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Preston Castle Foundation Receives Grant

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The Preston Castle Foundation is pleased to announce that they have received a \$5,000 grant from *The James and Susan McClatchy Fund* of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. The Foundation's donor-advised funds, like *The James and Susan McClatchy Fund*, are established by charitable individuals, families, businesses, and organizations that seek to make positive contributions to their communities. The Preston Castle Foundation was “selected to receive a grant because the fund representatives were impressed by your work and wanted to further support your efforts.” This grant is designated as unrestricted and will be used by the Preston Castle Foundation to help preserve and rehabilitate the historic Preston Castle site.

“This would appear to recognize the Preston Castle Foundation and makes it clear our efforts are being noticed” states Karl Knoblauch, President.

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The Preston Castle was actually the administration building for the Preston School of Industry, the first major attempt in California at rehabilitating, instead of just imprisoning, young offenders. Opened in 1894, the Preston School of Industry became a leader in the juvenile prison reform movement by giving convicted boys a real chance at life by educating them not only in academics, but in all of the useful

trades of the time. Closed in 1960, when the Preston Youth Authority moved into a new administration building down the hill, the Preston Castle was left to deteriorate due to weather, vandalism, and general neglect. It now serves as a vacant, but vitally important landmark for Ione, Amador County, and the Mother Lode. It is a California State Historic Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the mission of the Preston Castle Foundation to preserve, rehabilitate, and utilize the historic Preston Castle site.

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