

THE COMMUNITY VISION AWARDS

Presented by the City of Newport's
Vision 2040 Advisory Committee

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Community Vision
Award Winners

2021

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About the Awards

The City of Newport's Vision Advisory Committee created the Community Vision Awards in 2020 to give the community an annual opportunity to recognize and reward the many community helpers. Many people and organizations in the Greater Newport Area are busy implementing components of the [Vision 2040 Plan for the Future*](#), whether they are aware of it or not.

Despite another year during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 proved to be a year of people and organizations continuing to work toward implementing the Vision 2040 plan for the future and making a positive impact in the Greater Newport Area. Twenty well-deserving individuals or organizations are receiving a Community Vision Award in 2021.

To help increase the community's knowledge of the Vision 2040 plan, the award categories were organized under the Vision's six focus areas.

Based on community feedback during 2020's Awards, Volunteers, Employees, 501(c)(3) Nonprofits, and Businesses were eligible for recognition. Due to the number of nominations in 2021, all eligible nominees received awards.

The Vision 2040's Six Focus Areas:



***Click underlined text throughout this document to follow links to more information.**

The 2021 Community Vision Award Winners Are:



Learn more about
each winner on the
following pages!

Winner	Category	<u>Vision 2040 Focus Area</u>
Cathey Briggs	Volunteer	Preserving and Enjoying our Environment AND Fostering Collaboration and Engagement
Consuelo Kammerer	Volunteer	Preserving and Enjoying our Environment
Paul Seitz	Employee	Preserving and Enjoying our Environment
Ryan Parker	Volunteer	Preserving and Enjoying our Environment
Thompson's Sanitary	Business	Preserving and Enjoying our Environment
Ultralife Cafe	Business	Preserving and Enjoying our Environment
Margarita Macchia Osio	Employee	Creating New Businesses and Jobs
Christina & Joseph Swafford	Volunteers	Learning, Exploring, and Creating New Horizons
Neighbors for Kids	Nonprofit	Learning, Exploring, and Creating New Horizons
Asia Richardson	Volunteer	Improving Community Health and Safety
Bob Berman	Volunteer	Improving Community Health and Safety
Canales Catering	Business	Improving Community Health and Safety
Food Share of Lincoln County	Nonprofit	Improving Community Health and Safety
Friends of Lincoln County Animal Shelter (FOLCAS)	Nonprofit	Improving Community Health and Safety
La Juquilita	Business	Improving Community Health and Safety
KYAQ Radio 91.7 FM	Nonprofit	Fostering Collaboration and Engagement
Maria Pacheco	Volunteer	Fostering Collaboration and Engagement
Ralph Breitenstein	Volunteer	Fostering Collaboration and Engagement
Tom Hurst	Volunteer	Fostering Collaboration and Engagement
Wanda Janes	Volunteer	Fostering Collaboration and Engagement

Cathey Briggs

Volunteer in both Preserving and Enjoying our Environment
AND Fostering Collaboration and Engagement

Nominated because:

Her first nominator reports that “Cathey’s volunteer efforts have made a positive impact in the Greater Newport area in 2021. Over the last year, she has volunteered on a regular basis as an individual for the following organizations: Pick of the Litter resale store, Visual Arts Center Gallery, Coastal Arts Guild - Art Bus and other kids programs, Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, Food Share Donation Cans, City Beautification with Anita Albrecht, Daily litter pick-up throughout Nye Beach, Group Beach clean-ups in cooperation with City of Newport and/or Surfrider Foundation and SOLV. Through her group organizing and example, she has cultivated the community’s spirit of collaboration and engagement.”

Also Nominated because:

Cathey’s second nominator shared: "Cathey is a consistent and dedicated presence in the Nye Beach area. On a nearly-daily (and often twice a day!) she walks the entire Nye Beach neighborhood area picking up trash. She is passionate about Nye Beach, public beautification and the environment. I'm so impressed by her quiet, consistent dedication to the beautification of our community... She is one of those leaders who goes about her work quietly, passionately, and consistently without looking for anything in return and yet she leaves our community better than how she found it on a regular basis.”

Cathey Briggs

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From the Winner:

Mine has mostly been a solitary effort because of COVID. But there are many way folks can be involved in community improvement projects. I recommend that they begin by talking to their neighbors, or their extended community – be it a church, neighborhood or business community – to find out what improvements they would like to see in their area. Then do something. Start small if need be. One person can be an example, and two or more can become a movement. I used to teach Community Development classes in the Urban Planning Program at Portland State, and one of the articles I used for my class really stuck with me. It was called the “broken window” theory, formulated by James Wilson. The idea was that one broken window, unattended, reflects on the community as a place where folks don’t care about their environment. So one broken window led to two, then to general degradation of the area. The author’s theory applied to crime prevention primarily, but I think it applies to all matters of neighborhood livability. So when I began to see a proliferation of discarded masks and wipes all over my neighborhood, I saw it not just as a health hazard, but as a potential indicator of neighborhood blight. What started small – cleaning up the playground by my house so that kids could play safely, grew to my daily walks in my neighborhood and on the beach to pick up all sorts of trash. Nothing heroic about this, it was just my way of taking charge of my own life, so as not to feel powerless in the fact of a pandemic and the fear and disorder associated it. I wanted to focus on the positives of my community and do what I could do as an individual to maintain, as much as possible, all the good qualities of our Newport community.

I would encourage others to get involved somehow in something they care about. Folks can seek out and join an existing group, or start their own. It could be picking up trash, it could be tutoring kids or adults, or it could be organizing neighborhood food drives. There is a lot of need, especially now, in our community so talk to your neighbors, or your faith community, to explore what you can do together. You can do a lot.

Consuelo Kammerer

Volunteer in Preserving and Enjoying our Environment

Nominated because:

Consuelo Kammerer's nomination reported that she "works tirelessly to fight plastic pollution in our community. She walks the beach every day and removes trash (her dog, Rocky, helps carry it). Additionally, Consuelo has worked to pass plastic ordinances in Newport (most recently the foodware and food accessory ordinance in December 2021). She has put in many hours going door-to-door to businesses talking about reducing their single-use plastic use and explaining how proposed ordinances might impact them. Consuelo has also worked a lot with youth both in the school system and outside of it to educate them on plastic pollution and to help them find solutions within their daily lives. Her passion for the environment and for finding solutions to environmental problems is inspiring."

Learn More About Consuelo's efforts:

[Click here to read a Surfrider Article on the Plastic Foodware Ordinance](#)

From the Winner:

I would like to involve more high school students and help them with beach cleanups and reducing plastics in the high school cafeteria.

Paul Seitz

District Manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Consortium

Employee in Preserving and Enjoying our Environment

Nominated because:

Paul Seitz's nominator states, "Paul's enthusiasm, teamwork, and creativity make him wonderful at his job. He values collaboration to make projects as strong as possible. Paul is a terrific communicator, both internally and with the public. On the surface, being the Solid Waste Director for the County may sound boring, but Paul keeps things fun and lighthearted even when working through problems. His collaborative spirit helps on so many levels of waste reduction and compost education. He has also supported many community food-growing projects with his creative problem-solving ideas and exemplary community networking."

Paul's Composting & Food Growing Collaborative efforts include working with many Lincoln County Stakeholders, including *OSU Extension's Lincoln County Master Gardeners Program*

Contact Paul to collaborate or to learn more:

solidwaste@co.lincoln.or.us

Ryan Parker

City Councilor of Newport, Oregon

Volunteer in Preserving and Enjoying our Environment

Nominated because:

Ryan Parker's nomination stated, "City Councilor Ryan Parker led the efforts to recruit and establish more EV charging locations around our community and also led the push to ban the EPS foam in take-out containers in our local dining establishments. I am so thrilled to see these efforts and I know it works to achieve our goal of preserving our environment. I am grateful for his efforts."

Learn more about Councilor Parker's efforts:

[Click here for the City of Newport's City Council Page](#)

Thompson's Sanitary

Business in Preserving and Enjoying our Environment

Nominated because:

Their nominator reported that “Thompson's Sanitary goes above and beyond to educate the community about responsible waste management. They go above and beyond supporting community cleanups. Thompson's work with the Green Schools program is building leadership within our local youth. Their work goes well beyond our community to state-level decisions on waste management and sustainability.”



From the Winner:

"We pride ourselves in being community partners and active at the local and state level in improving waste practices and doing what we can to educate ourselves and the public about sustainable and best practices. We consciously operate our business with these guiding values: Integrity, Safety, Excellence, Teamwork, Accountability, and Environmental Sustainability."



Two photos from our Earth Day Compost giveaway to the public. We gave away 86 pick-up loads of compost.

Contact or Follow Thompson's Sanitary:

Website: <https://www.thompsonsanitary.com/>

Instagram: [@thompsonsanitary](https://www.instagram.com/thompsonsanitary)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Thompsons.Sanitary.Service>

Ultralife Cafe

Business in Preserving and Enjoying our Environment

Nominated because:

Ultralife Café was nominated because “In its new location at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Ultralife Café demonstrates its commitment to implementing and expanding environmentally sustainable practices. The café’s owner, Matt Harner, sources coffee cups and take-out containers that have a low carbon footprint, and he is committed to working with the Hatfield community as he further implements strategies that minimize packaging and waste. Ultralife offers a 25-cent discount to customers who bring their own reusable beverage containers, and the café recently participated in the HMSC Green Team’s Bring Your Cup to the Café challenge to help raise awareness about effective waste-reduction habits. Those of us who work, live, and play in South Beach not only appreciate that Ultralife Café opened in the OSU Marine Studies Building mid-pandemic, but also that the business has a vision to implement practices that minimize harm to ocean and coastal environments.”

Learn more about Ultralife Cafe's Environmental efforts:

[Bring Your Cup to the Café Promotion](#)

[Bring Your Cup to the Café Result](#) and [Social Media Engagement](#)

Follow and Like Ultralife Cafe on Social Media to stay updated on their current events in 2022!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ultralifecafe>

Instagram: [@ultralifecafe](#)

Website: <https://ultralifecafe.com/>

Margarita Macchia Osio

WorkSource Business & Employment Specialist

Employee in Creating New Businesses and Jobs

Nominated because:

Margarita's nominator reports "Margarita was nominated by the Oregon Employment Department to receive recognition during 2021 Public Service Recognition Week for her work as an Ambassador of Public Service. Work that has served so that many members of the community achieve their dream to achieve or improve their employment."

Margarita's peers and supervisors say, "nominated for starting up Spanish-language, statewide virtual job seeker workshops for WorkSource customers and ensuring a high-quality Spanish online claim form for UI (Unemployment Insurance), along with providing many other translations throughout our Covid -19 response."

From the Winner:

Help us spread the word about the WorkSource statewide virtual Spanish job seeker workshops. Specifically, we refer to the virtual and free workshops in Spanish of Resume, Interview, Virtual Interview, Soft Skills, and Networking. Every month we have a pdf flyer with info about each workshop and the link to register. Also, we have an online claim system to apply for unemployment benefits available in Spanish, and all our websites are available in Spanish.

More information in Spanish:

www.worksourceoregon.org/es/unemployment.oregon.gov/es/

More information in English:

www.worksourceoregon.org/unemployment.oregon.gov

Email: margarita.d.macchia-osio@employ.oregon.gov Phone: 541-757-4122 # 3



Christina & Joseph Swafford

Volunteers in Learning, Exploring, and Creating New Horizons

Nominated because:

“Joe and Christina Swafford know the importance of community. In their retirement, the Swaffords have worked tirelessly with the Hospitality Committee of the Newport Symphony Orchestra, which Christina chairs and Joe serves on. The committee feeds the NSO’s musicians, sometimes 50 or more of them, at rehearsals. The Swaffords mobilize the group to make sandwiches, soups, dessert and more. Christina always pitches in with her amazing culinary skills. Despite its small budget, the NSO continues to attract some of the most talented musicians in the region, who all love coming to Newport to play, in part because of the work of the Hospitality Committee. Joe and Christina should be commended for helping to ensure that our community gets to enjoy the incredible music of the NSO.”

From the Winners:

We are pleased to be so honored with this award! Years ago a need was determined by Newport Symphony Orchestra benefactress Jeanette Hofer when she organized the Hospitality Committee. She was grateful to Christina who took over the reins so she could retire. That was 12 or 13 years ago. When the musicians break for lunch on rehearsal Saturday and again on the next week's rehearsal (Saturday morning before evening performance) they are served a substantial meal without having to go out to a restaurant. They save money, they break bread with each other and no one is late when rehearsal resumes. The committee draws from a pool of nine or ten who shop, prep, and donate the food at each concert. The appreciative musicians thank us and we tell them it is a two-way street as we thank them for great music. (A musician once told Christina, "I don't come here to play; I come here to eat.")

Volunteers who would like to contribute prepared food items are always needed. Contact us: jcswaf@charter.net or (541) 265-3076

Newport Symphony Orchestra's Website: newportsymphony.org

Neighbors for Kids

Nonprofit in Learning, Exploring, and Creating New Horizons

Nominated because:

“From holiday gift drives, to take home enrichment activities, to nutritious freshly cooked meals, Neighbors For Kids (NFK) has gone above and beyond to support our community during the difficult past two years of the pandemic. NFK strives to eliminate barriers to childcare by providing inclusive services with sliding scale fees, scholarships and quality year-round programming for families in Lincoln County. In addition, after identifying transportation as a significant barrier to childcare, NFK acquired 12-passenger vans to transport students to and from their after-school program and summer day camp.

Their activities with youth have included outdoor recreation such as kayaking, surfing, rowing, and hiking, as well activities such as visual arts, music, educational field trips, hands-on scientific inquiries, and much more. At the Kids Zone, the staff strike a great balance between fun and education. Without NFK, many families would not be able to afford childcare or have out-of-school-time programs available."

From the Winners:

To make a charitable donation, apply for employment or become a volunteer, or to enroll your children (preschool – age 3-5, school-age 6-18) – please contact frontdesk.nfk@gmail.com or call 541-765-8990

Follow Neighbors for Kids on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Neighbors4Kids>

Asia Richardson

Volunteer in Improving Community Health and Safety

Nominated because:

“There is no bigger heart in Newport than Asia Richardson’s. Asia has served on the board of the Lincoln County Foster Parent Association for four years, recently stepping into the role of president. The all-volunteer Lincoln County Foster Parent Association serves a tremendous need in the county, with a mission to ‘improve the quality of life for foster families in Lincoln County by providing opportunities for activities, clothing, toys, books, and more.’ For Asia, work with the Foster Parent Association goes far beyond the theoretical: She and her husband, Ollie, have been foster parents themselves, fostering a number of children since 2016. In her work with the Association, Asia has spearheaded Christmas activities and gift drives for foster families, assembled COVID support baskets, started support groups, and has helped out with the Hope Chest project.”

From the Winner:

Learn more about The Lincoln County Foster Parent Association:

Website: <https://fosterlincolncounty.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fosterlincolncounty/>

Contact Asia to get involved:

Email: president@fosterlincolncounty.org **Phone:** 541.272.0015.

Bob Berman

Volunteer in Improving Community Health and Safety

Nominated because:

Bob Berman was nominated for his tireless community volunteerism. His nomination includes his 2021 volunteer activities, including: Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) Counselor, Newport 60+ Activity Center Advisory Committee, Meals on Wheels Delivery Driver, Newport Planning Commission, Newport TSP Project Advisory Committee, AARP TaxAide, Tax Preparer & Tax Options Advisor, Newport Budget Committee, Surfrider Foundation, Blue Water Task Force.

Bob has been a volunteer with other organizations over the years, including, VAC, PAC, OSU Hatfield Marine Sciences Center, Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, Community Emergency Response Team, Newport 60+ Center, and the Oregon State University Extension Service.

From the Winner:

[Click here to learn more details about Bob's volunteer work.](#)

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) Website:
<https://shiba.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

[Click Here for the SHIBA Brochure](#)

Local SHIBA office: 541-574-2684

Canales Catering

Formerly Break Time Catering

Business in Improving Community Health and Safety

Nominated because:

“This business was a critical partner to expand access to COVID-19 vaccinations and testing for Latino/a/x and Hispanic community members. They participated in vaccination clinics by providing catering services that were incentives for people to participate. They were part of an effective outreach method to bring together people, food, and health care services. This included several community clinics as well as a La Fiesta Latina event during the Lincoln County Fair. Their participation in COVID-19 vaccination clinics had a huge impact on supporting health equity and increasing access to important services to community members that were previously having difficulty accessing vaccination services.”

From the Winner:

New Business Name: Canales Catering

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Winniecanales/>

Phone Number: 541-264-1187

Food Share of Lincoln County

Nonprofit in Improving Community Health and Safety

Nominated because:

"The Food Share of Lincoln County has played a very important role during the Covid pandemic, responding with immediate nutritious food boxes to the community at times when families or individuals have been quarantined due to Covid or other financial circumstances. Another area of support has been the provision of food for preparation at hot meal sites. The work done by Food Share has supported many people in our community at vulnerable times. Their staff are always very attentive and willing to support the needs of the community. It is a privilege to have this support in our community and especially to know that they are prepared to respond immediately to the needs of the community. Thank you so much for your service!"

From the Winner:

Food Share of Lincoln County is honored to work with agencies in the county that support low-income families and individuals and look forward to continued progress to help us achieve our mission to alleviate hunger in Lincoln County.

For more information:

Website: <https://foodsharelc.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/foodsharelincolncounty>

Find help or help others:

Phone: 541-265-8578 **Email:** info@foodsharelc.org

In Person: [535 NE 1st St. Newport, OR 97365](#)

Friends of Lincoln County Animal Shelter (FOLCAS)

Nonprofit in Improving Community Health and Safety

Nominated because:

“The Pick of the Litter thrift store, a project of Friends of Lincoln County Animals (FOLCAS), benefits a large segment of our community by offering quality goods at affordable prices so that everyone's dollars go further. POTL supports the Animal Shelter by covering all spay/neuter-related costs for shelter animals. Many more dollars are paid to our local vets to help with the cost of medical and dental care so local residents can keep their beloved companion animals healthy and at their side. As of year-end 2021, income from Pick of the Litter, established in 2009, has enabled FOLCAS to spend more than a million dollars to improve the quality of life of thousands of local animals and the people who care for them.”

From the Winner:

Volunteers are greatly needed! We hope to grow Pick of the Litter's hours back to pre-pandemic levels over time, but that means more bodies to cover more volunteer shifts. If you can give a few hours a week to the mission, please visit folcas.com, download a volunteer application from the Thrift Store page, fill it out, bring it in to POTL (558 NE First Street, at Fogarty, in Newport), and ask for Yvonne, our manager. Or you can pick up an application at the store. And of course, shopping at POTL and donating your unwanted but good-quality items are what keeps the income flowing for the animals.

For more information, visit our website: <http://www.folcas.com/>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Pick-of-the-Litter-Thrift-Store-250639238287513/>

Phone: (541) 574-1861 **Store Location:** [558 NE 1st St. Newport, OR 97365](https://www.google.com/maps/place/558+NE+1st+St,+Newport,+OR+97365)

La Juquilita

Business in Improving Community Health and Safety

Nominated because:

La Juquilita has been a critical partner to expand access to COVID-19 vaccinations and testing for Latino/a/x and Hispanic community members. They hosted many vaccination clinics in 2021 at their business. Having a community-based business that is central to the community being a location for vaccinations made it easier for more people to get vaccinated. This has had a huge impact on supporting health equity and increasing access to important services to community members that were previously having difficulty accessing vaccination services.

From the Winner:

La Juquilita Store

Location: 312 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365

Phone number: (541)574-6740

Open Hours: 10 am - 9 pm every day.

Hispanic products, clothing and jewelry, meats, vegetables, legumes, street tacos on weekends, and Mexican snacks.

Follow us on Facebook: The Mexican Store “La Juquilita”
<https://www.facebook.com/The-mexican-Store-La-Juquilita-1432033033490573/>

KYQAQ Radio 91.7 FM

Nonprofit in Fostering Collaboration and Engagement

Nominated because:

“KYQAQ is the only community radio station in Lincoln County, broadcasting a broad range of programming and supporting the Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ communities. KYQAQ carries local news, emergency PSAs, and local COVID-19 updates. Music shows are locally produced. The staff is all-volunteer, including the Executive Director, Frankie Trujillo Dalbey, the Station Manager, Bill Dalbey, and all of the music/public affairs producers.”

From the Winner:

KYQAQ is totally community-funded through listener donations, small community grants, and underwriting with local businesses.

How to help KYQAQ:

We need sustaining members (\$10.00 month +), one-time donors, volunteers for various positions, and businesses that would like to become underwriters.

KYQAQ's Website: [KYQAQ.org](https://www.kyaq.org)

Follow KYQAQ on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KyaqRadio>

Follow KYQAQ on Twitter: [@kyaq-fm](https://twitter.com/kyaq-fm)

Maria Pacheco

Volunteer in Fostering Collaboration and Engagement

Nominated because:

"She is a person who has been willing to support when there are opportunities to help the community, whether it is helping in the preparation of hot meals at the Episcopal church or helping in the spiritual area at the church she participates in. Her volunteer work in the church highlights a great job in listening to Latinx/o/a or Mesoamerican Indigenous people about their spiritual requests and connecting them with the church. She has also been willing to support in the area of disaster preparedness information through LISTOS during virtual sessions or radio. Maria has been very involved in different areas in the community and always does it with enthusiasm. Thank you very much Maria for being available to support us!"

From the Winner:

Thank you so much for this nomination and to the organization that rewards all the volunteers in the community. It is a pleasure to be able to help my community in various areas. For starters, helping the Spanish-speaking community at my church and being involved with LISTOS, a disaster preparedness group.

I invite anyone interested to **visit the web page: sacredheartnewport.org** or **call the office: (541) 265-5101** to find out about different activities and resources available in the spiritual area. Additionally, the church has recently acquired someone who speaks Spanish to help in the church office on Thursdays from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. We are always in need of volunteers in various areas. If you are interested, please **call the office: (541) 265-5101** or **email: office-sacredheartnewport.com**.

Anyone wanting more information on the emergency preparedness group, feel free to visit our **[Facebook page at Newport LISTOS](#)**. Additionally, we need more community members willing to take the disaster preparedness course to be better equipped to help our community.

Ralph Breitenstein

Volunteer in Fostering Collaboration and Engagement

Nominated because:

“From the moment Ralph Breitenstein stepped up to serve on the Pacific Communities Hospital Board, he had a vision for Newport. As a physician, dedicated community citizen Newport has been blessed by his permanent residency. Ralph not only created a cogent financial and benefit talk, he got out in the community and stumped for a new hospital. His tireless campaign and dedicated outreach allowed for Pacific Samaritan Hospital. The measure passed and we now have an amazing medical center. Dr. Ralph Breitenstein is responsible for the passage and continued evolution of the hospital. Ralph continued as an active Newport citizen to build community unlike no other citizen in Newport. He is the missing link in Newport's resurrection of community leadership. Ralph Breitenstein is the vision of the 2040 Vision Plan. He continues to advocate, organize and bring community to the table. This was not a short-term project. As we look at the plan and the present leadership his vision has blossomed and we can see a bright, healthy future. I have seen the movers and shakers in Newport and Ralph takes the prize for exceptional duty and dedication. He deserves to be celebrated!”

From the Winner:

The best way for a rural community to maintain an adequate number of primary care providers is to “grow your own”. Samaritan leadership, the PCHD Board of Directors and I have advocated for a family practice training program in Lincoln County. As of this year, with help from the State or Oregon, we have started one, with the first group graduating in 3 1/2 years. This has been one of my priorities.

The problem of a secure and resilient water supply for the hospital in the event of a natural disaster needs a solution. The Health District is dealing with the problem by construction, with the City of Newport’s help, a dedicated water tank to meet these needs. This has been the subject of [a recent OPB article](#). This is one of my pet projects. We (myself and the PCHD Board of Directors) have also facilitated getting the new walk-in clinic open 1-2 years ahead of Samaritan's original schedule.

Tom Hurst

Volunteer in Fostering Collaboration and Engagement

Nominated because:

Tom Hurst has been the volunteer President of the Central Coast Soccer Association (CCSA) for eight years. CCSA provides the opportunity for hundreds of kids ages 5-14 in the greater Newport area to play soccer every year, including 2021 during the pandemic. Tom runs two regular soccer seasons (~3 months long) each year and oversees all logistics that make the league successful, including registration, recruiting volunteer coaches, and establishing teams and schedules. Tom believes that no child should miss-out on playing soccer due to financial limitations.

Under his leadership of CCSA, Tom established scholarships so any kid who wants to play, can play. Soccer unites people from all backgrounds in Newport, and CCSA provides the backbone that supports these friendships. Tom is also a volunteer for the boys and girls soccer teams at Newport High School. Due to the leadership and action of Tom Hurst, youth soccer in Newport is accessible, fun, and beneficial for hundreds of kids every year, which provides lasting and positive connections across our whole community.

From the Winner:

Follow [CCSA on Facebook](#) or check out our website:

www.centralcoastsoccer.org

CCSA is always looking for engaged parents to serve as coaches or help out in other ways. Parents don't need to have a lot of soccer playing experience, we will teach you! Anyone interested in volunteering in any way should contact Tom at president@centralcoastsoccer.org

Wanda Janes

Volunteer in Fostering Collaboration and Engagement

Nominated because:

“Wanda is one of the volunteers at the American Legion. She has been in charge of making sure that our community has had a hot Thanksgiving dinner serving up to 700 meals. She also is the head of the Kids Christmas event each year. In 2021, this event provided over 600 toys for kids. She goes above and beyond to help out our community in times of need even if it’s just to rent or use the banquet room. She is always there to help out. We need more caring people like her.”

More about the Winner:

If you would like to help or get involved with Wanda's efforts, please contact her:

American Legion - Post 116 - Newport, Oregon

424 W Olive St. Newport, OR 97365

Phone: 541.265.9017

Follow American Legion - Post 116 on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-116-Newport-OR-111554005550918>

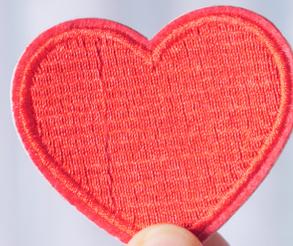
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The City of Newport celebrates the efforts of all these volunteers, employees, organizations, and businesses. The City also encourages its residents, neighbors, and friends to support their important endeavors.

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[Lincoln County](#), and a [Community Building Grant from The Ford Family Foundation](#)

Do you have feedback to share on the 2021 Community Vision Awards or to The City of Newport? Would you like to share your Vision-forwarding work or ideas with the City? Please email: publiccomment@newportoregon.gov



Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who work and volunteer to make positive impacts in the Greater Newport Area Community.

For additional information on the [Vision 2040 Plan](#), or the [Community Vision Awards](#), contact Peggy Hawker: p.hawker@newportoregon.gov or by phone at 541.574.0613