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Presentation to the Portland City Council:

Recognizing the Recipient of the 2010 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award

On the twentieth year anniversary of Steve Lowenstein's passing, the Board of Directors on his behalf have given nineteen awards to outstanding members of the Portland community. This is the nineteenth annual Steve Lowenstein Trust Award to be given on December 8, 2010. The award created by and named for the late Steve Lowenstein, attorney, author, civil rights activist, community activist, and Chief of Staff for former City Commissioner Mike Lindberg, the Steve Lowenstein Trust annually recognizes an individual making an extraordinary personal effort and sacrifice to improve the quality of life for distressed and vulnerable populations in the City of Portland. In his will, Steve established the annual financial award to provide recognition and assistance to individuals who have made significant ongoing personal sacrifice to help those in need.

Steve Lowenstein, in his own right, was a model of public service. His sense of purpose, integrity, and perseverance inspired many of us who have worked on human rights and social justice issues. He worked in Washington, D.C. for the Office of Economic Opportunity to help start the War on Poverty Program and in Ethiopia started a law school and in Chile with the Ford Foundation. He was the founding director of Oregon Legal Services, authored a groundbreaking history – The Jews of Oregon 1850-1950 and at the time of his death in 1990, had served for six years as Chief of Staff for former City Commissioner Mike Lindberg.

Our honoree for 2010 is Bobby Foucher, a dedicated and passionate community activist in the performing arts for children. Bobby Foucher, a dancer, designer, visual artist and educator has committed much of his life to using the power of the arts to inspire an appreciation of beauty, and a sense of self worth in others.

It is safe to say, over the 40 plus years of his life as a teaching and performing artist, thousands of children and families have been the greatest beneficiaries of his efforts. "Mr. Bobby", as some children like to call him, can take well earned pride in teaching the Arts as both inherently worthwhile, and as a tool for connecting young people and their parents to history, business, geography, and myriad cultures of the planet. He strives to impart to them their potential and very real ability to constructively and beautifully shape their futures and world around them.

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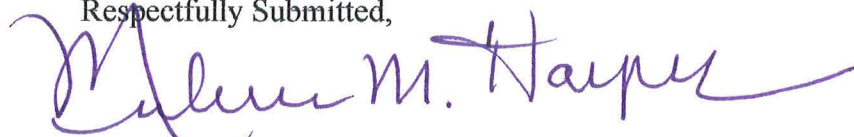
Bobby, a second generation Oregonian, has recently put significant time and energy into stoking a community fire for building an exemplary arts curriculum at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School. He received the 2009 Spirit of Portland Award for his tireless dedication and creativity in making good things happen even with scant resources. He is truly a life-long community and arts activist. Bobby has been often heard to say everything he does is simply about "Helping to nurture the children of the community and families who nurtured and supported me as a young artist." Mr. Foucher's spirit and work is wholly in keeping with the kind of selfless contribution to the betterment of others Steve Lowenstein wished to recognize.

In selecting Bobby Foucher to receive the 2010 Award, members of the Steve Lowenstein Trust Board strongly felt he truly embodies the spirit and personal commitment empowering the under-represented and under-served Steve Lowenstein wanted to recognize.

It is with great pride and honor that the Portland City Council recognizes Bobby Foucher as the 2010 recipient of the Steve Lowenstein Trust Award.

Join us in celebrating this outstanding citizen for his extraordinary dedication and commitment for the betterment of others and the greater community.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle M. Harper, Chair
Steve Lowenstein Trust
Board of Directors

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**Recognize Bobby Foucher recipient of the 2010 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award
(Presentation introduced by Commissioner Fish) 30 minutes requested**

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