



Press Release

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Mabey Family Wins Volunteer of the Year Award

Salem, OR—A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is pleased to announce the winners of the Guin Grimes Volunteer of the Year Award: the Mabey family of West Salem. The award is named after the first volunteer of the year, Guin Grimes, who volunteered at the Village starting in 1989 and continued until her death in 2002. The award is presented each June to the individual, or in this case family, whose service demonstrates exceptional volunteer spirit and dedication.

About the Mabeys:

The Mabey family discovered the Village shortly after moving to Salem from Utah in 2005. Their oldest son, **Joseph**, 17, started volunteering as a class helper in 2006 and has assisted with special events, particularly by filming them for broadcast on CCTV.

According to his mother Kaylyn, **Timothy**, 14, decided he was missing out, so as soon as he turned 13, he signed on to help Teresa, facilities director at the Village, every Monday morning. He secretly wanted to run and maintain the miniature train in Parrish House, which is why he's so willing to mop and sweep. For his recent eagle project, he coordinated painting the cement wall that runs along two sides of the Village.

Last summer, **Kathryn**, 12, and **Peter**, 9, decided to help out, so the Mabeys volunteered as a family on Monday mornings to sweep, hose off porches, pick up garbage, eliminate spider webs, and help maintain the museum.

Kaylyn's volunteer experience began with mending curtains and has expanded to other sewing projects, assisting with homeschool classes and events, and supervising Girl Scout service projects. **Matthew**, Kaylyn's husband, came later to his volunteer experience but soon got hooked. His highlights have been helping launch bottle rockets for Sizzling Science Day and working security for New Year's Eve Family Fun Night.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is proud that the Mabeys have shared their time and talents with us. As Kaylyn explained, "We love the museum, not only because it's a place we can volunteer as a family, but because the people have become family."

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