

Excellence in Community Education Leadership (EXCEL) Awards are presented annually to individuals and groups for their outstanding contributions to the continuum of Lifelong Learning in District 622.

### ***Community Partnership EXCEL Award***

Nominated by Jordi Teillard-Cui (Adult and Senior Programs Coordinator)

**John Schleis** is the recipient of the *Community Partnership EXCEL Award*. John is the coordinator for Gifts for Seniors which has been incredibly generous to our community, providing thoughtful gifts throughout the year, including during the holidays, Spring, and Valentine's Day. Their support has extended beyond celebrations, offering essential items like COVID masks and emergency kits during critical times. Their kindness brings joy and comfort to seniors in our programs, reminding them that they are valued and remembered. We are deeply grateful for their continued generosity and commitment to making a difference.

### ***Heart of the Community EXCEL Award***

Nominated by Kurt New (School Age Care Supervisor)

**Antoinette (Toni) Huetti** is a recipient of the *Heart of the Community EXCEL Award*. Toni Huettl is receiving the Heart of the Community Excel Award in recognition of her 34 years of unwavering dedication to ISD 622 and Adventure Connection. As an Inclusion Para, Toni has been a steady, compassionate presence for students, helping them navigate their most challenging moments with patience and care. Her ability to remain calm under pressure and guide students through their emotions is truly remarkable. Beyond her direct work with students, Toni is a mentor to new staff, a reliable team player, and a shining example of commitment and kindness. Her lasting impact on multiple generations of students and staff makes her more than deserving of this honor.

### ***Heart of the Community EXCEL Award***

Nominated by Rebecca Walters & Amy Johnson (North High Show Choir Director)

**Rosey Dickey** is another recipient for the *Heart of the Community EXCEL Award*. Rosey is receiving this award for her unwavering dedication and selfless contributions to the Northern Lights Show Choir. She goes above and beyond to ensure every student feels supported, seen, and cared for—whether it's sewing costumes, organizing fundraisers, driving students home, or simply offering a listening ear. Rosey's kindness and leadership have fostered a true sense of family within the program, creating an environment where every student can thrive. Her impact is immeasurable, and the Northern Lights Show Choir would not be the same without her.

### ***Senior Friend EXCEL Award***

Nominated by Tim Dooley (Meals on Wheels Specialist)

**Chris Felling** is the recipient of the *Senior Friend Excel Award*. Chris has been a long time volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Her love for delivering meals to people and making sure that their week has been safe and plentiful is a big reason why the community continues to receive and recommend the Meals on Wheels Program to their neighbors, friends, and loved ones. She has been a delight to the team and her ability to connect with the community is a great example of why she deserves to be recognized for her achievements.