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Mayor honors a class act for her nearly three decades of volunteerism in Marysville schools, hospital, women's service club

MARYSVILLE – Mayor Jon Nehring is proud to honor Mary Jane Miller as Volunteer of the Month for decades-long outstanding community service that has benefitted local students, hospital patients and their loved ones, and others fortunate enough to know her.

“Mary Jane has touched so many lives, and it isn’t until you look at her selfless volunteerism from every angle, that you begin to realize that it cuts across many generations,” said Mayor Jon Nehring when presenting Miller her award at a recent City Council meeting. Her daughter, Susie, also attended.

For 27 years, Miller has been a board member on the Career and Technical Education General Advisory Council for the Marysville School District, and has chaired the Marysville Alternative High School Site Council (now know as Mountain View High School).

Rather than simply donating money, Miller prefers to work directly with Mountain View students and staff at the school. She would often question students and staff to see how contributions could best be used to help students succeed. More recently, she dared students that for all who earned good grades, she would take them bowling. She made good on her challenge, Nehring said, prompting “a run on bowling shoe rentals.”

Miller has also given generously to the Marysville-Pilchuck High School Music Department and booster club.

Her work with the Marysville Soroptimists has been equally extraordinary. Through her involvement in education and Soroptimist activities, Miller has been named National Camp Fire Council Woman of the Year, Vocational Education Contributor of the Year and recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Marysville Rotary Club.

Miller has long had a soft spot for senior citizens, and bringing a little entertainment into their day. For years, she and her husband Ross, who passed away last October, went to the Marysville Care Center to lead sing-a-longs each month to celebrate residents’ birthdays.



Miller's service extends outside Marysville as well. She is currently on the board of Providence General Children's Association (PGCA) and now serves as President of Guild VIII of the association. She has volunteered in the Family Surgery Waiting Room at Providence for decades.

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