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Sumner Rotary announces first annual “Sumner Rotary Freedom Fest”

For Immediate Release:

Rotary Club of Sumner would like to announce the first annual Sumner Rotary Freedom Fest to take place at the Daffodil Sports Complex on July 3, 2010. In conjunction with this event, our city will celebrate National Night Out, co-sponsored by the Sumner Police Department.

The Sumner Rotary Freedom Fest will be a collaborative community event to raise funds for the YMCA and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Daffodil Sports Complex. Sumner Rotary has pledged \$250,000 to the Sumner YMCA project that is scheduled to break ground the summer of 2012. The Freedom Fest is just one of the fundraising efforts the club will participate in to raise funds towards their goal.

The East Pierce communities and the surrounding areas are invited to attend this community event. Our Freedom Fest will have a carnival-like theme, including games, safety/health information, and a stage with local entertainment. We are looking for organizations interested in having carnival booths to raise money for their own organization. The cost to your organization is just \$60- we do the advertising and bring people to you!

The morning kicks-off with a 5K run/walk followed by awards and a Kids' Diaper Dash (*see www.active.com to register soon*). Our opening ceremony is at 11am. Then the day will follow with amateur and professional athlete visits to include Tacoma Rainiers players, their mascot Rhubarb, Seattle Sounders Women and Olympian Melanie Roach to name a few.

Twenty years ago, The Rotary Club of Sumner joined with Sumner residents, businesses, and others who cared about our community, to compete for (and win) a \$40,000 grant from the Mariners-Boeing Field Grant, to build a baseball field for our children. Eventually, the project expanded from “a baseball field” to the 12-acre location we now call the Daffodil Valley Sports Complex. After ten years of hard work, Sumner Rotary had built not only an awesome baseball field, but fields to play soccer, tennis, volleyball, basketball, picnic areas, a tot lot, and a track around the entire complex, all valued at over \$2.1 million. This year we celebrate the 10th anniversary of this wonderful asset to the community.

The Sumner Rotary Freedom Festival is still looking for sponsors, vendors, local talent and volunteers. If you are interested in more information, please contact program chair Suzanne Thompson Winger at suzanne@ctwcaringsolutions.com or 253.376.4146.

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