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Each year the City of West Jordan joins with other cities across the nation to recognize individuals who create positive change in our community through their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service. We recognize that ONE good deed makes a difference. West Jordan is once again participating in this nation-wide movement and has proclaimed **November 1, 2016 as Extra Mile Day**. The following individuals go the extra mile and give back to our community both personally and professionally.

### **AL RICHARDS**

Al Richards is always smiling and giving back to the community. Whether it's through volunteer service on a city committee like the Healthy West Jordan Committee or the Western Stampede Committee or raising money for the police department's Peer Support Program, Al is willing to give his time and talents for a good cause. He also serves as the Chamber of Commerce's member relations ambassador and is a great asset to our business community.

### **MELISSA WORTHEN**

In both her personal and professional lives, Melissa Worthen looks for ways to strengthen the community. She is the driving force behind the City Journal's community foundation; spearheads the annual Spelling Bee; serves as the liaison with Mascots for Miracles; helps with a fundraiser for the Rape Recovery Center; helps coordinate the Pumpkinpalooza event; serves on the Chamber of Commerce's Women In Business Council; and much more. Melissa goes the extra mile and our community is better because of it.

## **JEN CAMPBELL**

Jen Campbell recently served as the president of the West Jordan Exchange Club where they focus on child abuse prevention, patriotism, and instilling community pride. Under her direction, they raised funds for the Children's Justice Center and also partnered with Dannon to provide scholarships to local students who had excelled in the face of adversity. She is the director of South Valley Services, a domestic violence shelter that provides safe shelter; resource and referral services; and self-sufficiency programs for survivors of domestic violence. She has helped open two community resource centers in West Jordan City Hall and Riverton and works continually to strengthen the relationship between South Valley Services and law enforcement.

## **Bonnie Hutchings**

Bonnie Hutchings is one of the original members of the Volunteers in Police Service program. She joined the newly organized unit in July of 2008 and splits her volunteer time between the victim advocate unit and the police department. As a victim advocate, Bonnie helps those in crisis get the help they need. She has also worked in the warrants unit; assisted the training department with various assignments including new hire training assessments; participated in SWAT scenarios; and assisted with the Citizen Police Academy. Bonnie has a positive attitude, a willingness to help and a very compassionate spirit.

## **Craig Dearing**

On the list of individuals who've given of themselves in service to our City, Craig Dearing would certainly be right at the top. Craig has devoted more than 40 years to our community. He founded the Chamber of Commerce in 1986 and served as president until 2014. He formed the West Jordan Rotary Club in 1987 and was instrumental in starting the West Jordan Exchange Club in 2003 – and he is still an active member in both these organizations today. Over the years, Craig has served on many committees, boards, and organizations.

He's helped chair city events and community improvement projects. Craig has not just served our city – he's been an integral part in shaping it and guiding its progress while championing the ideal that no matter how large we grow, we will always be the "Home of the Good Neighbor."

This is just a tiny sample of the many great people in our city who regularly go the extra mile to strengthen our community. Thank you for your service.