

**Hewitt Family Youth Service Award**

Rotary has several special areas of focus with respect to community service. An important one is education, literacy and maternal and child health. The Park Rapids Rotary Club instituted a new award in 2015 to recognize service to children and youth. The Hewitt Family Youth Service Award will annually recognize a person who has made Park Rapids a better place for children.

The first award was presented to the Hewitt Family: Mark, Peg, Scott and Stephanie Hewitt Petersen in recognition of the family’s long history of philanthropy and community service, particularly in matters that benefit young people. The Hewitt Family Foundation, Northwoods Bank and generations of Hewitts have generously supported projects for youth groups including youth sports teams, Kinship and Girl Scouts. The Northwest Minnesota Foundation named Mark and Peg as “Circle of Vision Community Champions” for lifetime giving of more than \$500,000, much of which benefited children. The Hewitt’s are generous with their time, too. Mark started and taught Junior Achievement courses at the high school and both Mark and Scott have been Kinship mentors. For 10 years, Peg served as education coordinator at Calvary Lutheran Church. Mark and Peg helped found the Park Rapids Education & Activities Foundation which supports many youth-oriented programs. Most recently, the family and Northwoods Bank were major donors to the Rotary Fitness Park.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination:**

Please return to: Park Rapids Rotary Club, PO Box 704, Park Rapids, MN 56470  
no later than May 1, 2016