

EDUCATION- Continuous Commitment

Fluor Federal Services, Inc., Richland
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Last year, Fluor Federal Services underscored its community service commitment by donating laptop computers to 50 students at Columbia Basin College. Fluor employees refurbished the computers and reloaded the laptops with Microsoft operating software and antivirus systems, a donation worth an estimated \$30,000 in total value. "Part of my job is helping students in need," said Columbia Basin College President Rich Cummins. "If you're a student without a laptop, you're in need." In addition, Fluor employees serve on the boards of organizations such as the Delta High School STEM program, Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation, Columbia Basin Industries, YMCA, Junior Achievement and United Way. The company gave backpacks loaded with school supplies to 100 Boys & Girls Club members through its corporate program, Backpack Basics.

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

Regence BlueShield, Seattle
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Regence BlueShield has proudly supported nonprofit organizations throughout Washington for nearly 100 years. But in 2007, the company refocused its charitable efforts, implementing a comprehensive, strategic giving program that makes a strong impact for local nonprofits. The Community Partner Organizations program includes working with select nonprofits to provide support for "game-changing" impact for them and the people they serve. In addition, employees are rallied every fall to give to an annual campaign that includes a 50 percent match, and Regence works to ensure that its corporate philanthropy strengthens existing business relationships and helps build new ones. Since the program was implemented six years ago, Regence BlueShield has collectively invested more than \$6.8 million in the work of hundreds of nonprofits throughout the state and nation, and contributed hundreds of hours of employees' time. In 2012, Regence BlueShield directed more than \$300,000 to nearly 80 Washington nonprofits. Through a partnership with Food Lifeline, Regence launched "Kids Café," the first program of its kind in Western Washington. It enables agencies and community sites to meet the needs of hungry kids year round by providing healthy snacks and meals as well as tools and training to build programs that meet the nutritional needs of healthy, growing kids.

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About the Association of Washington Business

Formed in 1904, the Association of Washington Business is Washington's oldest and largest statewide business association, and includes more than 7800 members representing 700,000 employees. AWB serves as both the state's chamber of commerce and the manufacturing and technology association. While its membership includes major employers like Boeing, Microsoft and Weyerhaeuser, 90 percent of AWB members employ fewer than 100 people. More than half of AWB's members employ fewer than 10. For more about AWB, visit www.awb.org.

2013 Community Service Awards 14th Annual

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 6:30 p.m. The Davenport Hotel, Spokane

Agenda

Welcome: Doug Bayne, AWB Board President

Awards Presentation: Don Brunell, AWB President

About the Awards

AWB's annual Community Service Awards recognize member companies of all sizes and types across the state for their contributions and volunteerism that make our communities better places to live and work.

BRUCE BRIGGS AWARD WINNER

Ed Vander Pol

Co-Owner and Co-President
Oak Harbor Freight Lines

The Briggs Award is presented each year to an AWB member who continues to give back to his or her community. The award is named for the late Bruce A. Briggs, a longtime AWB member and founder and owner of Briggs Nursery in Elma.

Ed Vander Pol and his brother, David, serve as co-owners of the largest carrier service in the Northwest, serving more regional delivery points than any other single carrier. The family-owned business first began in 1936 when John and Gus Vander Pol purchased Oak Harbor Transfer for \$600 cash. Their younger brother, Henry, joined the business in 1937, purchasing another carrier, Oak Harbor Freight Lines. In 1974, Henry purchased the company in full — which is when his sons, Ed and David, joined the business. Today, Oak Harbor is one of the most widely respected carrier lines, both in terms of its carrier service and commitment to the communities it touches through its carrier fleet. Over the last 15 years, Ed Vander Pol has volunteered the company's service to bring produce from farms to the cities. Oak Harbor Freight routinely donates vacant space in its empty trailers traveling across California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington to transport a million pounds of produce a year. This helps other AWB member companies like Stemilt Growers and National Frozen Foods, ship surplus fresh vegetables to people in need, rather than let them rot in the fields or packing sheds.



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JUDY COOVERT AWARD WINNER

Don Conant

General Manager, Valley Nut and Bolt Company, Inc.; assistant professor, Saint Martin's University
School of Business

Established in 2009, the Coover Award honors excellence in volunteerism to the association. It is named for Judy Coover, a longtime AWB supporter and active member of the AWB Board. Coover is co-owner of Burien's Printcom Inc.

For the last several years, Don Conant has immersed himself in one of the more complicated and controversial public policy issues of our time: health care. By serving not only as chairman of AWB's Health Care Committee from 2009 to 2012, but also on the board of the state's new health benefit exchange, Conant has provided valuable and unique insight, giving both business and government a window into each other's worlds. Conant, who also serves on AWB's executive committee, has remained a vocal advocate for the interests of employers, particularly small business, as Washington state implements the federal health care law. Many questions remain about how the law will work, but Washington employers should take comfort knowing that Conant is representing them.

C. DAVID GORDON AWARD WINNER

Brian Sonntag

Chief Finance Director, The Rescue Mission, Tacoma

Former Washington state auditor, 1993-2013

The Gordon Award is presented each year by AWB in recognition of Washingtonians who distinguish themselves in service to the citizens of the state of Washington. C. David Gordon served as AWB president from 1955-64 and 1966-79, and is AWB's Honorary President for Life.

During his two decades as Washington state auditor, Brian Sonntag distinguished himself and the office through his tireless work to hold government accountable for its actions, and to ensure that it is open and transparent to the public it serves. Sonntag, who comes from a family of public servants, began his political career at age 26 when he was elected Pierce County clerk. He moved on to become Pierce County clerk before being elected state auditor in 1992. During his tenure, Sonntag implemented the state's first performance audits, looking not only at a public agency's books but also the way it operates. He also became a champion for open government, urging the Legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment banning title-only bills, and requiring at least 72 hours notice before holding a hearing on a proposed bill. Sonntag's work won him praise from Democrats and Republicans alike, and The Seattle Times called him a "pathbreaking auditor." After retiring from office early this year, Sonntag joined his wife, Jann, working at The Rescue Mission in Tacoma.

REVITALIZATION & DEVELOPMENT

The McGregor Company, Colfax

mcgregor.com



The best employers encourage their workers to give back to the community. It's a rare case, however, when such a volunteer commitment actually puts a community back on the map. And yet that's what happened in tiny LaCrosse, a farming community 30 miles south of Colfax, Whitman County. The town suffered a series of setbacks starting with the loss of its only grocery store in 2009. In 2011, its only bank closed. Then last year, its only restaurant did, too, and a fire destroyed its hardware store. Now, thanks to an extraordinary voluntary effort led by The McGregor Company owner Alex McGregor, the town has a new grocery store, a Sterling Savings Bank branch and a new restaurant. McGregor, along with several of his employees and other concerned citizens, formed a non-profit organization called LaCrosse Community Pride to spearhead the effort and bring the town back to life. They kept the community involved in all aspects of the revitalization, even paying high school and middle school students for every hour spent cleaning up the dilapidated store with proceeds going toward a school trip to Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

Artitudes Design, Inc., Issaquah

artitudesdesign.com



Artitudes Design has taken what its employees are passionate about — art — and use it in a way that meets a growing need in local elementary school classrooms. Beginning in 2007, employees from the Issaquah-based design agency started volunteering their time as art docents, going into classrooms and teaching art to students. Team members create sample art projects, write lesson plans, purchase supplies or use recycled materials, coordinate with an elementary school and then go into the class and teach the lesson. Since the program started, they have reached more than 20 classrooms and 600 students.

Tyson Foods, Pasco

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The people of Tyson Foods understand that their actions and decisions have a broader impact, and that serving the global community is consistent with the company's core values. That's why Tyson employees work with hunger relief organizations, help with disaster recovery and contribute to organizations that invest in young people. In Pasco, the team at the Tyson Fresh Meats processing plant is a contributor to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties, giving both time and money to the clubs throughout the year, and cooking and serving hamburgers at the end-of-the-year picnic. Employees also support Junior Achievement, typically through monetary donations and staff contributions in local classrooms. This year, however, a member of the management team will teach entrepreneurial skills to elementary students. In 2012, Tyson Foods unveiled a new tool for disaster response. The company outfitted a 53-foot semi-trailer with enough space for 20,000 pounds of chicken, beef and pork; a 5,500-watt generator and satellite communications to serve a central supply unit at disaster sites.

HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

Ryan, Swanson, & Cleveland, PLLC, Seattle

 ryanswansonlaw.com



Ryan Swanson considers itself a “human” law firm, which means that employees are not only encouraged to participate in civic activities during their workday, but they are also encouraged to pursue their individual interests outside of the workplace. This results in a well-rounded workplace that ends up contributing to causes its employees believe in. In fact, nearly all of its charitable contributions are the result of personal involvement, and the contributions are significant: Compared to other small companies, Ryan Swanson & Cleveland ranks in the top 15 in terms of funds donated in 2012. The donations are organized by the firm’s Charitable Giving Committee, which established the theme, “Think Local, Act Local,” to emphasize its commitment to helping small, local organizations that often lack the resources of a national organization. Benefiting organizations included Northwest Harvest, Food Lifeline, United Way, Toys for Tots and Make-A-Wish.

UPS, Seattle

 ups.com



UPS does more than deliver packages. Its drivers and corporate leaders give millions of dollars and thousands of hours of time focused in four areas: community safety, diversity, environmental sustainability and nonprofit volunteering. UPS is the only company to have given more than \$1 billion to United Way during its more than three-decade partnership. UPS executives help lead such organizations as the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital, and the Seattle Metropolitan Urban League. In 2012 UPS workers in the Northwest collectively donated more than 45,000 hours (the equivalent of five years, 24 hours a day, seven days a week) to their local communities. In addition, during October— UPS’s Global Volunteer Month — more than 300 Northwest District UPS-ers gave more than 5,400 hours in sorting and gathering food, removing invasive plants and walking for the American Cancer Society, among other projects. Company donations to charity in 2012 totaled \$97.5 million — \$3.3 million in the Northwest alone.

PROJECTS THAT MOBILIZE PEOPLE INTO ACTION

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Agri Beef Co. has long been one of the most dedicated supporters of Second Harvest, the nonprofit organization that fights hunger throughout the state. Recently, the company took its commitment to an even higher level by pioneering Beef Counts, a program that mobilized the beef industry to provide free beef for food bank clients. Protein-rich foods play an important role in the development of muscle tissue for children and adults, and they help maintain healthy blood sugar levels. Yet they make up just 4 percent of Second Harvest’s inventory. Thanks to the program initiated by Robert Rebholtz, Agri Beef president and CEO, and Rick Stott, executive vice president, the Washington beef industry now provides thousands of people with beef products, something that low-income food bank clients had come to view as a luxury. In the last decade, Agri Beef Co.’s financial gifts paid for Second Harvest to secure, warehouse and distribute 6 million pounds of donated food for hungry people in the Inland Northwest. This food has a broad impact on Washington communities feeding tens of thousands of hungry children and adults in high-need city neighborhoods and small towns throughout Eastern Washington.

PROJECTS THAT MOBILIZE PEOPLE INTO ACTION- Continuous Commitment

MacKay Sposito, Vancouver

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Last year was a year of change for MacKay Sposito. Giving back to the community has long been a priority for the civil engineering firm, but in 2012, they became more focused by asking the question: “What are we passionate about, and what does our community need?” The answer to both questions was support for veterans, active military troops and their families. Last year, MacKay Sposito launched a variety of initiatives designed specifically to help military members, veterans and their families including scholarships to Clark College and the Oregon Institute of Technology for veterans or soldiers seeking an education within their industry. Two other programs led by the company’s staff provided \$2,225 worth of gift cards for gas and groceries to military families in need and created 500 care packages for troops. At the end of 2012, more than 600 hours of community board involvement was donated to the community along with more than \$30,000 to a variety of charitable organizations.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERISM

Amy’s on the Bay Restaurant & Bar, Port Orchard

 amysonthebay.com



Amy’s on the Bay Restaurant & Bar has been invested in the community since the day it opened nearly seven years ago. The Port Orchard restaurant takes part in numerous fundraising activities every year, including a benefit dinner in partnership with Kitsap Bank for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; a pancake breakfast to benefit the local help line; and a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser for the Washington Special Olympics in partnership with the Port Orchard Police Department. The restaurant also sponsors the Festival of Chimes & Lights, helps coordinate and donates its chef to the Manchester Salmon Bake, a benefit for the Manchester Library, and at least every other month Amy’s hosts “take-overs” for nonprofits or local families with a financial need due to medical bills. With the help of 20 employees, Amy’s on the Bay Restaurant & Bar is able to make a significant difference in the community with a broad range of activities and initiatives.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Moyer Foundation, Seattle

 moyerfoundation.org



Camp Erin was established in 2002 as a single location in the Pacific Northwest where children ages 6-17 could go following death of someone close to them. Since then, it has grown into the largest national network of bereavement camps with 40 locations, including a camp serving children in every Major League Baseball city. To date, it has helped more than 9,700 grieving children and teens find hope and healing with the help of more than 9,000 volunteers. The camp is one of the ways that The Moyer Foundation, founded in 2000 by former Seattle Mariners pitcher Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen, helps children in distress. In 2007, the nonprofit launched Camp Mariposa, a free program for children aged nine to 12 who are living with an addicted or co-dependent family member. The Moyer Foundation has grown into a national organization, but it remains committed to helping children in the Pacific Northwest.