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The Circus Project Receives \$80,000 grant to offer free circus education to youth
Portland families are invited to apply for summer camp scholarships and join sliding-scale classes

August 5, 2021 (PORTLAND, OR)—Portland-based nonprofit The Circus Project announced that it received a \$80,000 grant from K-12 Summer Learning Fund of [The Oregon Community Foundation](#) to support free and low-cost circus classes for youth this summer.

With this support, The Circus Project expanded capacity in the remaining summer camps and earmarked one-third of the spots specifically for scholarship students.

Summer camps are held at The Circus Project's new outdoor circus studio, [the Outdoor Domes](#). The Domes is a one-of-a-kind location designed and fabricated by Guildworks PDX, that provides open-air circus and acrobatics training at Zidell Yards in Portland's South Waterfront.

Applications are open for scholarship spots at circus summer camps. Interested families can find all of the information at: www.thecircusproject.org/scholarships

Additionally, all of The Circus Project's youth summer programming is offered with a sliding-scale payment structure this summer, including aerial and acrobatics classes at their indoor studio on NW 17th Ave, and [Tumbling in the Parks](#) — an outdoor acrobatics class at public parks around the Portland metro area.

"Circus has so many benefits — it's physical exercise and creative expression, all within a supportive community environment," said Kirsten Collins, The Circus Project Executive Director. "We know that cost is a common barrier to access for circus training, and we are so happy to be able to offer free and low-cost options to Portland families."

"Circus is really valuable, especially right now, after a year of being so restricted and run down — circus is a great opportunity to be totally immersed in something challenging, and super joyful."

About The Circus Project

The Circus Project uses the circus arts as a catalyst for personal and collective transformation. What began in 2008 as a pioneering experiment to engage and empower traditionally underserved and marginalized youth in a transformational program utilizing circus training and performance arts has evolved into a thriving arts organization that includes a public circus school, professional performances and youth circus workshops in partnership with social service agencies and after-school programs. www.thecircusproject.org

About Oregon Community Foundation

Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) puts donated money to work in Oregon – more than \$100 million in grants and scholarships annually. For more than 45 years, OCF grantmaking, research, advocacy and community-advised solutions have helped individuals, families, businesses and organizations create charitable funds to improve lives for all Oregonians. Impactful giving—time, talent and resources from many generous Oregonians—creates measurable change. For more information about OCF, please visit: www.oregoncf.org

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Youth Trapeze is one of The Circus Project's youth classes that is offered with a sliding-scale pricing structure thanks to a grant from the K-12 Summer Learning Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation.

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Summer camps at The Circus Project include juggling, aerial, acrobatics and theater. The Circus Project just opened many scholarship spots for summer camp thanks to a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

Caption for attached photo 3:

Summer circus camps are held at the Outdoor Domes, the one-of-a-kind aerial structure at Zidell Yards. Each dome holds six aerial points, with a connecting stage for performances.