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New Endowment Honors Local Teacher and Coach, Dave Kitchell

Ashland Community Health Foundation will administer the fund to support student athletes

ASHLAND — Dave Kitchell was known for his ability to connect with students, and for his mantra: ‘We love and care for each other.’ Kitchell passed in 2007 after teaching and coaching in Ashland Public Schools for over two decades. According to his son, Brian Kitchell, his family had been looking for a way to honor his legacy. They chose to establish The Dave Kitchell Endowment at Ashland Community Health Foundation (ACHF) with a \$50,000 financial commitment from the family and close friends.

“Our family received an incredible amount of support and encouragement from the community during his illness, and it was then that I began to understand the footprint of my dad’s life,” shares Brian. “It became clear the impact he had on so many people in our town and beyond.”

The Dave Kitchell Endowment will help alleviate barriers to participation in sports for student athletes in Ashland, Talent and Phoenix. It will fund sports-related opportunities including scholarships, the purchase of equipment and uniforms, training for coaches, costs related to travel to competitions, and more.

The endowment aligns with the foundation’s mission of investing in resources that improve the health of our community. It also serves as an ongoing reminder of the positive impact Dave

Kitchell had on the lives of young people through sports and education. ACHF is administering the fund and will make strategic investments that align with its purpose.

“We’re grateful and inspired by the Kitchell Family,” says ACHF executive director, Stephanie Roland. “This endowment will help grow the next generation of student athletes who are passionate about living the legacy of Coach Kitchell and his words, ‘we love and care for each other.’”

The Kitchell Family welcomes anyone in the community who shares a passion for the fund’s purpose, or who wants to honor Dave’s legacy, to contribute at achfoundation.org.

Founded in 1977, Ashland Community Health Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) leading philanthropic efforts to advance innovative and equitable approaches to community health and wellness. Contributions to the foundation, including The Dave Kitchell Endowment, may be tax-deductible and can be given securely through our website at achfoundation.org or mailed to our office at 123 Clear Creek Drive, Suite 101, Ashland, OR 97520. For additional information about funds at ACHF, contact Executive Director, Stephanie Roland, at 541-482-0367 x2.

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Dave Kitchell, beloved Ashland Public Schools teacher and coach.

Brian Kitchell views the locker room at Ashland High School, named the Kitchell Center after his father.