

2019 Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero

Certificate of Special Recognition

Mark Phibbs

According to Miriam Webster's definition, a hero is a person admired for achievements and noble qualities. Mark Phibbs is just that person. Owner and pharmacist of Mark's Camano Pharmacy for 12 years, from February 2, 2007 until March 3, 2019, Mark Phibbs personified what it is to be a hero to his community. During those years he had an average of 3,000 customers and knew most of his customers by name. The average age of Mark's customers was 60-65 years. Many of his customers were not able to pick up their own prescriptions, and if they didn't have neighbors or family members to help, Mark or his staff weekly delivered the prescriptions to the Camano Center for ease of pick up.

Mark's was the only pharmacy on Camano Island. Mark consistently went above the call of duty to help his customers in understanding and getting their much needed medications. He was forced to close his doors after major insurance companies in the last year refused to reimburse his services because he was not a commercial pharmacy. Mark felt a great responsibility for his customers and his staff. In an alliance with the Stanwood QFC Pharmacy, most of his customers were transferred seamlessly with continuity of care. Mark also ensured that his staff had other employment prior to closing his doors.

Mark Phibbs is more than just a pharmacist. His community service includes 5 years of being on the board of Safe Harbor Free Clinic, during the initial startup and beyond. Mark also served on the board of Josephine Sunset House nursing home, is a charter member of the YMCA, and sponsored a car in the annual Soap Box Derby. The Mark's Camano Pharmacy soap box derby car will continue to compete as long as there is a willing driver to enter the car! In addition to all of that, Mark and his wife support the Stanwood Camano Food Bank, the Freedom Park Playfield, and the Camano Island Shelter for Animals. Mark is a hero to many on Camano Island. We appreciate his willingness to listen, his willingness to always go the extra mile, and the depth of caring he showed to this community. For his many years of service to the residents of Camano Island, the Island County Board of Health and Community Health Advisory Board are pleased to present Mark Phibbs with a 2019 Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero Certificate of Special Recognition.