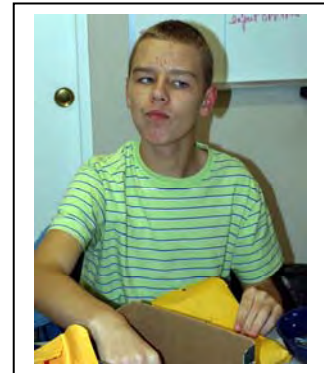


RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

Date: February 21, 2008
To: General Manager
From: Marketing and Community Outreach Specialist
Re: Presentation of the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award



BACKGROUND

Each year, the Marketing and Community Outreach Specialist selects one volunteer to receive the Volunteer of the Year Award. Past winners include: Jennilyn Kirkpatrick, 1997; Ken Garges, 1998; Marcie Kraft, 1999, Szu Farrell, 2000, Arlene Altshuler, 2001, Alice Thompson-Balan, 2002, Rosalinda Bernardino, 2003, Donald Schmidt, 2004, Dr. Michael Kuhn, 2005, and Kathy Blakeman, 2006. Each volunteer contributed his or her time and talent to improve the District. At the February 21, 2008, board meeting the 2007 Volunteer of the Year recipient will be announced.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2007

Volunteers have been selected to receive the Volunteer of the Year award for many reasons. Sometimes it is for the huge number of hours the person volunteered in a year, sometimes it is for the significant impact the volunteer made for the benefit of the district, other times it is for their many years of dedicated service.

The person who is receiving the award for 2007 is receiving it for his incredible attitude of service and how he motivates other volunteers. This volunteer comes every week, rain or shine, to help in the district office. The only time he misses is for serious illness and, even then, he tries to bargain with his parents to let him come and volunteer. Additionally, he volunteered at the Halloween Carnival and is willing to help at any other district volunteer assignment if we need him.

He exemplifies everything we want and need our volunteers to be. He is motivated to do his best work, he loves to interact with other volunteers, and he gives everything he has every time he shows up. He encourages other volunteers and brings an attitude of joy. The attitudes of other volunteers who work with him change to one of motivated and meaningful contribution to the district.

This volunteer, Joe Mueller, has been a volunteer for Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District since February 12, 2007. Since that time, he has devoted his time and talent every Tuesday to help in the district office doing clerical work. He cheerfully does all of the shredding of old records and other items that contain personal information. Then, he turns to the task of the day.

Sometimes it is folding volunteer T-shirts, or sorting paperclips (a thankless but helpful job), or counting brochures to put in packets. Whatever the task, he attacks it with gusto, setting an example for everyone who volunteers with him. Joel recently turned 13 years old, and has a visual disability. Neither his age or physical challenges stop him from doing the best job he can every time he volunteers. He is a joy to have in the office and deserving of recognition for his efforts.

Joel Mueller has been selected to receive the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Colleen Janssen
Marketing and Community Outreach Specialist