

Alliance of Eastside Agencies

The Voice of the Providers

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2017 Awards to be Given for Outstanding Contribution of Human Services

The Alliance of Eastside Agencies (Alliance), a professional membership organization of 40 Eastside human service agencies, has announced the annual awards to be given at a luncheon at Daniel's Broiler at noon to 1:30 pm on June 7th.

"The event highlights the work of those in the community who make the Eastside a better place for all of us to live and work," said Alliance co-chairs Helen Banks Routon and Rochelle Clayton Strunk on behalf of the Alliance membership.

This year's speaker is Sonya Campion, President, Campion Advocacy Fund and founder of Philanthropy Northwest's Capacity Building Learning Circle. The event is open to the public. Register at www.allianceofeastsideagencies.org.

The Alliance of Eastside Agencies' (AEA) mission is to build healthy communities in East King County through a strong human services network by providing a strong voice for Eastside health and human services and by promoting organizational excellence among providers.

The winners of the awards were chosen from those nominated by Eastside human service providers that are members of the Alliance. The winners for this year's awards are as follows:

Business of the Year: Davis Wright Tremaine exhibits a deeply felt philosophy of bringing diversity and inclusion to the workplace. AtWork! clients are cherished employees receiving the same respect of any employee of the law firm.

City Partnership: The City of Redmond has shown a commitment supporting human services at all levels. **Mayor John Marchione** has addressed proactively issues of homelessness that is a model for other cities. **Council Members Hank Myers and Byron Shutz** are active on Together Center's Board of Directors, among other critical roles. Shutz is Chair of the Eastside Human Services Forum (EHSF). Human Services Senior Planner **Brooke Buckingham** has been done critical work to ensure a 17-city grant-making collaboration succeeds, while also providing EHSF oversight and agency support.

Elected Official of the Year: State Rep. Tana Senn (41st) has emerged as a state leader in efforts to support children's mental health and wellness and shows an unwavering passion for improving the lives of children and families.

Faith Organization of the Year: Meadowbrook Church is committed to the families in transition who are working to exit the homeless system at Hopelink's Avondale Park, providing move-out assistance, celebrations and staff support.

Leadership: Pam Mauk has provided outstanding leadership for the past two decades in collaboration, community awareness and the importance of human services to the quality of life on the Eastside.

Legacy: Emily Leslie, retiring from the City of Bellevue, is an effective, knowledgeable and caring leader who has been impactful addressing issues of homelessness. She is role model to many government and human service partners.

Not-for-Profit Staff of the Year: Carmelita Parazz of Attain Housing inspires others. She has transformed processes for the better, while serving and advocating for those struggling with mental illness, domestic violence, and homelessness.

Volunteer Team of the Year: The Eastside Baby Corner Shop Crew (Pete Kraetsch, Tim Sullivan, Dick Scott, Greg Wineland) happily tackle renovation needs on top of their work repairing bikes, cribs, high chairs, and other donations.

Youth Volunteer of the Year: Emma Federico of the Riverview Youth Council/Snoqualmie Valley Community Network stands out among her peers for her intelligence, dedication to others and efforts to make the world a better place.

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