



This Week from the Mayor



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CryOut! accepts the keys to a new van at City Hall. The van was the culmination of work with King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn.

Youth non-profit CryOut! gets new van

Yesterday, it was my pleasure to join King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn and donate a van to CryOut! I worked with him to secure a retired Metro van to help with their after-school programs.

CryOut! has been an important part of our community since 2008, working with the youth of Renton. They provide a place to gather and host community forums to discuss issues. They offer an after school program for teens, and during the summer it's not uncommon to see youth of all ages gathered at their headquarters at Harambee Church on South Third Avenue.

Their work with our police department, interacting with the officers in activities outside their normal line of duty, has been instrumental in developing a bond of trust. CryOut! was a part of the police department's first Teen PeaceFest earlier this year; a sponsor of a series of Teen Summits, where they discussed issues with city leaders; and a prime force behind our first Unity March last October.

CryOut! will be part of our second Unity March, along with the city, police, and the Renton African-American Pastoral Group (RAAP). This year's theme is "We're stronger together" and will take place on September 28, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Piazza Park.



Market rewards Passport participants

At Tuesday's Renton Farmers Market, I was privileged to present certificates to 24 kids who completed the market's eight-week Kid's Passport program. The program uses fun and educational activities to encourage kids to eat healthy and learn what farmers go through to produce the delicious fruits and vegetables we all get to enjoy.

This was the program's third year and we've seen an increase in participation each year. As a matter of fact, 13 of this year's participants took part last year. That certainly bodes well for the future.

My congratulations to them for a job well done and my thanks to Washington State University's Food Sense program and to Wizards of the Coast, who donated some fabulous prizes.



Feedback

Comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please [email](#) me. Thanks for reading.