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The 2020 Bud Award

“At nearly 100 years old, I’m an antique! And I love it,” proclaims Leland “Bud” Lewis — longtime Multnomah Athletic Club member and Multnomah Athletic Foundation volunteer. “Every day I find something that inspires me, whether it’s a well-written poem, a hawk soaring in the sky, or a towering tree that’s older than I am. There is so much everywhere to appreciate. I’m grateful [MAF] gives me the opportunity to participate with them.”

Each summer, one of MAF’s community grant partners is awarded the Bud Award. The awardee is selected because their organization exemplifies his sportsmanship, enthusiasm and a passion for athletics. This year the foundation is pleased to announce the 2020 recipient is Playworks Pacific Northwest.

Playworks increases access to athletic participation for kids at low-income elementary schools in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. They also engaged 300 students in their junior coach youth leadership program and provided 336 students with opportunities to participate in developmental sports leagues after school.

Their work builds a culture of play that enables kids to feel a real sense of belonging. For example, recess includes fun activities, but also focuses on inclusion, conflict resolution and readiness for learning. Partnering with teachers, principals and parents, Playworks makes sure kids have the opportunity to contribute both on the playground and in the classroom.

“My involvement with the Multnomah Athletic Foundation’s grant program is something I definitely appreciate,” says Lewis. “This program reaches into communities to offer support where it’s needed the most. It’s important to me to be able to support and connect with students and athletes who are doing their best to reach as far as they can and do as well as they can.”

Contributions honoring Bud’s 100 years can be made to the Bud Lewis Grant Fund through the foundation. Check out MultnomAthleticFoundation.com for more information.