
Recommendation Historical Commission to Name the Madison Heights Active Adult Center Computer Lab After Mike Salley

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Good morning,

Staff at the AAC respectfully recommend that the computer lab at the Madison Heights Active Adult Center be named in honor of Mike Salley, a longtime volunteer whose generosity, dedication, and service made a lasting difference in the lives of countless people throughout our community.

For more than 10 years, Mike volunteered his time teaching people how to use their computers. He patiently helped individuals gain confidence with technology and was instrumental in helping plan the computer lab in the new Active Adult Center building. His commitment to the lab and to the people who used it was extraordinary.

But Mike's service went far beyond the computer lab.

We have tried our best to determine the total number of hours Mike volunteered over the years. Initially, we estimated that he had given more than 6,000 hours. As we prepared this recommendation, however, we continued to discover additional ways in which Mike gave his time and talents. We now believe that his volunteer service at the Active Adult Center alone exceeded 7,500 hours.

Mike taught people how to use their computers, helped with minor home repairs, assisted people with their income taxes, served as Chair of the Active Adult Center Advisory Board, volunteered with the lunch program, helped run both Prize Bingo and Thursday Bingo, assisted with fundraisers, and contributed his time to countless other volunteer opportunities at the AAC.

His service extended throughout the City as well, including his work on the Environmental Citizen's Committee.

Mike's dedication was recognized in many ways. He was named Active Adult Center Volunteer of the Year in 2019 and was honored as Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day Parade in 2023.

Mike didn't simply volunteer—he made a difference. He showed up. He lent a hand. He spoke his mind. He shared his knowledge. And he generously gave his time and talents to the people and community he cared about.

Naming the computer lab after Mike would be a fitting tribute to a man who spent so many years helping others navigate the world of technology while, at the same time, making the Active Adult Center

and the City of Madison Heights a better place.

Mike lived his life well and was deeply loved. His kindness, tenacity, generosity, and commitment to serving others will be remembered by his family, his friends, the Active Adult Center, and the City he called home.

Staff at the AAC respectfully recommend that the Madison Heights Active Adult Center computer lab be named the "Mike Salley Computer Lab" in recognition of his extraordinary service and lasting legacy.

This would ensure that every day, in a place where Mike spent so much of his time helping others, his name and his example continue to inspire those who walk through its doors.

We understand that naming a designated place in the city is a process, and we are here to help in any way we can to make this possible. We are starting with the two of you in hopes that you can help guide us through the process and point us in the right direction. We truly appreciate any assistance or guidance you can provide.

Thank you for your consideration,

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