Honor an “Extraordinary Giver”

ONE OF THE HALLMARKS of a great community is volunteerism by its residents. Their contribution may come through work as a project leader, laborer or a donor. The Renton Community Foundation is giving you a chance to shine a spotlight on someone’s philanthropy. The foundation is now accepting nominations for their 2019 League of Extraordinary Givers Awards. The “league” is a fraternity of recognized philanthropists who share a passion for making our community a better place to live.

If you know someone who fits that criteria, please go to the foundation and nominate them. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. on December 3. The awards will be presented February 6, 2019, at CELEBRATE! The Love of Community event.

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RENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT’S annual Tip A Cop fundraiser will be at the Yankee Grill at the Red Lion Inn (1 South Grady Way) Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics of Washington. Special Olympics Washington T-shirts will be on sale as well as raffle tickets for ride-alongs. Special Olympics athletes will also be there. From 1 to 4 p.m. there will be a “Bucket Challenge” where some of Renton’s finest might get a little wet.

I hope you can take some time this Sunday to help a worthwhile cause.

Renton Police Detective LeAnn Whitney was honored earlier this year for her work with Special Olympics Washington. Det. Whitney and her fellow officers will host their Tip A Cop Special Olympics fundraiser on Sunday.

Sunset Court is 50 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments and townhomes with ample green space and amenities for families.

Sunset Court Apartments is a quality 50-unit project for low-income families in the Sunset Neighborhood. Successful projects like this are only possible because of a vision and a plan. They also require collaboration between all levels of government-local, state and national. We are fortunate Renton, Housing Authority (RHA) has been a valuable partner in the development of affordable housing and the promotion of self-sufficiency in our community. Our state legislators have also come through time after time to make the dream a reality.

I thought it was very significant that one of those legislators at the ribbon cutting ceremony, state Sen. Bob Hasegawa, made it a point to recognize and praise the partnership in his remarks. Sen. Hasegawa pointed out that Renton, unlike many local municipalities, has a strong vision and a plan in place to solve these housing issues. That vision and plan is being successfully executed by our Community & Economic Development staff and Renton Housing Authority.

We are so very fortunate to have so many individuals like senators Hasegawa and Karen Keiser who are so dedicated to serving Renton. Their work is one of the reasons we have been able to complete so many worthwhile projects.

Sunset Court Apartments is another step in our master plan to redevelop an area that was composed of sub-standard World War II era housing for low-income families and seniors into one offering quality, affordable housing along with new market-rate housing and other amenities. Nearby is a new King County Library and this past June phase one of Sunset Neighborhood Park was opened. Work on phase II is scheduled to start next spring.

Sunset Court provides a wonderful living environment with park-like amenities that families will enjoy for years to come. My congratulations and thanks to all who made this vision a reality.

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