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Cupertino Recognizes Community Volunteers

Individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the city of Cupertino will be honored Wednesday, June 1, 2016. This year, ten individuals and one organization listed below will receive the CREST Award – Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken.

The awards ceremony and reception, which will include a brief presentation by our Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Councilmembers, will be held in the Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue, June 1, at 7 p.m. The ceremony is free and open to the public. This year's winners are:

- 1) **Monica & Cliff Chung:** For the last several years, Cliff & Monica Chung have helped create a positive, healthy, and connected community through their assistance with the citizenship course at the Cupertino Senior Center. Over the course of their volunteer career at the Cupertino Senior Center, Cliff and Monica have helped over 370 students navigate through many classes.
- 2) **Perry Farnum:** Mr. Farnum dedicates incredible amounts of time to the Boy Scout and Cub Scout organizations that operate in the City of Cupertino. He has helped the Boy Scouts in Troop 40 in their recycling program to generate funds and save money for troop operations for more than 10 years.
- 3) **Pete Goodell:** Mr. Goodell has been a Boy Scout Troop Master for over 30 years with Troop 479 based for many years at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Cupertino. He is a very quiet man who has devoted nearly all his free time to the care and guidance of several hundred youngsters in the Boy Scout Program.
- 4) **Andy Huang:** Mr. Huang has volunteered over 500 hours in multiple Cupertino organizations in order to make the City a better and safer place. He is a Block Leader for his neighborhood, a member of CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams), CARES (Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Services) for ham radio, and MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) for medical care. He is also a Public Safety Commissioner for the City of Cupertino.
- 5) **Clifford Lai:** Mr. Lai volunteers for the West Valley Community Services' Financial Coaching Program. The coach and client meet for one on one meetings once a month where the coach provides the client with the tools to meet their financial goals, which usually involves budgeting and understanding credit.
- 6) **John Muir Laws:** Mr. Laws is a talented illustrator, a dedicated naturalist, and a caring, giving, and humble person. Jack offers free workshops throughout the Bay Area to inspire others to connect with nature through nature journaling. Jack travels once a month from the east bay to Cupertino to give nature presentations to people of all ages.

7) **Jerry Liu:** Mr. Liu has devoted many hours to a variety of volunteer roles in Cupertino to help deliver life-long learning and educational opportunities through projects with the library and local schools. Through Jerry's board role on the Cupertino Library Foundation and his membership in the City of Cupertino's Library Commission, Jerry has been uniquely able to influence the development and implementation of education projects that are delivered through the library.

8) **Diane Piedmont:** Ms. Piedmont has shared her time, money and most importantly, her heart with the West Valley Community Services. Diane comes in and spends hours organizing closets with supplies for the homeless. She also works in the food pantry serving clients.

9) **May Tong:** In the last two years, May has logged over 460 hours to her community. She has volunteered at the West Valley Community Services and has held a range of roles - from working the front desk to helping in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. May also helps the case management team in the pre-screening process to help clients apply for public benefits, such as food stamps.

10) **West Valley Presbyterian Church:** The West Valley Presbyterian Church has been serving the community through their core values for many years. Since the conception of the Faith-in-Action Rotating Shelter, WVPC has provided meals for the homeless men that stayed there. Besides supporting WVCS' special programs, West Valley Presbyterian Church also donates bags of food for low-income families.

Please come help us celebrate these truly remarkable members of our community on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 7 pm, at the Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue in Cupertino.

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