



“One never stands so tall as when kneeling to help a child.” – Active 20-30 International

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### **Active 20-30 Also Receives Accommodations from Congress & State of California**

### **Active 20-30 USA & International Receives ‘Presidential Volunteer Service Award’ & Named Daily ‘Point of Light’ on Friday, April 25 – ‘Global Youth Service Day’**

WHAT: In celebration and recognizing the completion of 85 years of volunteer service, Active 20-30 USA and Active 20-30 International have received President George W. Bush’s national “President’s Volunteer Service Award,” and has been named the national, “Daily Point of Light,” for Friday, April 25, 2008 (which is also “Global Youth Service Day”) by the Points of Light Foundation.

In addition to the President’s and national Points of Light honors, United States Senator Dianne Feinstein(D-CA) and United States Representative Doris Matsui (CA-05) have also awarded Active 20-30 USA and Active 20-30 International with Congressional Records, honoring Active 20-30 (which originated in Sacramento, California in 1922), as the “Original Global Youth Service Organization” on “Global Youth Service Day.” Finally, California’s Secretary of Service and Volunteering, Karen Baker, plans to personally present Active 20-30 members with a California State Accommodation, as well as a recognition letter from California First Lady Maria Shriver, during an Active 20-30 playground Ribbon-Cutting event in West Sacramento on April 25.

The Eugene Based Active 20-30 Club was founded in 1927, focused on serviceable citizenship in the community of Oregon’s Lane County, while improving the quality of life for special needs children. Members of the Eugene Active 20-30 Club donate tens of thousands of hours every year in order to help raise money for children’s charities in Lane County. The Eugene Active 20-30 Club runs the Fourth of July Freedom Festival (since 1948), Duck Pen Bicycle Parking at Duck football games (since 1995), Christmas Tree Pickup (since 1976) and the KidSpree Back to School Shopping Spree, among many other projects.

#### WHY & AWARD CRITERIA:

In 2003, President Bush created the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation to find ways to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in the United States. The President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President’s Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. For further information: <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov>.

The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and volunteer groups that have made a commitment to connect Americans through service to help meet critical needs in their communities. Each weekday, one volunteer or volunteer effort in the country is recognized nationally with a Daily Point of Light Award. For further information: <http://www.pointsoflight.org>.

United States Congressional Records honoring Active 20-30 USA & International were issued by United States Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and United States Representative Doris Matsui (CA-05), as well as the California State accommodations and letter of congratulations from California First Lady Maria Shriver, because Active 20-30 originated in Sacramento, California in 1922 – thus marking the completion of 85+ years of youth volunteerism benefiting children worldwide.

HOW: While not intended to be exclusive, the following is list of those organizations helped by the Club during the last few years: Birth to Three, Center for Community Counseling, Big Brother/Big Sister, Oregon Family Support Network, Courageous Kids, Unity School, SMART (Start Making a Reader Today), Cottage Grove Relief Nursery, Junior Achievement, Children's Miracle Network, First Place Family Center, Pearl Buck Center, Child Center, Planned Parenthood, Committed Partners for Youth, Fiesta Latina, YMCA, Head Start, Child Advocacy Center, Arc of Lane County, Gales Creek Camp, Services to Families and Children, and Oregon Special Olympics.

WHO: Eugene Active 20-30 Club Board of Directors include: Vineet Wahi – President, Nate Oeming – First Vice President, Bryan Beban – Second Vice President, Robert Stevens – Incoming Second Vice President, Shalena Jones – Secretary, Jon Cavanagh – Director, Kate Salyers – Director, Robert Stevens – Director, Ted Utley - Activator, Jeff Singer - Treasurer, Terri Baker - Immediate Past President.

Notable current and past members include: Sid Leiken – Mayor, City of Springfield; Gus Keller – Former Mayor, City of Eugene; Debra Vogt – Lane County Circuit Court Judge; Mike Clark – Eugene City Councilor; Wayne Musgrove, Mark Musgrove, Jeff Musgrove – Musgrove Family Mortuary; Mike Boring – Chambers Communications, VP of Operations; Doug Koke – QSL.

WHERE: The Eugene Active 20-30 Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Oregon Electric Station. Visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend meetings!

WHEN: Nationally, Active 20-30 USA and Active 20-30 International will receive the "President's Volunteer Service Award" and be named a "Daily Point of Light" on Friday, April 25, 2008 – "Global Youth Service Day".

#### ABOUT ACTIVE 20-30:

Proudly promoting their motto daily that, "[One never stands so tall as when kneeling to help a child](#)," Active 20-30 USA and International has inspired millions of diverse, 20-30 year-olds to "Make a Difference," in their community through volunteerism, fundraising, and acting as positive examples and role models for younger people.

Worldwide, the Active 20-30 organization has implemented over 150,000 hours annually of community service and volunteerism supporting children's charities and schools, **raising at least \$14.2 Million** through various fundraising efforts and events, benefitting over 100,000 children each year. In total and over 85 years, Active 20-30 has raised and donated (conservatively) over \$400 Million and 9 Million hours of service (at a value today worth at least \$160.2 Million of in-kind services) benefitting over 1.5 Million children around the globe! For further information or a local Active 20-30 Chapter: [www.active20-30.com](http://www.active20-30.com).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information regarding Active 20-30 USA and Active 20-30 International, please check: [www.active20-30.com](http://www.active20-30.com). For further information regarding the local, Active 20-30 Club, or to arrange an interview, please call: (541)341-6200, or check the Club website: [www.eugene2030.org](http://www.eugene2030.org)

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