



Dear Greenway Friends

As we enjoy a walk along the Greenway, we watch children riding bikes or playing at the many playgrounds located along the Greenway, parents and grandparents on their bicycles or walking their dogs, mothers with strollers, joggers, people fishing, birdwatchers and couples enjoying a beautiful afternoon together. You find access to the breathtaking beauty of the rivers and the diversity of wildlife seen from the pathway. Most people including area businesses realize that the Greenway maintains this 3600 acre land trust, provides many local events and supports many great causes all without tax dollar support. Trails are credited with building local economies. A National Homebuilders Association study stated that "trails are the major amenity that potential home buyers cite when they are looking to move to a new community," per the Yakima Herald Republic Article on July 8, 2009. Trails and parks gives everyone a chance to exercise outdoors for both physical and mental health.

You can help expand the Greenway and make it possible to run, walk or bike on the Greenway out to Naches. This Rail2Trail project is endorsed by the Greater Yakima Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Town of Naches has taken the first step in building the first mile of trail coming east and now it is our turn. The first phase of the "FUND-a-FOOT" for \$50 will pave the next 3.6 miles from Allan Road to North Kershaw Road in 2010. Nearly half of this first phase is made possible from the generous support of Kershaw Fruit Company, plus the other 88 donors that have given to the project so far.

Each year the Greenway asks for your annual support both as a member and with an annual appeal. This year we ask that you support our FUND-A-FOOT campaign which also means if you are not a member you will become a member by pleading to the Fund-A-Foot campaign. Plus you can say you have contributed to the building of this great Rail2Trail project.

You can go online at www.yakimagreenway.org/nachesR2T/fundAfoot or call the Greenway at 453.8280 or fill out the attached form on page 9 in this newsletter and mail it to us.

We truly thank you for your support and appreciate your understanding of how this project will enhance the lives of so many people who live in or visit the beautiful Yakima Valley.

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