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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Youth Services Team

Date: April 20, 2006

Subject: 2006 T.H.A.N.K.S. Scholarship Recipients

Recommendation

City Council join staff in recognizing outstanding youth volunteers.

Background

The Youth Services Team, formed in early 2000, is an interdepartmental team of City employees whose mission it is to serve the youth in the Kirkland community, serve City staff with youth, focus on parenting, elder care issues, and youth issues at the City of Kirkland. In an effort to support elements of this mission, the Team introduced a scholarship program for teens who have served the City as volunteers. Not only does this program acknowledge the wonderful gift teens give to the City, but it also focuses on building two specific Developmental Assets, Community valuing youth and youth as resources.

The Youth Services Team has developed the following eligibility guidelines for possible candidates:

- Teens must have served the City in a volunteer capacity. This would include, but is not limited to, Kirkland Youth Council, Boards and Commissions, and Police Explorers.
- Teens must have graduated or be on track to graduate from High School the following June.
- Teens must be attending or has plans to attend college, university, or technical school after graduating from high school.

Funding for the Scholarship Program was generated through voluntary employee contributions during the 2005 United Way Giving Campaign. The Kirkland Fire Fighters Benevolence Association (KFFBA) was gracious enough to hold the funds through their status as a 501.c.3. \$1,000 was raised through employee donations and a gift from the KFFBA.

Awards

On April 17, 2006, members of the Youth Services Team along with a representative from the KFFBA met to discuss the applications received and make scholarship award recommendations. The following applicants were honored with a \$500 scholarship for their volunteer service to the City of Kirkland:

Lucas Bischofberger –International Community School, Kirkland Youth Council
Phillip Cheyne – Juanita High School, Kirkland Police Explorer