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Tuesday, October 13, 2003

Recreation Services Division
Administrative Services Department
Costa Mesa City Hall, 3rd Floor
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

RE: Application for
Circle of Service
For **TOM THOMPSON**

As a member of RE-LEAF COSTA MESA, I have been given the privilege of applying for the Circle of Service for Tom Thompson who died as a result of a brain aneurysm in April of 2002 while riding his bicycle (one of his favorite activities).

Tom had lived in Costa Mesa well over eight years and had been a Board Member of RE-LEAF COSTA MESA for over seven years. He attended all the plantings and he almost always did a "demonstration" of how to correctly plant a tree for the volunteers who would attend. He always arrived early and left after the last tree had been correctly planted. He made a practice of walking around and personally touching every tree we planted. He was well-known by many who worked for the City of Costa Mesa. His pleasant attitude, uncompromising honesty and straightforward manner were welcomed by everyone with whom he came in contact and there is no question that he provided extraordinary service to the City.

Tom was an accomplished professional flutist and played as RE-LEAF celebrated planting its 2,000th tree in November, 2000. After his death, many of us discovered that he had friends throughout the county and that he held nature in reverence as few people do.

Tom took on tasks above and beyond what RE-LEAF required. He sought out areas in the city that were in need of parkway trees, he checked on the ones that had been planted to see if they needed more water or maintenance; in other words, he gave 200% to trees and their care. And usually this was done without anyone being aware of it.

Those of us in RE-LEAF, and those he worked with in the City know that Tom Thompson was one of a kind. We would like to honor him permanently with a Circle of Service plaque.

Sincerely,

Kris Hagen

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RE-LEAF COSTA MESA

CITY OF COSTA MESA ♦ Administrative Services Department
Recreation Division

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Circle of Service Application

Nominations are being accepted for the City of Costa Mesa's Circle of Service memorial plaques. The Circle of Service has been established by the Costa Mesa City Council to commemorate citizens who have provided significant service to the City of Costa Mesa; made an extraordinary contribution to the City; or contributed to the history of Costa Mesa.

The Circle of Service dedication ceremony will take place Friday, September 19, 2003, 11:30 a.m. at the Mother and Child Fountain on the patio adjacent to the Neighborhood Community Center in Lions Park.

CRITERIA

The nominated individual must have been deceased a minimum of six (6) months prior to the nomination; must have been a resident of Costa Mesa for minimum of eight (8) years; must have been involved in community service for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years or have given their life in the service of the nation or community.

The application shall be completed by a family member or member of the community; a member of a non-profit organization; or someone from the business community. If service to an organization is identified, corresponding written support from the organization served by the applicant is required.

NAME OF NOMINATED HONOREE: Tom Thompson

HONOREE'S NEAREST RELATIVE OR FRIEND: Julia Sutton

PHONE NUMBER: (714) 835-8504

YOUR NAME: Kris Hagen DATE SUBMITTED: 4.22.03

PHONE NUMBER: (714) 546-0168

DATE OF DEATH: April, 2002

PLEASE ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF HONOREE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF COSTA MESA.

Mail or hand deliver your application to the City of Costa Mesa Recreation Division, Circle of Service Nomination, 77 Fair Drive, 3rd Floor, Costa Mesa, CA. 92628. Applications will be accepted through May 1, 2003, 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Shannon Kubitz at 714-327-7525.