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WINNERS OF THE 2013 SERVICE TO BEAVERTON AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT LUNCHEON

***-Edwards Enterprises, Sue Pike, Erin Cochran, Erin Cole, David Kamin, and Elsie Stuhr
Center recognized-***

BEAVERTON, Ore. –Today, Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle announced the recipients of the 2013 Service to Beaverton Awards, sponsored by the City of Beaverton and the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, during a luncheon at the Nike Tiger Woods Center. The annual awards ceremony recognizes individuals and organizations that have made long-term, significant contributions to the Beaverton community.

“The Service to Beaverton Awards helps us recognize those who show true community spirit, collaboration and volunteerism,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “To all the nominees, we thank you for your invaluable contributions to make Beaverton *The Best of Oregon*.”

Congratulations to the 2013 Service to Beaverton Awards winners:

Business: Edwards Enterprises

Edwards Enterprises, one of the nation’s first nonprofit organizations dedicated to the independence and dignity of people with disabilities, employs 150 Oregonians with disabilities. Their mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by helping them reach their highest potential through training, education, employment, housing, and social opportunities in safe, healthy and stimulating environments. Today, Edwards Enterprises provides homes, jobs and activities to more than 300 people.

Outstanding Beaverton Individual: Sue Pike

Pike is involved in numerous activities throughout Beaverton from the Beaverton Woman’s Club, Beaverton High School Golden Grads and the ISing Choir to her involvement with Bethel Church, the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Domestic Violence Resource Center and more. Lorraine Clarno, Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, describes Pike as someone who “not only gets the big picture, but understands we all have a role in becoming and being the community we want to be.”

Emerging Leader: Erin Cochran

Cochran has assisted in the implementation of a number of outstanding projects around Beaverton, most specifically relating to homeless youth. Along with others on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, Cochran helped identify and actively respond to the issue of teen homelessness in the community. From planning the Beaverton Teen Idol contest to raise funds for HomePlate Youth Services to her involvement with after school meal programs, SOLV, and civic work, Cochran inspires others with her positive and caring attitude.

Educator/Teacher: Erin Cole

Cole is an environmental science teacher and a club advisor for Serving Our Community at Valley Catholic High School. Cole involves her students in SOLV activities in her classroom, leads the Serving Our Community club with monthly veterans' game nights, prepares sandwiches and lunches for homeless shelters and supports the club's "Hunger Awareness Banquet." Students have said her dedication to the community has shown them the value of being connected with the community.

Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) Member: David Kamin

Kamin, the current chair of the Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC, has served in various leadership roles and impacted the community in a number of ways. For the past five years, Kamin has organized and scheduled Saturday work parties at Autumn Ridge Park so community members could once again enjoy the trails. Kamin also volunteers for and promotes citywide events such as Beaverton Recycling Day, the Neighborhood Booth at the Beaverton Farmers Market, the Picnic in the Park series, Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement leadership training, and Community Emergency Response Training activities. Kamin leads by example and inspires others to become involved to enhance the quality of life in the Five Oaks Triple Creek NAC and in the community at-large.

Service Organization: Elsie Stuhr Center

The Elsie Stuhr Center provides a variety of activities for those 55 "and better" in the Beaverton area. Many consider the Elsie Stuhr Center their second home. Those who use the Elsie Stuhr Center say that the leadership, staff, and the variety of interesting activities exceed all expectations. It is also considered a life line for many people of different backgrounds and disabilities who might otherwise never leave their homes.

Service to Beaverton Awards recipients were selected based on the following criteria: implementing and/or assisting in the implementation of outstanding projects and/or services; enriching and revitalizing our community and neighborhoods; and demonstrating responsiveness, creativity and civic values.

A special thanks to Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce and Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District for sponsoring the 2013 Service to Beaverton Awards Luncheon. For more information about the luncheon and each winner, please contact Lani Parr at 503-526-2243.

In 2013, Beaverton was again recognized as the **safest city in Oregon**. Since 2007, Beaverton has been named one of the safest cities in the Northwest. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural**

Resources Defense Council and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. Beaverton also enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Fans are also encouraged to like the City of Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton for information, reminders and City of Beaverton news.

Caption: Recipients of the 2013 Service to Beaverton Awards display their awards. From left, Jerry Jones Jr., chair elect 2014 of the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce; Lorraine Clarno, Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce president; David Kamin, Five Oaks Triple Creek Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) chair, NAC Member Award; Business Director of Edwards Enterprises Georgia Lampros, Edwards Enterprises patron Zora Melzer, and Executive Director Jessica Leitner, Business Award; Erin Cole, Valley Catholic High School, Educator/Teacher Award; Erin Cochran, Emerging Leader Award; Sue Pike, Outstanding Beaverton Individual Award; Diane Brice, fitness instructor at Elsie Stuhr Center, and Executive Director Linda Jo Enger of Elsie Stuhr Center, Service Organization Award; Mayor Denny Doyle.

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