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From: Sherry [mailto:]

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 5:18 PM

To: Council

Subject: Thank you!

Our disabled adult son who lives in an AFH in Bellevue is an avid participant of the Specialized Recreation activities at Highland Center. We just wanted to pass on a big thank you for keeping this program funded in this tight economy. It's so important to so many disabled persons to be able to gather with their friends and participate in activities at their level.

The staff at Highland are so special. The world needs more people like Kim, Dan, Monica and the rest of the staff who teach the participants.

And of course, I can't forget a big thanks for BYT and the long hours and hard work put in by James McClain and others. We've enjoyed every production we've seen!

Thanks again!
Russ & Sherry Holthe
Redmond, WA

From: Smith, Terry

Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 9:11 AM

To:

Cc: Nunnelee, Sandra J.; Foran, Patrick; Lassiter, Dan; McClain, James; Brittingham, Shelley

Subject: Highland Center E-mail of Appreciation

Hi Russ and Sherry,

On behalf of the Bellevue City Council and Parks & Community Services, I would like to thank you for your comments and compliments about Highland Community Center and our Specialized Recreation programs. Glad to hear that you son enjoys his recreation life in Bellevue! These programs and activities are important in providing "choices" for individuals who prefer to recreate and socialize with others of similar abilities. Dan, Kim and Monica are valuable and committed staff who truly care about provided fun and safe activities for "all" participants at the center.

The Bellevue Youth Theatre (through James McClain's leadership) has for many years provided an inclusive program that encourages and integrates all participants into their theatre production(s). It is a unique model that clearly exemplifies what "Community Theatre" should be.

Sincerely,
Terry

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