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EOCIL Receives Grant from Meyer Memorial Trust

Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL) announced that the agency received an award from the Meyer Memorial Trust to purchase a new fuel efficient vehicle. The vehicle will enhance the delivery of EOCIL's independent living services to people with disabilities and seniors.

EOCIL is an information and advocacy center for individuals with disabilities and seniors providing an array of individualized services; empowering individuals with disabilities and seniors to improve the quality of their lives.

EOCIL provides independent living services in 13 counties within eastern and central Oregon. The Center has three offices located in Ontario, Pendleton, and The Dalles. "The new vehicle will make it possible for EOCIL's Independent Living Specialists to travel within EOCIL's service area to provide individualized services that empower individuals to live and participate as independently as possible in their communities," stated Shirley Woolam, Independent Living Specialist.

"Until this grant, EOCIL used donated vehicles or vehicles the agency purchased through state or federal auctions. These vehicles have had high mileage resulting in higher fuel and maintenance costs. Having a new vehicle that

is fuel efficient will allow EOCIL to serve people in a more cost effective way. The addition of a new vehicle also increases the timeliness of service delivery, allowing us to be able to provide service to more people,” stated Woolam.

Meyer Memorial Trust is a private foundation that is not connected to Fred Meyer, Inc. In the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, Meyer Memorial Trust invested \$17.2 million in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

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