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December 2017

*Here's what you'll find
in this month's
newsletter:*

**Featured Non-Profit:
Courts for Kids**

**Referral Rewards Check
Delivery**

Work Anniversaries

**Accomplished & Under
40**

October Referrers

Merry Christmas!

Referral Rewards Partner: Courts for Kids



Courts for Kids is changing lives through a love of

Referral Rewards

For every referral you send our way, we donate \$25 to a local non-profit. This is a great way for us to give back to our community!

For the month of **December**, donations will go to **"Courts for Kids."** *The more referrals you send us, the more we give, so spread the word! The finest compliment we can receive is the referral of your friends, family, and business associates.* To refer someone online, click [HERE](#)

October Referrers:

Kendall Acheson
 Jessica Allison
 Justine Andersen
 Delano Morgan
 Dani Bender
 Tim Erickson
 Mila Blough
 Bev Breshnahan
 Rose Chavez
 Kathryn Buie
 Leslie Cook
 Kevin DeFord
 Jessica Johnson
 Bri Lux
 Wes Garton
 Steve Hargrove
 Ward Homola
 Jennifer Johnson
 Yvette Larose
 Brett Leyden
 Lisa Johns
 Janet Morris
 Dayna Nyberg
 Kerry Schoepfle
 Jordan Firkins

building relationships between people of different backgrounds through sports, and we're excited to partner with them as our December Referral Rewards Partner! The organization coordinates volunteers to travel to developing nations to build basketball courts. These trips create dynamic partnerships between the communities receiving the courts and the volunteers who travel to build them.

Courts for Kids began when a community in the Philippines reached out to founder, Derek Nesland, and asked that he travel to build a basketball court. The courts can be used throughout rainy seasons when soccer fields flood. Derek and his wife, Selene, both Vancouver natives, recognized the opportunity to bridge cultural barriers through the universality of sports and created an organization that emphasized global understanding. The non-profit recruits volunteers, often young adults, and teams up with communities that would benefit from a basketball court. The team then travels to build the court with help from a local construction company to strengthen ties between the volunteers and the community and to stimulate the local economy. The groundwork is laid by the local company before the volunteers arrive, and the team then works for the next few days to complete the court and give it to the community.

One of the most important components of the trips is the cultural exchange that takes place between the local communities and the volunteers. In addition to working on the courts, volunteers stay with locals and are fully immersed in local culture. Selene comments, "It's important that we're not viewed as Americans coming to do things for a community but rather with a community... We believe that every North American should have an immersion experience in the developing world."

Courts for Kids also promotes gender equality and

Ineresa Springer
 Steven Ryder
 Brian & Ciara Stone
 Michelle Wilber



Referral Rewards Program Check Delivery

Tony Johnson presents our Referral Rewards Program check to Rick Smithrud of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation.



Accomplished & Under 40

We had a wonderful time celebrating the *Vancouver Business Journal's* 2017 class of Accomplished & Under 40 honorees at the annual luncheon. These men and women are serving our community through leadership and new ideas and we are

empowerment of other oppressed groups. A Peace Corps volunteer in Cambodia said, "The court we built in rural Cambodia allowed young girls to participate in sports that they historically would not participate in due to the gender divide. The bonds that were built between the community members and the Courts for Kids group were incredible." Since its founding, Court for Kids has built 139 courts in 26 partner countries with the help of 2,770 volunteers. A community member in Uganda said the court, "has come as a blessing to not only the children and the youth, but to the region as well ... the project will encourage more children to participate and stay in school, improve community health both physically and mentally, the project shall too promote gender equality and girl participation in sports. "

One of the most valuable gifts a person can receive is the ability to learn from and understand a culture and background different than one's own experience. Court for Kids creates opportunities to not only change the lives of the communities receiving the courts but to also encourage relationships between groups of people who learn from each other's differences. By emphasizing the importance of volunteers being fully immersed in the culture they serve, Courts for Kids creates an environment of understanding. We're proud of the empathy, compassion and empowerment that Court for Kids creates through basketball and cultural exchange, and we're excited for you to learn more about their mission through the Referral Rewards program!



grateful to have them as the future generation of leaders in our area!



For more information about this incredible non-profit or to go on one of these amazing trips head [here](#).



Leslie Cook

3rd Anniversary

Cheers to Leslie's third year at Davidson & Associates! Leslie and her husband, Kevin, moved to Vancouver three and a half years ago and she has enjoyed helping clients understand their insurance at Davidson & Associates ever since. She and Kevin recently celebrated their 23rd year of marriage and have three sons, Jeremy, Brandon and Justin. Oh—and a beloved cat, Sparky! When she's away from the office, Leslie enjoys spending time with her friends and family and exploring new and exciting places in the PNW. She finds that there's lots to do and see in her new home. Although she's always had a heart for the Chiefs, she's learning to watch the Seattle Seahawks. She also enjoys gardening, cooking and adventure in general. Never miss out on an opportunity to try one of her homemade treats! Not only is Leslie an excellent baker and cook (we're always excited to find one of her baked goods in our



Pat Spicer

10th Anniversary

This month we have the privilege of celebrating Pat's 10th year at Davidson & Associates! Pat's commitment to meeting the needs of her clients and loving presence in our office makes her an invaluable member of our team. In her free time, you can find Pat watching her favorite movie, which is and always will be *Grumpy Old Men*, or following the Huskies, Seahawks and Blazers. Pat also enjoys walking along the rivers and lakes of Vancouver, where she has lived all of her life, with her dog, Bailey, going to Bible study and spending time with her family. She has three children, Kelly, Craig and Jenny, who was recently married. Pat had a blast dancing the night away at the wedding with her two precious granddaughters. We love having Pat on our team and are thrilled to celebrate her 10th year at Davidson & Associates!

office kitchen) but she's also a warm and kind presence on our team. We're glad to have Leslie and her family in our Vancouver community and thrilled to have her as a member of our office!



What better way to celebrate the holiday season than by giving back to the Vancouver community? Our team loved working with community members to help distribute donated food to food banks who then ensured that it reached vulnerable people in our area. Although this annual event has already passed, you can still support the crew at Walk & Knock and the many nonprofits who work with them. Find more information [here](#).



Have a Merry Christmas!



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Community Events

Chelatchie Prairie Railroad: Christmas Tree Train Final Weekends

Date: December 9-10

Venue: Chelatchie Prairie Railroad

Time: The train will depart at 9:30 AM, 12 Noon and 2:30 PM on Dec 9-10 and Noon and 2:30 PM on Dec 16-17

Cost: \$13-20

More Details [Here](#)

Block Party in Uptown Village

Date: December 3

Venue: Main Street and 23rd Street

Times: 1PM to 4PM

Cost: Free

More Details [Here](#)

Christmas at the Fort

Date: December 9

Venue: Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

Time: 10AM to 3PM

Cost: \$5 ages 16 years and older, Free ages 15 years and under

More Details [Here](#)

Columbia Dance "The Nutcracker"

Date: December 15-18

Venue: Royal Durst Theater

Time: Times vary depending on performance date

Cost: Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors and students; and \$10 for children aged 12 and under.

More Details [Here](#)

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