

Simpson Family Fund Donates \$50,000 to Klamath Boys & Girls Club

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From left, Green Diamond Resource Company President Douglas Reed; Monica Rose, executive director for the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods; and Thomas P. O'Rourke, the Yurok Tribe's chairman, stand with a \$50,000 donation from the Simpson Family Fund to the Klamath Boys & Girls Club. *Yurok Tribe - Contributed*

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On Dec. 6, Green Diamond Resource Company President Douglas Reed delivered a \$50,000 donation for the Klamath branch of the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods from the Simpson Family Fund.

The Simpson family owns Green Diamond, and Reed is a descendant of the company founder, Sol Simpson.

"This donation represents a longstanding commitment to bettering the communities where we do business," said Reed. "Providing youth with personal growth opportunities, such as those offered at the Klamath Boys & Girls Club, will help guarantee a better future for us all."

The Boys & Girls Club in Klamath, open to both tribal and non-tribal youth, was created through a partnership between the Yurok Tribe and the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods. The Simpson Family Fund donation was delivered at a celebratory event put on by the tribe at Yurok Headquarters to publicly thank the company for its enduring support for the local community.

"These funds will go a long way toward improving the lives of all young people in the community," said Ryan Ray, the Yurok Tribal Council's Requa representative, who tirelessly advocated for the new Boys & Girls Club in Klamath. In addition to Reed, the event was attended by members of the Yurok Tribal Council, Green Diamond's Senior Vice President for California Timberlands, Neal Ewald, and Monica Rose, executive director for the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods.

"The Boys & Girls of the Redwoods is so grateful for Simpson Family's generous gift," said Rose. "This donation will directly benefit local youth in the Klamath area."

The Klamath Boys & Girls Club facility is filled with workout stations, a pool table and other table games, as well as several computer stations and a video gaming area. There are also weekly digital media classes and other specialized scholastic opportunities. The Boys & Girls Club in Klamath, located at 168 Klamath Blvd., opened its doors on July 7 to make these types of activities readily accessible for local youth. The club's primary goal is to give youth the educational and social skills that they need to develop into empowered adults.

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