



Skiyente Ski Club

The first "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" was awarded to Skiyente Ski Club in the Northwest Ski Club Council. This is a very small, all-women's ski club, with only about 40 active members, but all the members seem to have a huge heart. They donate 100's of hours of volunteer time to community organizations and 1,000's of dollars to their favorite charities. The Recognition Award was a \$100 check from the FWSA, which the club donated to one of its favorite charities, the Erin Nicole Scholarship.

Skiyente Ski Club's charity and community service work is focused primarily on local women-related issues and the mountain community. Their longest supported charity is their own, Erin Nicole Scholarship, which is administered by the NW Snow Sports Foundation. Annually, for the past 15 years Skiyente has provided a scholarship to an up and coming, local female junior racer. The scholarship is in honor of one of the members' daughter who was lost to SIDS.

The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum is the organization that Skiyente has helped the most in the past few years. Members volunteer at the Museum's annual Heritage Day by selling raffle and dinner tickets and working the silent auction which helped the museum raise about \$15,000 this year. They also act as function hostesses and docents and are members of the Board of Directors. In addition, the club has donated over \$1,000 this year to the museum.

Other mountain-related charities that have benefited from Skiyente this year are the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol and The Portland Mountain Rescue, helping with Mt. Hood rescues. The club also does a highway clean-up, picking up trash twice a year on the State Highway near their favorite ski area.

For the third year in a row, Skiyente has donated to Portland Rescue Mission's Shepherd's Door, a local women and children's center that is known globally for its successful program. This year, as well as donating money, they gave clothing and personal supply items. In addition, the club supports cancer research through American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Gresham, the Oregon Cancer Ski-out and the Komen's Race for the Cure. Skiyente Ski Club is a real powerhouse of energetic women who give back to their community and to the mountain they love so dearly.

Congratulations Skiyente Ski Club members on your fantastic charity support!