson, Douglas and Arapahoe counties. Application requests for projects should not exceed \$2,000. Projects submitted for consideration must be completed within 2014.

Improvements during 2013 included the planting of two pine trees near Tiffany Park; planting crabapple trees along the City of Littleton's Crabapple Route within pubic parks; continuous maintenance of soccer field at Cornerstone Park, including goal box repair and sod replacement; sound system for Holly Park Sharks; 2-way radios for Ben Franklin Swim Team, scoreboard repair and new signage for Lone Tree Men's Club, and kiln repair for South Suburban's Pottery Guild.

Requests must be submitted by Fri., March 7, 2014. Projects selected for funding will be announced at the Wed., April 9, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors.

The <u>Guidelines and Application</u> can be downloaded, viewed at <u>www.sspr.org</u> or picked up at the South Suburban Administrative Office, 6631 South University Blvd., Centennial. For more information, contact Laurie Johnson at <u>Lauriej@sspr.org</u>, or call 303-483-7009.