

2021 Mayor's Inspiration Awards



Sept. 27, 2021
Regular City Council meeting



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2021 Winners



Youth

Koral Castelan
Rosie Gavin

Organizations

The Action Center
Ballmer Peak Distillery
Conectando
Jefferson County Library Foundation
Eaton Senior Communities

Individuals

Jane Barnes
Paul Miller
Lauren Evans
Nancy Hardesty
Berrick Abramson
Linda Behrens
Anthony Mansfield

In Memoriam

Chief Ron Burns
Chief Charles Johnston



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Youth



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Youth

Koral Castelan

Koral, a student at Lakewood High School, has demonstrated an intense and caring interest in the plight of teens experiencing homelessness in the city.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Youth

Rosie Gavin

Rosie doesn't let being hard-of-hearing stop her from being a force in the community. Even with the challenges that masks have created for her lip-reading skills, Rosie mentors fellow teens and volunteers.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award – Individual



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Individual

Paul Miller

Paul is always ready to help and to say “yes” when asked by those in need. Kind and soft-spoken, Paul has volunteered at the Action Center and with his faith community at Concordia Lutheran.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Individual

Nancy Hardesty

Nancy, a volunteer with the Action Center, leaves those around her with a smile on their faces and feeling better about themselves.



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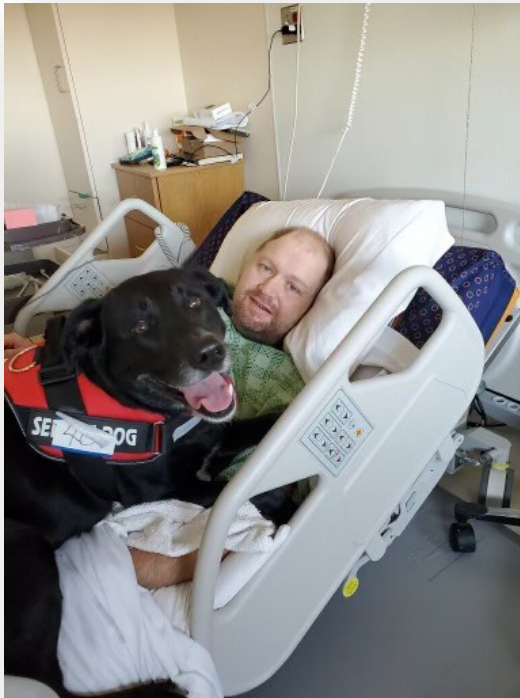
Mayor's Inspiration Award - Individual

Linda Behrens

Linda, another volunteer with the Action Center and an (almost) octogenarian, is a true dynamo who dedicates six hours a day, five days a week to her volunteer efforts.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Individual

Anthony Mansfield

Tony has been a volunteer with his faith organization for seven years, driving a food-bank truck around Lakewood that supports hundreds of families each month.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award – Individual (cont.)



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Individual

Berrick Abramson

Berrick overcame a severe bout with illness to build a front-yard garden that has transformed into a gathering place for neighbors to sit and talk.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Individual

Lauren Evans

Lauren, the owner of a Lakewood-based engineering company, is dedicated to making Lakewood a better and greener place.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Individual

Jane Barnes



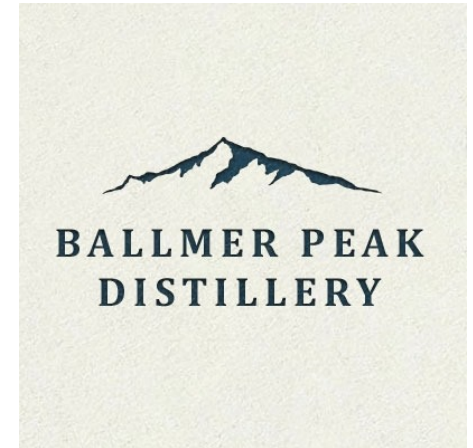
Jane is the inspiration behind the nonprofit Benefits in Action, which works to connect people with the services and benefits they are entitled to by working through red tape and regulations.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award – Organization



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Organization

Eaton Senior Communities

Senior living facilities were on the front lines for much of the pandemic. Eaton's efforts to serve no-contact meals, sanitize its facility and give staff hazard pay helped avoid community spread of COVID-19.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Organization

Jefferson County Library Foundation

This organization's volunteers have directly contributed to the Lakewood community in the past 18 months in major ways.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Organization

Conectando

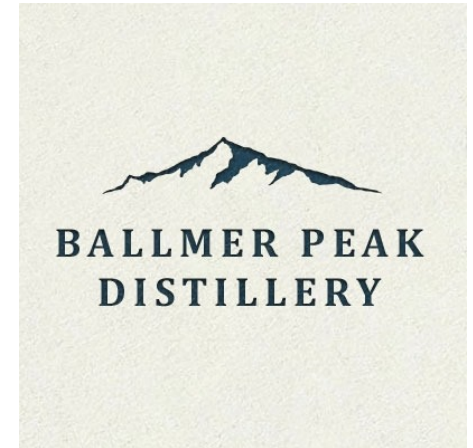
Conectando immediately sprang into action when it became apparent that the pandemic would hit Lakewood's Latino community extremely hard.



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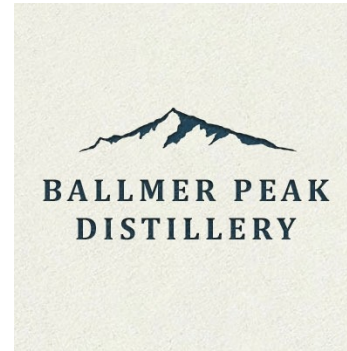
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Mayor's Inspiration Award – Organization (cont.)



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Organization

Ballmer Peak Distillery

When the pandemic hit, Ballmer Peak and its founders, Austin Adamson and Eric Strom, pivoted quickly to producing and distributing hand sanitizer, giving out large quantities for free or at-cost to local business and organizations at a time when sanitizer was hard to find.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award - Organization

The Action Center



The Action Center is one of the backbones of service in Lakewood, and its much-needed services were even more important during the pandemic's early and uncertain days.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award – In Memoriam



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Mayor's Inspiration Award – In Memoriam

Chief Charles Johnston

Charles, another former chief of the Lakewood Police Department and Vietnam veteran who earned four Bronze Stars, had a 30-year career with the city and helped bring the department into a new era.



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Mayor's Inspiration Award – In Memoriam

Chief Ron Burns

Ron led the Lakewood Police Department as chief for six years, reinforcing the department's high standards and leading by example.



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