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AGENT DUJUAN GREEN TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 5TH ANNUAL KIWANIS ANGEL AWARD ON OCTOBER 13, 2016

Agent DuJuan Green, an officer with the Palo Alto Police Department since 2004, has been selected as the recipient of the 5th Annual Kiwanis Angel Award. The Angel Award honors an individual who has had a significant, positive impact on children and youth.

Agent DuJuan Green has been an outstanding officer. During his tenure as a School Resource Officer, DuJuan is always available "...to assist someone in crisis" and handles very serious and sometimes tragic events with urgency and with a balance of compassion and dignity. Agent Green has coordinated dozens of responses when students have threatened to take their lives by suicide.

As PAUSD Superintendent McGee has noted: "Officer Green strove daily to provide students and families the social and emotional supports, as well as being able to immediately intervene in troubling conflicts or situations. His daily presence on our campuses was a comfort to students and staff, and many students sought him out to share problems."

As Palo Alto Principal Diorio has stated: "Whether it's coaching a reluctant teen to come to school (at their home), assisting our mental health support staff with the care of suicidal children, or helping us to comfort a community in grief, DuJuan takes as his own whatever burden we may bear....Officer Green is an angel..."

Additionally, Agent Green has facilitated the Parent Project. The program provides parents of challenging or at-risk youth the motivation, tools, and support to establish a more loving and consistent relationship with their children. Families become stronger and everyone benefits.

As Chief Dennis Burns recounts, at graduation events many parents have cried as they described how DuJuan and the course have "...transformed their lives." DuJuan Green has superb skills in developing trusting relationships combined with an easygoing approach enhanced by his personality and humor. All the nominators underscored his integrity, dedication, love and joy that have made a difference to so many.

In recognition of his exemplary work, DuJuan currently serves as an Acting Sergeant in the Police Department. He has received special recognition for his mental health services and crisis intervention work by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Board.

Background

The 2015 Angel award recipient was Barbara Sih Klausner, Executive Director of DreamCatchers, an after-school program that matches low income middle school students in Palo Alto Unified School District with a volunteer corps of Stanford students, high school students and young professionals for one-on-one tutoring and mentorship.

The funds raised for the Angel Award will support the Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto Charitable Foundation. These funds benefit educational institutions, which support programs and services for children and youth in the Palo Alto area.

Registration for the 2016 Event:

The Master of Ceremonies will be Judge LaDoris Cordell.

The event will be on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Sheraton Palo Alto from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The tickets for the cocktail reception and ceremony are available through: www.KiwanisAngelAward.org.

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