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CITY OF DUBLIN ANNOUNCES THE 2014 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

DUBLIN, Calif., February 19, 2015 – The City of Dublin has announced the 2014 Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Organization of the Year, and the Mayor's Award.

Citizen: Erik Bertelson

Young Citizen: Sophia Bafaiz

Organization: Easter Seals Kaleidoscope Mayor's Award: Brad and Shari Jackman

The winners were crowned at an evening ceremony on Wednesday, February 18, at the Shannon Community Center. The purpose of these awards is to recognize outstanding individuals and groups who have contributed to the quality of life in Dublin this past year. Nomination criteria for both the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards are based on the *Dublin Integrity in Action Program's* 10 Characteristics: Responsibility, Respectfulness, Caring, Giving, Positive Attitude, Trustworthiness, Cooperation, Doing One's Best, Honesty, and Self-Discipline. The Young Citizen of the Year recognizes the volunteer service of Dublin's youth in 1st – 12th grade. The Mayor's Award is a special award that the Mayor presents to someone whom he believes has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Dublin community.

Award recipients will be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting. The Organization of the Year will receive a \$500 cash prize, and a \$300 donation will be given to each of the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year's favorite non-profit organization. Ms. Bafaiz is donating her cash award to Unicef, and Mr. Bertelson is donating his prize to Tri-Valley Animal Rescue.

Information on each of the award recipients and nominees can be found at www.dublin.ca.gov/volunteers.