

ORPA 2009 AWARDS APPLICATION
Volunteer Service Award

1. Category of Award: Volunteer Service
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3. Name of Nominee: Springfield Rotary
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4. **Nominee Information:** Rotary is service above self. With over 1.2 million service-minded men and woman, Rotary is the world's first service club, founded in Chicago in 1905. Rotarians plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community.
Springfield Rotary Club 364 District 5110 was chartered on March 20, 1947. Springfield Rotary consists of over 100 active members. For an unprecedented four consecutive years, Springfield Rotary has selected to work with the Willamalane Park and Recreation District for their annual signature project. The annual service project budget for Springfield Rotary is \$15,000 and serves as the main focus of the club's local community involvement. Springfield Rotary has contributed \$60,000 over four years along with hundreds of hours of volunteer time in order to provide the community with a new outdoor basketball court with an adjustable hoop, a new pre-school sized playground, a renovated soft surface running trail and gateway into our community, and is currently working on our community's first dog park.
The selection process for signature projects is inclusive of all members of the club. Projects are presented each year by several organizations and the selection process is competitive. Springfield Rotary understands the tremendous value for the community through provision of outstanding parks and recreation services. They have not only dedicated a significant portion of their budget to Willamalane projects for four consecutive years, they have been engaged with countless hours of hands-on work on each of the projects listed above.
Key Project Dates: Volunteer Park Basketball Court (2006), Community Recreation Center Playground (2007), Eastgate Woodlands Trail Improvements (also known as "Pre's" Trail) (2008), and the Lively Park Dog Park (2009).
Without the assistance of the Springfield Rotary Club, none of the projects would have occurred or would have been greatly reduced in scope. Their donation of time and money has also helped the District leverage more than \$700,000 in grants for the projects.

5. Narrative and Digital Photos: (NOTE – Larger pictures are available)



2006 Basketball Court at Volunteer Park



2006 Basketball Court Dedication



2007 Community Recreation Center Playground



2007 Community Recreation Center Playground – Rotarians at Work



2008 “Pre’s” Trail Improvements – Rotarians at Work



2008 “Pre’s” Trail Improvements – Rotarians at Work



2008 “Pre’s” Trail Improvements – Rotarians at Work

2009 Dog Park – Rotarians at Work (Available)