

# EXTRA MILE MONTHLY

February 2013



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## 2012 COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS!

We were privileged to attend the The Grandview Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet on Tuesday, February 19. What a great night of honoring both students and adults in our community! We were definitely impressed to see how many people work so hard and do so much for others and for our community! It was such an honor to be given the Orrin Dybdahl Award by our community. This award honors those in the community who mentor and support youth and is named for a beloved teacher who taught agriculture at Grandview High School for many years. It is so humbling to receive an award which we feel could not have been possible without the help of so many people! So, thank you to all of you who encourage and support us and to those of you who nominated us for this award! We truly are grateful!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Hello, our names are Grant and Dana Smith. We have been volunteering at Extra Mile Student Center for the past six months. We were introduced to the center when Gene came to the First Baptist Church in Sunnyside and shared his passion for helping students who are in need through the center. We have been truly blessed by our experience here. The relationships we have cultivated with the students and other mentors has truly been a blessing. The opportunity to watch students gain confidence in their abilities inside the classroom is a very rewarding experience. We are looking forward to the students' upcoming adventure to Seattle and seeing their hard work rewarded.



Not only do we get to encourage success in the classroom, but we have the opportunity to get to know the youth on a more personal level. Snack times allow for fun competition between adults and youth and give us a chance to find out what goes on in their lives outside of the classroom and the center. Each kiddo has their own strengths and challenges, and when we are able to connect, we can identify their strengths and likes and utilize those to strengthen their skills in organization, study habits, and setting goals for their future. While we are driven by our own values on education, we can see that not

everyone has the same priority on education in their homes. But with supportive adults around them, youth can pave their own path that may look a lot different than what they originally thought they could accomplish.

When Gene spoke to our congregation, I felt a tug on my heart as the Holy Spirit said, "This, this is where you are needed." I waited to see what my husband's response would be and as I suspected, God moved in him also. He signed us up right away. This truly is a chance for us to be a vehicle of God's love, and we are blessed to be His vessel.

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Gene Iwami  
Co-Founder and Director  
Kathy Iwami  
Co-Founder and Assistant Director

### Board of Directors:

Javier Alvarez  
Alfonso Contreras  
Dr. Tim Thompson  
Tamara Brader  
Kevin Chase  
Tyler Sorensen

### Student Leaders:

Cecilia Perez  
Antonio Aguilar  
Erick Rodriguez  
Marlen Rojas  
Zachary Curtis  
Ricky Avalos  
Sarah Alonzo

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Extra Mile Student Center exists to provide students in grades 7-12 a network of people and resources in a safe and encouraging environment to help them develop and achieve their educational, personal, and career goals.

### CONTACT US

Telephone: (509) 882-0363  
Mobile: (509) 840-4478  
Email: gene@extramilecenter.org

### ADDRESS

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### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	2:00-6:00
Tuesday	2:00-7:00
Wednesday	2:00-6:00
Thursday	2:00-7:00
Friday	12:00-10:00

Success Connection meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00-9:00.

The Extra Mile Student Center is a state of Washington 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation. Your donations are tax-deductible to the extent the law and your individual tax situation allows.

# GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, May 25 at Black Rock Creek Golf Course in Sunnyside, Washington. The tournament is a 4-person Scramble format. Registration is \$60 per person. Play will begin at 8:15 am. A new feature this year is a \$5,000 Putting Contest in which one golfer will have a chance to make one putt to win \$5,000!

**WE KNOW YOU ARE ASKING YOURSELF, "I WONDER HOW I CAN HELP?" HERE'S THE ANSWER:**

- Register to play in the tournament.
- Become a Tournament Sponsor - Several levels of sponsorship are available, starting at \$75.
- Donate an item for the Silent Auction. Gift Certificates, Service Certificates, Art, Collectibles, and Tickets are a few ideas.
- Volunteer to help the day of the tournament. We need a number of people the day of the tournament to help with registration, the auction, contests, and collecting payments.

Please contact the center to register, become a sponsor, or donate an item - 882-0363 or [gene@extramilecenter.org](mailto:gene@extramilecenter.org).

Try

## Silent Auction

We will be having a Silent Auction in conjunction with our Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, May 25. A list of items with pictures and descriptions will be available the week of May 20. Please feel free to stop by the center and take a look. You could also request a list be sent to you or watch our Facebook page that week for the list. You can make bids or request a proxy bidder for the day of the auction.

Opportunity

Achieve

## Items Needed

Here is a current list of items we need here at the Extra Mile Student Center:

- HP Ink Cartridges - 901 Black and Color
- HP Ink Cartridges - 932 Black and 933 Color
- Epson Ink Cartridges - Epson 127 Black and Color
- #10 Security Peel and Seal Envelopes (Costco)
- #9 Left Window Envelopes (Office Depot)
- Bags of chips, granola bars, candy bars, and soda for the snack counter, Tree Top Fruit Snacks
- Inexpensive (Dollar Store) Earbuds

## DONATING 101

Here is a crash course on making donations to the Extra Mile Student Center:

We are a 501c3 and your donations are tax-deductible.

Ways to donate:

- Send a one-time gift in the form of a check.
- Make a commitment to make a monthly donation.
- Make a donation with your debit or credit card.
- Set up a monthly donation from your debit or credit card.
- Go to our website and donate using PayPal.

We are so thankful for all of your support. We couldn't do it without you!

## SUMMER 2013

We are hoping to offer the following workshops this summer:

- Photography
- Art
- College Prep

Each workshop would be one to two weeks long. Times and dates will be based on instructor's availability.

If you are interested in becoming a summer instructor for one of these workshops, please contact the center.

Learn

## Basketball Tournament

The Annual Extra Mile Hoops for Hope 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21. Early registration deadline is March 20. Final registration deadline is April 13. For registration information, to volunteer, or to become a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the center.

Succeed

## FROM THE COMMENT BOX

"It's great how we can always come here and work on our homework :) This place is great!"

"As a parent, I think you guys are doing a great job. Keep it up :)"

"Kathy is such a nice person. I love her. She is kind and a beautiful lady."

"I love everything about the student center."

"Gene rocks!"

"This place is an awesome place to finish my work!"

Effort

## January Finances

January Donations - \$8,777

Monthly Budget - \$7,988

Actual January Expenses - \$8,134

Pledged for February - \$4,660