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RE: Youth Leaders for a Healthier Mason County Award

On June 16th, 2015, a group of CHOICE High School students will be recognized as the 2015 recipients of the *Youth Leaders for a Healthier Mason County Award*. The *Youth Leaders Award*, sponsored by the Mason County Board of Health, recognizes youth in our community who make a positive impact on the health, safety, or quality of life of Mason County residents. Board of Health Chair, Mike Olsen, will be presenting the award to the members of the CHOICE Shelton Creek Trail Crew. The students will receive their certificates at the Olympic Middle School's final assembly. The group will also be added to the *Youth Leaders for a Healthier Mason County* plaque, which will be rotated for display at participating schools and at the Mason County Commission building.

The CHOICE Shelton Creek Trail Crew spent significant time and energy this past year restoring a walking trail that follows the Shelton Creek, located just several blocks behind the Shelton Timberland Regional Library. The convenient location and usability of this trail has created another opportunity for the entire community to exercise or just enjoy the natural landscape of Shelton. Local community members now using the restored trail nominated the student group for the *Youth Leadership Award*. This work exemplifies dedication and teamwork that now benefits the entire community. As a result, this group of students is truly deserving of this award!

A big thank you goes out to the CHOICE Shelton Creek Trail Crew for their contribution to improving the health of our community. Their hard work is inspiring and appreciated. The Mason County Board of Health will seek additional nominations for the *Youth Leaders Award* in the spring of 2016. Please contact Allie Perline at Mason County Public Health and Human Services at 360-427-9670 ext. 410 for more information.



Mike Olsen
Chair, Mason County Board of Health