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Donation boosts natural medicine college's obesity project

Founders of Bob's Red Mill provide \$1.35 million to build program's research kitchen

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Portland's National College of Natural Medicine announced Monday it has received its largest donation ever, from the founders of Bob's Red Mill.

Bob and Charlee Moore, founders of Bob's Red Mill Natural Foods, have donated \$1.35 million to the college. Most of the gift will be used to build a teaching and research kitchen on the College's Lair Hill campus. The kitchen will be part of a larger research initiative by the college, according to Marilyn Considine, college spokeswoman.

"Nutrition is the foundation of everything we teach and it is the foundation of natural medicine," said Considine.

About \$200,000 of the new grant will fund the college's Ending Child Obesity project that brings families in for free workshops on cooking with whole foods. The rest of the grant will fund scholarships.



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Bob Moore, a founder of Bob's Red Mill in Milwaukie, and his wife, Charlee, donated \$1.35 million to the National College of Natural Medicine for a new research kitchen as part of the school's project to end childhood obesity.