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City Recognizes More than 120,000 Hours of Volunteer Time by Local Teens

Lion's Heart, a volunteer service organization that empowers teens to support local non-profits, has been recognized with a certificate of appreciation from the City of Mission Viejo. The certificate was presented by Mission Viejo Mayor, Frank Ury, at the Oct 1 council meeting, citing more than 120,000 hours of volunteer time accrued by local teens assisting organizations, such as The Bell Tower Foundation, Relay for Life and the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation.

Lion's Heart provides teenagers in 6th – 12th grade the tools necessary to contribute to for-cause organizations in their communities. Chapters are organized by location, grade level and gender. Groups within chapters are responsible for electing officers and running their own meetings; giving each individual the power to choose how they want to serve in their communities. Members are required to complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service each year.

"The under-current of what makes our communities wonderful is the amount of volunteers that are out there," said Mission Viejo Mayor, Frank Ury, during his presentation to Lion's Heart founder, Terry Corwin.

"I am so proud of many accomplishments of our Lion's Heart members and it has been a true privilege witnessing countless teenagers grow into civic-minded contributors of society," said Corwin. "It's an honor to accept this award on behalf of the organization, and I hope our members inspire other teens to get involved and support the many worthy causes in their communities."

Lion's Heart was founded in 2004 by Terry Corwin when her son Spencer went to his mother expressing a desire to volunteer in his community but could not find an organization that aligned with what he was looking for. Corwin then created Lion's Heart as an organization where both teenage boys and girls could create and guide their own philanthropic endeavors, deciding where to serve in their local communities. Headquartered in Southern California, the organization has grown to 13 chapters, and is actively working to expand its reach with new chapters across the nation. Chapters are primarily located in Southern California, additionally there are chapters located in Atlanta, Ga., Ridgefield Conn. and Lone Tree Co. For more information visit their website <http://www.lionsheartservice.org/> or visit their Facebook page.

