**Carma Mornarich Remarks January 7, 2015**

Good Morning. Today, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awards $460,685 to 63 different non-profits in Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lane Counties. Thank you to each of you for being here.

Good people are the driving force behind good things that happen.

This room is filled with good people that are making great things happen. On behalf of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Board and Staff, we are grateful for the assistance and opportunity that your organizations provide in our communities.

For 18 years, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation has invested $14,254,344 in their historical homeland area. That homeland is where your organizations are based and an area that, today, we all call home.

Sharing has been the way, the philosophy, of the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe for hundreds of years. Each of you and the organizations you serve extend this philosophy. It is a privilege to partner with you as we work together to strengthen the fabric of our greater community.

We at the Foundation know you share our beliefs, that:

NOBODY SHOULD BE HUNGRY…

EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL SAFE…

EDUCATION BUILDS CHARACTER…

HEALTHY BODIES AND HEALTHY MINDS MEAN HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.

Thank you for your beliefs, your commitment, and your efforts.

Today, the grants will be awarded by Foundation Board Member Chris Davidson.