

Press Release

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Collaborative Efforts in Forks Receives \$25,000 From First Federal's Community Dividend Program

Port Angeles, WA (June 24, 2009) – First Federal has selected a beautification project in Forks as the recipient of \$25,000 through the bank's Community Dividend Program.

The Forks Chamber of Commerce is the lead agency in the project which also includes the City of Forks, the West End Business and Professional Association, the Bogachiel Garden Club and the Lions Club. The project includes a welcoming sign at both ends of the City of Forks, landscaping, planter boxes and benches.

"First Federal is pleased to partner with these agencies to work towards a common goal," said Kendra Waggoner, community development officer.

"Community development is one of the key areas of focus for our Community Dividend Program and this project is a wonderful example of groups coming together to improve their community.

First Federal's Community Dividend Program was launched last August with a \$1 million gift to the communities served by First Federal on the North Olympic Peninsula. The program targets three areas of concern: housing, community development and economic development.

"Forks has become the center of the world for readers of the Twilight book series, and, with a significant increase in visitors, we are so grateful for the support of First Federal in helping us put our best foot forward to the traveling public," said

Marcia Bingham, Director of the Forks Chamber of Commerce. “Residents, too, are benefiting from the beautification projects being undertaken by our Revitalization Committee with this gift from First Federal.”

More information about First Federal’s Community Dividend Program can be found at www.doinggoodfeelsgood.com.

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