

2019 Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero

Certificate of Special Recognition

Whidbey Island Wildcats Robotics Team

The mission of the Whidbey Island Wildcats Robotics team is to use technology to inspire today's youth to better themselves and the world we live in. While the team builds great robots, their true passion is service to others. In February of this year, the team built a wheelchair ramp for a family to make it safer for their loved one to enter and exit their home as this person awaits further medical treatment. The ramp is not only beneficial for the person in the wheelchair but for those helping him daily. It is no longer a struggle to lift the wheelchair up the steps into the house, alleviating risk of injury to all.

Last March, over two weekends, the high school team built two Micro Homes to address the growing issue of homelessness and lack of affordable housing in our area. The homes are 60 square feet, built on trailers, and equipped with solar panels, propane, and a composting toilet. Recently, they delivered the first of those homes to Ryan's House for Youth. The homes will provide shelter and security to those who need it most.

Two girls have received special prosthetic arms to assist them in learning and pursuing new interests. One was developed to withstand the stress of weightlifting, one to help with woodworking, and another to make it safer to ride her bicycle. With the continued dedication of the Wildcats Robotic team to develop new prosthetics, these girls and others will be able to pursue anything they can dream of.

For the team's dedication to serving others, and their many projects focused on solving issues in our community, the Island County Board of Health and Community Health Advisory Board are pleased to present the Whidbey Island Wildcats Robotics Team with a 2019 Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero Certificate of Special Recognition.

