

## Red Cross holds 8th Real Heroes event

By the Herald staff

Heroes who have saved lives or worked to make the Tri-Cities better were recognized Thursday by the Benton-Franklin Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The eighth annual Real Heroes fundraiser breakfast at TRAC in Pasco highlighted award winners selected from almost 40 people and two organizations nominated. An estimated 600 people attended the event.

Winners were:

w Adult Good Samaritan: Patrick Noland, KNDU-TV reporter, recognized for stories that raised awareness about bone marrow registration.

w Medical: Chuck Watson, a hospice volunteer recently featured in the Herald who began his volunteer efforts 10 years ago after learning he had prostate cancer.

**w Community Organization: Team Read, a group of volunteer tutors who work in Kennewick elementary schools.**

w Workplace Safety: Gene Tolley, who did CPR to save the life of a woman who collapsed at a Tri-City Dust Devils game last summer.

w Law Enforcement: Dan Blasdel, the Franklin County coroner who created an interactive CD-ROM presentation "Beat the Reaper" to educate young people about drunken driving and decision-making.

w Fire Rescue: Mark Yaden, Kurt Hubele, Ben Shearer and Kellie Stigge, who together organized the Fire Academy to help young people who have been identified as at-risk for setting fires.

w Spirit of the Red Cross: Don Wicks, a Red Cross volunteer who oversees chapter readiness and coordinates volunteers and who went to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

w 911 Rescue: Katelyn and Victoria Kinne and Pasco police Officer Zack Fairley, who worked together to save the girls' father with CPR after he collapsed from a severe allergic reaction to a bee sting.

w Animal Rescue: Harriet Johnson, a longtime animal rescue activist who has worked with the Humane Society and Pet Overpopulation and founded Animal Welfare Alliance League and Prevent Homeless Pets, which helps people get affordable spay and neutering service for their pets.

w Youth Good Samaritan: Clay Rottinghaus, a 10-year-old Pasco student who raised \$12,800 by auctioning a lamb at the county fair and donated half to benefit area breast cancer screening.

Other nominees were: Del Ballard, Dr. Kenneth Breeden, Tim Gerhard, Mary and Rick Gant, Bob Gough, Ken Hannah, Wanda Louder, Norma Nunamaker, Ann Paine, Deputy Scott Runge, Detective Doug Stanley, Sheriff Larry Taylor, John Wald, Michele Caron, Officer Luke Flohr, Fields of Grace, Teri Glasford, Tom and Liz Ham, Jim Horton, Ivar Husa, Officer Scott Oak, Deputy Jon Schwarder, Roy Shepherd and Brandi Underwood.

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