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Alliance of Eastside Agencies Names 2019 Human Service Awardees

The Alliance of Eastside Agencies (AEA) presented its Human Services Awards earlier this month (June 5) at Daniel's Broiler in Bellevue. AEA builds healthy communities in East King County through a strong human services network by providing a voice for Eastside health and human services and by promoting organizational excellence among providers. Learn more at www.allianceofeastsideagencies.org.

Among the recipients of the 2019 awards was Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS) - Muslim Community Resource Center (MCRC), honored as **Faith Organization of the Year**, thanks to a nomination by Together Center and Hopelink. MCRC Co-Founder, Nickhath Sheriff, accepted the award.

Hopelink CEO Lauren Thomas noted, "As Islamophobia continues to be present in our nation, MAPS - MCRC has responded with visible outreach to all of our community members to support, educate, and advocate for people in need of all faiths, regardless of beliefs. MAPS- MCRC has served as a conduit to bring hundreds of diverse people together to condemn all expressions of hate and bigotry and share their message of unity and a welcoming environment for all."

Alliance of Eastside Agencies Human Service 2019 award winners are:

Elected Official: John Stokes, Councilmember City of Bellevue

Faith Organization: Muslim Association of Puget Sound/Muslim Community Resource Center

Nonprofit Staff: Madeline Fish, Eastside Baby Corner

Youth Volunteer: TJ Lopez, Eastside Legal Assistance Program

Volunteer of the Year: Robin Negrin, Kindering

Business: Deb Rock, Commercial Office Interiors

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