

Kiwanis Club of Kirkland Foundation Presents

The Annual

Dick Shinstrom Memorial Scholarship Award

For Special Needs & Uniquely Challenged Students of Kirkland

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Dick Shinstrom had been a lifetime member of the Kiwanis Club of Kirkland for more than 65 years and was a prominent member of the Kirkland business community. While a successful businessman, he had a charitable heart and believed in reaching out to others in need, and especially children.

After his passing in 2016, a scholarship fund in his name was established by another member of the Kiwanis, Paul Richardson, who endowed the fund by raising money through his long morning walks at the Lake Washington High School track, for which he had many sponsors. The fund was seeded over a period of 3 years to become adequately endowed to make awards available to special needs students in the 2020-21 school year. Paul Richardson understands special needs, as he himself walked 5,000 miles as a blind person at the LWHS track to establish this fund. Because the initial fund-raising was done through Paul's morning walk-a-thon, it was decided that the first annual award would go to a special need student at LWHS.

The purpose of the scholarship award is to provide up to \$1,000.00 to fund an extracurricular activity that may be a hobby or interest of a special needs student, or perhaps even something they have never done before, but may be of great benefit if the opportunity were available. Examples of activities might be, art, dance, music lessons, horseback riding or other activities, any number of hobbies, or interests for which there may not be sufficient or appropriate accessibility, or opportunity at school. This award is designed to encourage a student who really wishes to be enriched and inspired through some activity that transcends their special need.