



## The 2011 Leadership Eastside Network *LENi Award Winners*

The Leadership Eastside Network Inspiration Awards first rolled out the red carpet at a black-tie event at the Harbor Club in Bellevue on Thursday, October 20, 2011.

Six Eastside Leaders were recognized with a “LENi” for their work in the Greater Eastside Community. Four of the six recipients were selected from community nominations for demonstrating LE guiding values of Sustainability, Diversity, Vision and acting as a Catalyst for positive change. The fifth and six winners were the result of a tie in the live attendee voting for the “Community’s Choice” award at the event.

The LENi recipients and their respective categories are:

**Doreen Marchione, Sustainability Award.** Marchione is a founder of the Eastside community assistance organization Hopelink and was its CEO for 16 years. She also served eight years as Mayor of Redmond and is currently a Kirkland City Council member. Marchione also was a founding board member of Leadership Eastside (LE). According to event organizers, Marchione was chosen for her “indefatigable” efforts on behalf of Eastside residents, as well as her inclusive and empowering leadership style.



**Annalee Luhman, Catalyst Award.** Luhman currently employed as the Learning and Leadership Manager with the Port of Seattle. She is a graduate of LE's predecessor, Advance Bellevue. She, too, was an original LE board member; additionally, Luhman served as a curriculum committee member. Among award nominees, Luhman was chosen for her efforts in being a catalyst in creating LE's innovative community leader development program.

**Pat Hughes, Diversity Award**, is a senior affiliate with the Center for Ethical Leadership. Hughes was a member of the first class of Leadership Redmond, which later became Leadership Institute. She also served as that organization's first Executive Director. Hughes was nominated for her work in creating the Gracious Space Initiative, which gives a path for people of diversity to come together, find common ground and work toward a greater good in their communities.



**GLY Construction, Vision Award.** GLY, one of the largest locally-owned general contracting firms in the region, receives the Vision award for its commitment to corporate giving. GLY has committed to donating at least two percent of its profits annually to charitable organizations. GLY has also been named one of the “Best Places to Work” by Seattle Met Magazine.

**Gina Estep and Claire Petersky, Community’s Choice Award**

Gina Estep is the Community and Economic Development Director for the City of North Bend where she formed a citizens group to lead the marketing effort that re-energized the city.



Claire Petersky is the Executive Director of Eastside Friends of Seniors. Claire works tirelessly to enrich the lives of eastside elders and ensure they live in greater health, safety and dignity. Finalists for the Community’s Choice Award included Robin Kelley and Sally Coomer.

