

2010 Art of Caring Award Winner...

Community West Foundation Honors Linda Gross Brown



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Community West Foundation honored a very special person, Linda Gross Brown, with the 2010 Art of Caring Award at its annual Legacy Society Dinner held Sept. 30 at LaCentre in Westlake.

The prestigious Art of Caring Award reflects the exceptional generosity, commitment and community support of a noted recipient each year.

In a tribute to Linda, Foundation President and CEO David T. Dombrowiak quoted the words of George Bernard Shaw, playwright and essayist, and winner of the 1925 Nobel Prize for Literature who wrote, "Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it onto future generations." David added that "Linda is indeed carrying a splendid torch that is burning brightly." Local philanthropy and community involvement have always been an essential part of Linda Gross Brown's family and life. Her long-time support of Fairview Hospital illustrates her qualities of leadership, loyalty, and love of children.

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Dr. Ted Castele, Chair Emeritus, Community West Foundation, 2010 Art of Caring award winner, Linda Gross Brown, award artist, Eóin Breadon, and David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO Community West Foundation.



Linda Gross Brown with her family, son Hunter, her father, Otto Gross, and son and daughter-in-law Winter and Meghan.



Jack and Sherry Kahl.



Drs. Prasanta and Chandra Raj.

honors and memorializes her late mother, Annette Gross, who was a preemie at 2 pounds, and Annette's twin sister, who weighed 1.8 pounds. It was truly a miracle that they survived without the specialized services of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Linda's volunteer service on the Fairview/Lutheran Foundation Board and Community West Foundation Board has made a lasting mark. Linda established a Donor Advised Fund, The Brown Family Fund, at Community West Foundation. She is indeed a charitable activist, and through her Donor Advised Fund she has found yet another way to provide a helping hand to the community.

Linda Gross Brown joins a prestigious league of recipients in The Art of Caring Award history. Others include Sharon and Harry A. Zilli, Jr., Lorraine and Robert Warren, Sr., Dr. Ted and Jean Castele, Betty and John Kemper, Sr., Fairview Hospital Medical Staff, Ronald and Elaine Phillips, Jack and Jean Dannemiller, the late Warren and Joan Farr, and the late Barbara Jacobs.

This year's Art of Caring Award was designed by Eóin Breadon and depicts a salmon and a heron. The salmon represents community – a tribute to Linda's Art of Caring through her work at the Community West Foundation and throughout our community. The graceful heron represents enlightenment – Linda's commitment to a brighter future for patients and families helped by Fairview Hospital's Neonatal and Pediatric Units, which Linda has continued to generously support. These qualities indeed define the award recipient.



Mary Ellen and Barry French join Linda and Mary Beth and Judge Dick Ambrose.



Newest Legacy Society Members Marty and Laura Uhle.