

Oregon Governor's Volunteer Awards Congratulations to all the Statewide and Regional Awardees!

Statewide Awardees 2010

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award

Katherine "Kappy" Eaton

Eugene

From advocating for campaign finance reform to serving on the Camp Fire Board of Directors, Katherine "Kappy" Eaton has made community service her lifetime career. Kappy has held volunteer leadership positions with the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters, campaigning for non-partisan issues such as increasing voter registration. She played an important role in lobbying for the passage of the Motor Voter Act in Oregon in 1991 and has directed the Oregon League of Women Voters to focus on efforts to reform campaign finance since the early 1990s. These efforts have included the successful creation of ORESTAR, an online filing system for reporting campaign funding and expenses. From serving meals to the homeless at Central Presbyterian Church to serving as the President of the Oregon Women's Rights Coalition, or monitoring and assisting with free elections in Bosnia and Hungary, Kappy's volunteer service reflects a strong commitment to principles of fairness and equality.

Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award (ages 19-54)

Dr. Steven Schenewerk

Winston

When the tragic deaths of two teens by firearms hit the small town of Winston, Oregon in 1999, Dr. Steve Schenewerk stepped up as a community leader to address the lack of resources for youth to turn to in times of trouble. Steve started by offering his church parking lot as a skate park for local teens, and he soon became the first president of the Winston Area Community Partnership. After 10 years of volunteering to improve the community, Winston now has a donation-funded \$4.8 million dollar Community Center and continues to selflessly donate his time through several community committees, organizations and projects.

Outstanding Senior Volunteer (ages 55 or better)

Michael Majowicz

SHIBA

Beaverton

When Mike Majowicz joined 14% of Oregon's population by turning 65 and becoming eligible for Medicare, he also joined thousands of seniors overwhelmed by the health plan options. After going through this decision himself, in 2005 Mike decided to become a volunteer with the Washington County Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program. In the last 5 years Mike has helped over 500 seniors, most on fixed incomes, with their decisions about finding the right Medicare option for them.

Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award

Nathan Atchison and Todd Josi

Tillamook

Nathan and Todd have made it their mission to clean up Holden Creek. Holden Creek starts in a cow pasture, gathering manure runoff before running past East Elementary School, a residential neighborhood, and finally right between Tillamook Lumber Company and Tillamook High School to later enter the Trask River. High levels of pollution, coliform bacteria, and regular flooding pose a risk to the residents living and working nearby. These pioneering students partnered with the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council and presented their research findings at the Northwest Science Exposition. This remarkable duo has inspired a more favorable view of student volunteerism in Tillamook and affected change at a national policy level. The issue came to the attention of FEMA, which with the new findings from these teens' research, may be able to save thousands of dollars by eliminating broken culverts along the creek altogether instead of simply replacing them.

Outstanding Volunteer Program Award

Albany InReach Services

Albany

Through the tireless efforts of professional medical volunteers from Samaritan Health/First Care Physicians, Samaritan Albany General Hospital, Linn County Health Department, numerous university students and other local volunteers, Albany InReach builds a "safety net" for the most vulnerable populations. Whether a homeless senior citizen needs a diagnosis for diabetes, or an abused child requires reconstructive dental surgery, volunteer doctors, nurses and dentists give their time and expertise towards urgent treatment for the underserved and uninsured.

Outstanding Youth Volunteer Program Award

Youth Advisory Board, Corvallis Youth Volunteer Corps

Corvallis

United by an ethic of service, the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Youth Volunteer Corps Youth Advisory Board (YAB) brought together 18 teens from 6th to 12th Grade to improve their community. The Youth Advisory Board not only gave these teens a venue to learn about civic engagement, it also gave them the chance to shine as truly outstanding volunteers. After identifying areas of need in the greater Corvallis community, they set to work on planning fundraisers, volunteer projects, and even building an ADA-accessible community garden with Benton Habitat for Humanity. Many of their projects involved outreach to disadvantaged youth in the community because the YAB members recognized how important they were as role models in service.

Outstanding Statewide Volunteer Program Award

Wells Fargo Employee Volunteer Program

Statewide

When Oregon's economy was hit by the national recession in 2009, Wells Fargo used its extensive statewide business presence to rise to the challenge and support local communities. From 6,800 Wells Fargo employees across the state, more than 64,779 volunteer hours were donated to 480 non-profits over the past year building affordable homes with Habitat for Humanity, cleaning our coastline with SOLV, and walking in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Wells Fargo also partners with organizations such as the Portland Trail Blazers to recruit volunteers for the Blazer's free annual Harvest Dinner for the homeless and to tutor children through the Start Making A Reader Today (SMART) program. Wells Fargo also makes generous monetary donations based upon where the company's employees choose to devote their time and energy.

Regional Awardees 2010

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement

Dr. Frederick D. Kramer
Trinity Lutheran Church
Portland

Victor Hoffer
Mount Angel Fire District
Mount Angel

Outstanding Adult Volunteer (age 19-54)

Sue Wallace
Special Olympics Oregon
Portland

Karyn Schimmels
Camp to Belong – Northwest
Tigard

Doug and Maddy Walker (Duo)
Josephine Community Libraries–Grants Pass Branch
Grants Pass

Teresa Stover
Josephine Community Libraries
Grants Pass

Darcy Justice
Healing Reins Therapeutic Riding Center
Bend

Outstanding Senior Volunteer (age 55+)

Philip Godfrey
Marion-Polk Food Share
Salem

Izella Stuiivenga
Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers of Corvallis
Corvallis

Debbie Bennighof
Josephine Community Libraries–Grants Pass Branch
Grants Pass

Jay Smith
CASA of Central Oregon
Bend

Carol Campbell
La Grande Main Street Program
La Grande

Outstanding Youth Volunteer (age 18 or under)

Leah Ariel Haykin
Community Cycling Center
Portland

Natalie Mathers
Harrisburg High School
Harrisburg

Ana Baltazar
Big Brothers Big Sisters (Jefferson County School-Based Program)
Madras

Outstanding Volunteer Program

Elders in Action's Personal Advocate Program
Elders in Action,
Portland

Tillamook High School Charity Drive
Tillamook School District
Tillamook

Josephine Community Libraries, Inc. (JCLI)
Josephine Community Libraries-Grants Pass Branch
Grants Pass

Deschutes County Healthy Beginnings
Deschutes County
Bend

Outstanding Youth Volunteer Program

Girls Scouts of the USA, Troops 30129 & 30131
Josephine County Food Bank
Grants Pass