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## Cupertino Recognizes Community Volunteers

Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the city of Cupertino will be honored Wednesday, May 16th. This year, four individuals, listed below, will receive the CREST Award - Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken.

The awards ceremony and reception, which will include a video presentation by the city's Media Department, will be held in the Cupertino Community Hall, May 16, at 7 p.m. The ceremony is free and open to the public. This year's winners are:

**Mary Lou Caldwell**, has done over 47 years of voluntary work that has benefited the community of Cupertino. She is always willing to answer the call either by doing fundraising for charitable work or community services to take care of the sick, poor and the needy.

**Mary Ellen Hennig**, has been an adult education teacher for many years and has played a major role in Faith in Action/CCS Rotating Shelter as year-round food coordinator and co-coordinator for St. Joseph of Cupertino's month-long shelter program for over 13 years.

**Helen Ho**, donates her leadership skills whenever asked. She's been a leader in the Cupertino Senior Center. She was instrumental in pulling together senior activities, which includes the Chinese New Year Celebration, the International Costume Show, the Garden Party and the Hidden Treasures Fundraiser raising over \$8,000.

**Shawn Poirier**, dedication to service and leadership has brought back the annual community Carnival at St. Joseph of Cupertino. The Festival has been a benefit to the school as well as the Cupertino community. In addition to raising funds for the retirement endowment of the teachers the Festivals' long-term objective, is to re-establish ties with the Cupertino community and their neighbors.

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