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PRESS RELEASE:

**NWCT Receives Kinsman Foundation Grant to
Help Preserve & Restore Its Home**

NW Children's Theater & School (NWCT) is proud to announce that it has received a grant award from The Kinsman Foundation in the amount of \$6,120.

The award will be utilized to create a path forward to preserve and restore the façade and related systems of the NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, the former Church of Christ Scientist building (1909) and current home of NWCT with four historic designations.

Funds from The Kinsman Foundation will be matched with funds from NWCT's collaborative Historic Home Tour Fundraising event, Annual Auction and significant in-kind contributions.

The Kinsman Foundation is a private foundation built on the philanthropy of John and Elizabeth T. Kinsman of Milwaukie, Oregon. Their areas of interest include: Historic Preservation, Native Wildlife Rehabilitation and Appreciation as well as Arts, Culture and Humanities.

In order to address preservation and restoration concerns of the Cultural Center, a contemporary and up-to-date analysis of the external façade and related systems is essential and required.

A forensic and chemical analysis of the existing stone façade and mortar should be prepared and architectural elements must be professionally

examined including: sandstone parapets, sandstone cornices, sandstone blocks (used in the main body of the building), sandstone joints, brick masonry, window frames, light wells, leaded glass windows, and flashings. A prioritized list of concerns, solutions and cost estimates can be identified and used to fundraise for the implementation and construction phase of this project. NWCT has assembled a professional team to implement this project.

In recent years NWCT has installed an up-to-date and up-to-code fire alarm system; created engineering plans to install emergency egress lighting; commissioned an up to date ASCE 31 seismic evaluation; implemented a significant renovation, repairing the building's failing masonry chimneys; improving and bringing up to date and up to code the building's historic steam boiler; addressing issues of ADA accessibility and more projects that benefit the building and its neighborhood.

NWCT and the building's board are thrilled to receive this award!

If you are interested in supporting NWCT's reinvestment in this historic building please contact: Michael Stirling, Capital Projects & Building Operations Manager at 503. 222. 2190 X 26 or email him at: michael@nwcts.org.