

General Dynamics, City of Scottsdale announce Community Heroes

The City of Scottsdale joins the members of the [General Dynamics](#) Scottsdale Community Liaison Council in proudly announcing seven Frances Young Community Hero Award recipients people whose unsung service to others exemplifies Scottsdales sense of community.

Community Hero winners and Award of Merit recipients will be honored at a Mayor and City Council Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7380 E. 2nd St. The program is free and open to the public. RSVPs are not necessary.

The Community Heroes Award is named for Frances Young, a 35+ year resident of Scottsdale whose selfless acts of volunteerism and contributions to the community serve as the standard for selecting recipients of this award. Young has been a long-time equal rights advocate for minorities in health, education, housing and employment.

The General Dynamics Scottsdale Community Liaison Council consists of 30 volunteers who live or work in Scottsdale. Together with community partners, the council identifies opportunities through which it can work to make a positive and lasting contribution in Scottsdale. The Scottsdale/East Valley Tribune is also a co-sponsor of the award. The Frances Young Community Hero Award has been given to 38 citizens the past six years.

The 2002 Community Hero winners are:

- Ryan Bushman, who has dedicated more than 2,000 hours to Leadership Workshops Foundation for Youth and Family. He also mentors fellow Peer Leaders and provides administrative support to the organization.
- Ann Collins, who provides leadership, hope and commitment to more than 250 families in their community. She assists them with basic needs through the Society of St. Vincent de Pauls St. Mara Goretti Conference.
- Raymond Jimenez , who has volunteered over 2,000 hours with the Handlebar Helpers apprentice program, providing bicycles to people who need transportation to and from work. He also serves Scottsdale citizens as an interpreter and mediator.
- Isabel Moreno, who is a strong advocate of the Yaqui community. She has encouraged the youth of southern Scottsdale to become involved in healthy activities. She also worked to secure a van for use throughout the community.
- Lois Peach, who volunteers in a local support group for Sjogrens Syndrome, although afflicted herself. In addition, she is active in many other community organizations benefiting Scottsdale.

- Robert Rissi, who has volunteered many hours transporting community members to various appointments. He has helped many people get back on their feet when they were in need.
- Hester Shieh, who is a member of the All-Stars Leadership program at Chaparral High School, which has hosted many community events. She also volunteers at Scottsdale Healthcare and the Youth Corps program.

Volunteer judges evaluated nominees from essays based on the following criteria: extraordinary feats or accomplishments, acts of generosity or kindness, community leadership and outstanding volunteer work in the City of Scottsdale.

In addition to the seven Community Hero winners, 18 people received Awards of Merit. They are:

Theresa Bauer, Connie Boyle, Ruth Brenner, Ruth Cohen, Laura Fial, Dr. Charles Finch, Helen Howard, Doug Johnson, Kate Kenney, Barbara Morgen-Simon, Vickie Mullins, Mike Mulroy, Gwen Nemmers, Barbara Paisant, Mollie Purcell, Kathy Utzinger, Louis Wilcox and Alma Woodka.

Through this program, we honor those who represent the best in human nature, said Mayor Mary Manross. They are Scottsdales Unsung Community Heroes citizens who recognize they have a responsibility to their community and take that job very seriously. They possess a selfless dedication to the betterment of others and the betterment of our community.