

## Winners for Life 2018 Information on Hosting a Winner for Life

Thank you for participating in this year's Winners for Life program. We know from past years that it is personal contact with these remarkable kids that makes the event so rewarding for them (and for you).

If you have not participated in the program before (or if you need a refresher), here is what is involved:

The program will be held in conjunction with our regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Olive 8 (1635 8th Avenue, Seattle).

- 1. There will be a reception for the Winners for Life recipients starting at 11:00 a.m. <u>It is important that you arrive no later than 10:45 a.m.</u>, so you have time to find your Winner for Life student prior to the start of the program. Following the reception, we will move to the Rotary luncheon meeting.
- 2. If you have not been assigned a student, WE STILL NEED YOU. Please plan to attend the reception even if you do not currently have an assignment. You may well have one by the time of the reception and even if you don't, we need roving hosts.
- 3. It is important that you contact your Winner for Life as soon as possible! We have provided the contact information that we have. I would also suggest that you call both the school contact (and the adult guest, if any) shown on the list to introduce yourself and to determine whether the student has transportation (most students are brought to the reception by their adult guests). If the student will have difficulty attending, and you can provide transportation, that would be terrific but is not required. Also, please note any special needs that the student may have such as mobility or hearing impairment and communicate this to the Rotary staff.
- 4. In past years there has been some confusion connecting students to hosts at the reception, so you might consider exchanging identifying features (will be wearing a red suit, a white flower in lapel, I'm tall, etc.).
- 5. We ask that hosts <u>not</u> bring anything to the reception for their students. (You are free to send your Winner for Life something afterward if you wish, but there is no expectation that you do so.)
- 6. To start the reception off, the Seattle Public Schools Superintendent, Rotary Club of Seattle President, and keynote speaker will speak briefly. Each Winner for Life will then be called forward to receive a recognition plaque.
- 7. After the reception, please escort your Winner for Life and his or her guest, if any, to the luncheon.
- 8. There are no further duties once the luncheon is over. Sometimes hosts have stayed in touch with their Winner for Life, but that is entirely up to you.

Thanks again for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact: Winners for Life Chair John Hrabar at 253-732-8737 or JohnHrabar@gmail.com.

Note: Out of respect for the Winners' privacy, we do not circulate their nomination forms or the reasons behind their nominations.