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**Announcing the 2022 Peace Builder Award Recipients**

WHATCOM COUNTY – The Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center (WDRC) invites the community to join in honoring five remarkable individuals, organizations, programs, and projects at the 19th annual Peace Builder Awards on October 21. In facing the challenges of the past year, each of the award winners represent unique, collaborative, and important efforts to elevate equality, promote healing for the community, foster positive connections between individuals and cultures, and contribute to a more peaceful world.

The recipients of the 2022 Peace Builder Awards:

Social Justice Award: Connect Ferndale, Remy Styrk, Juneteenth Video Project

*For deepening the understanding of the significance of Juneteenth, elevating the voices of local Black students and community leaders, and for encouraging thoughtful dialog around racial equity.*

Collaboration Award: Mary Loquvam, York Community Farm

*For bringing the community together to create an urban farm that provides jobs, educational opportunities, and addresses food insecurity in the neighborhood.*

Education Award: Daniel Anderson, Assumption School

*For his dedication in balancing the needs of students, families, and the school impacted by COVID.*

Community Health & Recovery Award: Ashley Butenschoen, Lacey De Lange, Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group

*For facilitating access to resources and helping Whatcom County communities, individuals, and families recover after the devastating floods of 2021.*

Reconciliation Award: Kamalla Kaur, Tarnjot Singh Brar, Chardi Kala Project

*For their commitment to promote learning about the Sikh culture and fostering peace, connection, and inclusion.*

The 19th annual Peace Builder Awards virtual gala, presented by Peoples Bank and PSE, will celebrate the 30th year anniversary of the WDRC and recognize the award-winners, the youth poetry contest winners, and include a silent auction.

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*The WDRC is a nonprofit dedicated to providing and promoting constructive and collaborative approaches to conflict.*