

SKILLS CENTER FOUNDATION

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Skills Center Construction Program Receives Van

The Clark County Skills Center's Construction Technology program has purchased a van with recent donations to the Skills Center Foundation from the Vancouver Rotary Foundation, Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust (SWIFT) and Clark College totaling \$18,000. The Vancouver Rotary Foundation donated \$9000, half of the total.

The 2003 light duty GMC van will be retrofitted for the program's specific use in transporting tools, equipment and supplies to job sites.

Construction Technology students learn to build a variety of small and large structures preparing them for jobs with contractors, suppliers, construction management companies, building inspectors and other businesses associated with the building/construction industry.

The program focuses on all aspects of residential framing emphasizing electrical, plumbing and concrete work as well as blueprint reading, construction cost estimating and building codes.

First year students learn introductory carpenter skills to build storage sheds and construct a larger scale community project. Second-year students erect a residential home sold to the public on the local real estate market.

The Skills Center Foundation is tasked with raising funds to benefit the students enrolled in the Skills Center's technical programs. Opened in 1983, the Skills Center is owned and operated by ten southwest Washington school districts providing technical and professional training programs that prepare Clark County high school and college students for the workforce.

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