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Squeaky Wheel Adventures Receives grants from the Maine Community Foundation and The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

Surry, ME – March 12, 2009 - Squeaky Wheel Adventures (SWA), a Maine non profit tripping camp for children in foster care, has applied for and received grants from both the Maine Charity Foundation Fund of the Maine Community Foundation and the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation in the amounts of \$4,300 and \$2,500 respectively. Last summer marked a milestone for SWA as they took their first two trips with kids in care in their eco-friendly 40' bus. "The summer of 2008 was very important for us. It was the realization of five years of hard work. Ours is a unique program and we understood from the start that it would be a challenge to get it off the ground. We are extremely grateful to all that have offered their support and assistance." states Bryan Wolf, President of SWA.

These grants are instrumental for SWA to be able to cover the approximately sixty (60%) percent of its operating budget that it needs to raise in order to subsidize camper fees. The Department of Health & Human Services offers limited camp funding to kids in care but it is necessary for SWA to provide the balance. "It is grants like these that allow small organizations like SWA to provide valuable programs that may otherwise not be possible.", Bryan continues.

SWA utilizes their **custom converted eco-friendly 1963 40' transit bus** for exciting and educational multi-day road trips which uniquely blend fun, adventure, self exploration, and environmental education and stewardship. Their **vegetable oil, solar & Hydrogen (water) powered bus** serves as a working model for kids to see, experience and explore alternative energy and its impact. These trips can also provide a wonderful opportunity for brothers and sisters that are not living together to spend time with each other. SWA programming is designed to **educate and strengthen participants connections to themselves, each other and our world**. These trips offer experiences that encourage self growth and confidence building which will last a lifetime.

For more information about SWA visit their website www.SqueakyWheelAdventures.org or call 207.664.0233. Details of SWA's 2009 summer trips can be found at <http://squeakywheeladventures.org/2009>.

For more information on the Maine Community Foundation visit the Foundation's website at www.mainecef.org or call 877.700.6800.

For more information on the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation visit the Foundation's website at www.stkfoundation.org.

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