

OUTSTANDING WASHINGTON STATE PHILANTHROPISTS HONORED AT ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS – WASHINGTON CHAPTER'S NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY



The Association of Fundraising Professionals – Washington Chapter honored six outstanding philanthropists at its 22nd anniversary National Philanthropy Day luncheon on Nov. 18, 2010. National Philanthropy Day honors and supports the efforts and passions of philanthropic leaders and the organizations they serve. These individuals and organizations were recognized for their philanthropic work, for investing their passion, time, talents, and financial support to better their community.

The 2010 honorees are:

Matt Griffin and Evelyne Rozner – Outstanding Philanthropists

By conservative estimate, Matt Griffin and Evelyne Rozner have not only contributed substantially to local and national nonprofits, they have also led efforts that raised more than \$250 million for causes they support. But what really sets these two Seattle philanthropists apart is their leadership by example. “They are thoughtful leaders whose decades-long community involvement has impacted the lives of countless people in our region. They represent the finest in big-picture thinking, community service, and personal generosity, and they possess a catalytic leadership style that inspires others to achieve success,” said those who nominated them for the Outstanding Philanthropists honor. Matt is a commercial real estate developer and principal of Pine Street Group. Evelyne was a partner in Cable, Howse & Ragen, a local investment brokerage. Together and individually they have left a significant mark on more than a dozen nonprofits, serving as board leaders, fundraising champions and/or donors to institutions like Lakeside School, the YMCA of Greater Seattle, Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Northwest, the YWCA of Seattle/ King/Snohomish, the Downtown Seattle Association, Facing the Future, PATH, Technology Access Foundation, Rainier Scholars, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Northwest Harvest, Princeton University, and the United Way of King County.



Matt Griffin and Evelyne Rozner participate in the opening day celebration of the Matt Griffin YMCA in the SeaTac. Photo courtesy of the YMCA.

McKinstry Co. – Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation

McKinstry executive Dean Allen in 1999 established the McKinstry Foundation to share the company's success with the community in a purposeful, ongoing way. He imagined a world where every human being has equal access to healthcare and the encouragement and educational tools needed to reach his or her full potential. Allen put this vision into action, contributing to hundreds of charitable causes throughout the Pacific Northwest. The foundation focuses its efforts on four major areas: education, youth, global/health science, and community outreach, and provides significant support to further the missions of many area organizations. Inspired by the giving spirit of his father, company co-founder George Allen, and the sense of community involvement he instilled in him, Dean Allen has passed down these values to the company's employees. Each year the Seattle-based construction, energy and facility services firm gives every employee \$500 dollars to donate to his or her favorite cause on behalf of the foundation. Many employees have also gone on to give generously of their personal time, becoming active volunteers in these organizations and serve in leadership positions. In the new decade, McKinstry's core value of community involvement continues to be expressed through its purposeful focus on efforts that nurture children, support education, and provide global health equity.



McKinstry CEO Dean Allen with the Seattle BioMed malaria vaccine lab manager in Muheza, Tanzania. Photo courtesy of McKinstry.

Delivery Express, Inc. – Outstanding Small Company

Delivery Express and President Dave Hamilton literally go the extra mile to help nonprofits by donating deliveries and contributing time and money to the organizations. Among the nonprofits helped by this Renton company are the Starlight Children's Foundation of Washington, Puget Sound Blood Center, KUOW, and KEXP. “In addition to the thousands of dollars in value of in-kind donations, Delivery Express President Dave Hamilton has contributed personal time and funds to Starlight,” said Starlight's Executive Director Steve McGraw. It started in 2004 when Hamilton and his family volunteered to deliver toys to families with sick children around the winter holidays. It has continued since then with additional moving, delivery and storage services, and with Hamilton joining Starlight's board of directors and chairing one of its major fundraisers. Delivery Express employees also volunteer and donate to the Starlight Foundation. Kristina Minear, corporate relations and individual giving manager at Puget Sound Blood Center, not only appreciates that Delivery Express contributes delivery services, funds and volunteer support to her organization, but also the wisdom Hamilton brings to the center. “His leadership in business and in nonprofit governance gives him keen insight into developing partnerships between nonprofit and for-profit organizations,” she said.



Delivery Express President Dave Hamilton with Puget Sound Blood Center staff, Executive Director James P. Aubuchon, Executive Director of the Bleeding Disorder Foundation of Washington Kristian Prill, and the committee that organized the Golf Get's in Your Blood golf tournament and auction. Photo courtesy of Puget Sound Blood Center.

Whatcom Community Foundation – Outstanding Philanthropic Organization

The Whatcom Community Foundation not only attracts and manages donor funds and makes community grants, it has changed the way that Whatcom County nonprofits, donors and other funding sources approach community need and philanthropy. It has challenged community thinking, expanded philanthropic capacity, built partnerships, and served as a catalyst for a shared response to the county's most pressing needs. In the last 14 years the Foundation has received more than \$20 million in gifts and has awarded more than \$7 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations and community initiatives large and small. The Foundation is seen as a leader, a partner and a “voice” for nonprofits in the community. It is a trusted convener and has the credibility and the track record to engage local nonprofits, government, individual donors and corporate, private and public funders to help improve life in the county at all levels. Its supporters credit the Foundation with changing how they see philanthropy. “The Whatcom Community Foundation gently prompts us as local funders, each with our own unique missions and perceived niche, to develop a shared vision of a ‘Philanthropic Whatcom County,’ which honors our respective roles while leveraging our collective resources,” said Sue Sharpe, executive director of the St. Luke's Foundation.



Sue Sharpe, former board and grants committee member of the Whatcom Community Foundation, gives out a check during a grant awards event. Photo courtesy of Whatcom Community Foundation.

The Moles Family – Outstanding Family



John Moles, wife Ana Moles holding daughter Avah Moles, Dorothy Moles, Bob Moles Sr., Bob Moles Jr.'s wife Julie Johansen, Bob Moles Jr., and John Mole's oldest daughter Johannah Moles in front. Photo courtesy of Moles family, circa 1999.

Generations of the Moles family exemplify the true meaning of philanthropy. The third generation of his family in Whatcom County, Bob Moles Sr. and his wife Dorothy created a legacy of community service and philanthropy in Whatcom County that they have passed down to their children. The original family owner of Moles Family Funeral Homes, Bob Sr. served on numerous community groups and boards of directors before he died in 2005. His wife has dedicated her philanthropic efforts to helping domestic violence victims, economically disadvantaged children, nursing home and hospital patients. They have passed on this legacy to their son Bob Jr. and wife Julie Johansen and Bob Jr.'s son John Moles. Their young grandchildren are learning about philanthropy too. Together, members of the Moles family have served on numerous boards to help the community. “While the next generation of Moles children are quite young, there is no doubt that they will follow in the footsteps of the rest of their family members, assuming leadership roles as they establish themselves in the community or elsewhere,” said Mauri Ingram, President and Chief Executive of the Whatcom Community Foundation. “They will continue their family's philanthropic tradition by contributing their time, expertise and financial resources to honor their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.”

Madeleine Colvin and Grace Grubb – Outstanding Young Philanthropists

When Madeleine Colvin and Grace Grubb were in 8th grade at The Overlake School in Redmond, they learned about human rights and global problems. That was the catalyst they needed to start thinking big. By the end of their 10th-grade year, the two had founded Dig Deep, a nonprofit that has raised more than \$13,000 to purchase a water system for a village in Ethiopia. They not only learned about philanthropy, but leadership as well. “We started out really disorganized,” Grubb said. “We were learning as we went but we weren't experienced with dealing with people. We had to build a lot of relationships along the way. We had to deal with legal issues. We had to pull ourselves together more than (other) people our own age.” The end result? Water for Ethiopian villagers and the resolve to raise more money in the future – and to persuade other schools to start their own Dig Deep groups. “Madeleine and Grace are truly remarkable young women,” said Carol O'Donnell, director of development and community relations for The Overlake School. “They have managed in two short years to follow their passion and develop a sustainable organization to address one of the world's most pressing problems.”



Madeleine Colvin and Grace Grubb present a \$10,000 check to Water 1st International. Photo courtesy of Madeleine Colvin.