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Mayor esteems volunteer Crisis Support Team coordinator as Volunteer of the Month for December

MARYSVILLE – Mayor Jon Nehring is proud to honor Greg Kanehen as Volunteer of the Month for December for his coordination and leadership of the Chaplain Crisis Support Team, and other community involvement.

“It is my pleasure and honor tonight to recognize Greg Kanehen as Volunteer of the Month” Mayor Nehring said at the recognition ceremony.

Kanehen is a Pastor at Marysville Free Methodist Church, providing spiritual outreach and development to his community for the past ten years.



As well as his pastor duties, Kanehen has also served as the Chaplain Coordinator for the Chaplain Crisis Support Team for the past ten years. The team is an all-volunteer group of chaplains who work with the Marysville Police and the Marysville Fire District.

The group is on-call 24/7, serving the emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of individuals in a moment of crisis. People facing family or individual crises such as death or suicide are assisted by Kanehen and his volunteer team, Nehring said.

Prior to coming to Marysville, Kanehen had served with the Whatcom County Support Officers in Bellingham for seven years. Along with the Support Officers, he also volunteered with the State Patrol and multiple law enforcement and fire agencies.

Alongside his volunteer work with the Crisis Support Team, Kanehen is also a key contributor to Marysville Together. Formerly known as the Marysville Community Coalition, Marysville Together is represented by parents, grandparents, youth, educators, law enforcement, faith leaders, and other civic and volunteer groups.

Marysville Together works to create a healthier community through its volunteer work. With their goals, they coordinate the annual Healthy Communities Challenge Day in June and work with the City, the Parks and Recreation Department, the YMCA, and other partners.

Kanehen has also served on numerous boards and committees, including the City's Community Development Block Grant Committee as a representative from the faith community. The committee last year awarded \$217,914 in grants for programs and services that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

Kanehen and his wife, Sharon, a Kindergarten Teacher at Cougar Creek Elementary in the Lakewood School District, have two sons and a daughter.

From delivering the Invocation at City Council meetings to providing it at the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and National Police Week Ceremony, Kanehen is always finding ways to reach out to his community.

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