

October 15, 2009

Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Board
205 Riverside Drive
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

RE: Art-2Heal1 Grant

To whom it may concern,

As co-founder of the Rogue Performance Festival, (www.roguefestival.org) now the largest "fringe" performing arts venue on the west coast, I personally have acted with and directed people who have worked through their illnesses or disabilities by being a part of the performance portion of the Festival.

Additionally, I have had the privilege of meeting (and approving their work for the Festivals) many artists who have used their specific medium to heal themselves from wounds, illnesses, and abuse.

I highly recommend the Art-2-Heal1 project currently being planned for January at the Contemporary Arts Kitchen in Klamath Falls. My personal friend, JD England, (www.wheelfunny.com) a professional comedian, will be performing live at the Art-2-Heal1 event. JD discovered his talent after a motorcycle crash, rendering him a paraplegic in 1986.

This kind of event that allows local and out-of-town artists to display their talents, finding them through life changing trauma, is a wonderful contribution to your community.

Sincerely yours,

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For reference, please contact the Rogue Festival Board of Directors.