

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 25, 2020
TO: City Council
FROM: Carrie Dyer, City Manager's Office, Management Analyst
SUBJECT: Ratification of 2020 Annual Golden Heart Award Selection

Recommendation

Per City Council policy, ratify the recommendations from the selection committee for the recipients of the 2020 Golden Heart Awards. The award ceremony will be held at the City Council meeting on March 10, 2020.

Fiscal Impact

Costs including staff time, materials and items for the reception are included in the 2019-2020 budget.

Background and Analysis

In memory of the death of Andrew Mockus, who was tragically killed by his peers in 1992, the City of Davis Recreation and Park Commission expanded its commitment to the youth of the Davis community. Public forums were held to discuss various issues and to brainstorm on how the community could do more to meet the needs of the teens in Davis.

After careful consideration, the Commission suggested the City Council adopt several recommendations. One of the Commission recommendations was to develop an annual Golden Heart Award as a way to recognize outstanding youth in the community, especially those students who aren't typically recognized in other forums. There are two different categories within the award: the service award and the personal challenge award. The service award recognizes individuals who have given significant service to an expressed need in the community, to their peers, and/or to their school. The personal challenge award recognizes individuals who have overcome a significant challenge in their life

These awards are presented annually at the City Council meeting.

Nominations for the award were accepted November 2019 through January 30, 2020. The selection committee spent considerable time reviewing the nominations and were greatly impressed by the nominations. The committee consisted of:

- Darci Silbaugh, Recreation and Park Commissioner
- Joan Sallee, former Recreation and Park Commissioner and former School Board Member
- Kate Snow, Davis Joint Unified School District Climate Coordinator

- Robert Larson, City of Davis Recreation Staff

After lengthy consideration, it is recommended that the following recipients be awarded the Golden Heart Award for 2020.

Community Service:

- Bea Bastino, 12th grader at DaVinci Charter Academy, for her ambassador role as a member of Team Davis, along with many years volunteering as a summer camp leader.
- Lailah Becker-Golde, 11th grader at Davis Senior High School, for her weekly volunteer work at Davis Community Meals for the past three years.

Personal Challenge & Community Service:

- Dominick Jackson, 9th grader at Holmes Junior High, for overcoming many personal challenges and rising through the Davis Police Explorer program to the position of Platoon Leader.

The ceremony and reception for the Golden Heart Awards recipients will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at the City Council meeting. The recipients of the award will be recognized publicly for their achievements and presented with a certificate.