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Promoting a culture of civic engagement

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THURSDAY, OCT. 16, 2014 – City of Portland will recognize the 30th Annual Spirit of Portland Award winners at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center on Thursday, November 6, 2014.

The Spirit of Portland Awards recognize local individuals and organizations who have demonstrated an outstanding dedication to positive change in our community. Award winners are those who have not only worked to improve the community, but who have also gone above and beyond a dedication to civic engagement in order to make a lasting impact.

“Inscribed into Portland’s Skidmore Fountain you will see these words: ‘Good Citizens are the Riches of a City.’ I think that is also the message behind the Spirit of Portland Awards. For truly, where would we be without those citizens who step up, volunteer, lead, and find solutions to problems in their community?” says Mayor Hales.

“So often, these people do so with no thought as to recognition or personal reward. Since the awards began in 1985, we have been able to, in some small way, show our appreciation for the work done by neighborhoods, small businesses, non-profits and so many individuals who make our city a better place to live. They truly are the Riches of a City, and we are grateful for them.”

The award ceremony will take place Thursday, November 6, 2014, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center Atrium located at 501 N. Graham St., Portland, OR 97227. Trimet service is on the #2, #24 and #44 bus lines, and six blocks from the N. Albina Mississippi Max Station. The event site is wheelchair accessible.

The City of Portland will make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities and people needing assistance with language interpretation and translation. Please notify Victor Salinas no less than five business days prior to the event at (503) 823-3093 or victor.salinas@portlandoregon.gov TTY: (503) 823-6868, or Oregon Relay Service at (800) 735-2900.

Award winners are chosen from nominations submitted by fellow Portlanders by a selection committee of representatives from the Commissioners' offices, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Neighborhood Associations, and other diverse community organizations. The Mayor and each Commissioner also selects special award winners to recognize specific works and achievements.

The award winners for the 30th Annual Spirit of Portland Awards are:

Individual Awards:

Ronault (Polo) Catalani with the Office of Equity and Human Rights
Donita Fry with Native American Youth and Family Center
George T. Nicola with Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific NW
Ramon Ramirez with Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
Amber Starks with Conscious Coils

Group Awards:

East Portland Action Plan
PFLAG Portland
The Portland Mercado
Write Around Portland

Sandy Diedrich Environmental Stewardship Award:

Don Baack with SW Trails

Commissioners' Awards

Mayor Hales Award:

Rosewood Neighborhood Prosperity Initiate
Andre Baugh with the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

Commissioner Fritz:

Oregon State Police Traffic Division Crash Team
Kristi Jamison with the Portland Commission on Disability

Commissioner Fish:

Dr. Karen Fischer Gray with the Park Rose School District
Stephen Beaudoin with Pacific Honored Artists, Musicians, and Entertainers

Commissioner Saltzman:

American Red Cross - Cascade Region
Steve Rudman with Home Forward

Commissioner Novick:

Jade International District Steering Committee
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30th Annual Spirit of Portland Awards homepage:
<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/spiritofportland>