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EDMONDS PARKS & RECREATION RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION FROM LONGTIME RESIDENT

Norada Shanafelt Estate Gifts \$50,000 to Hickman Park and the Francis Anderson Center

(Edmonds, WA) – The estate of Norada Shanafelt has gifted the City of Edmonds \$50,000 to support Hickman Park and the Frances Anderson Center, to be evenly divided between the two places. According to her friends, Norada loved the arts, nature and learning, and she participated in many of the classes offered at the Frances Anderson Center. As a 37-year resident of Edmonds' Woodway Meadows neighborhood, she also enjoyed the beauty and nature of nearby Hickman Park.

“Norada Shanafelt was a private person who worked hard and was a very kind neighbor and friend,” shared long time neighbor and representative Cheryl Clarke. “She was a master quilter, and she created some of the most beautiful quilts I have ever seen. Her love of quilting extended into the community, as she worked with various quilting groups to provide quilts for women’s shelters and other non-profits.”

“We are deeply honored to receive this generous donation,” says City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation Department Director Carrie Hite. “Norada Shanafelt was an inspiration to our community and to all of us who serve Edmonds, and her donation will provide meaningful support to two of the entities she held so dear: Hickman Park and the Frances Anderson Center.”

Norada and her husband, William, who passed away in 2016, had no children. All of her estate went to places and charities which she and William supported over many years. The City of Edmonds Parks Department will be working on a recognition plaque for both Nora and her husband at Hickman Park.

For more information about setting up an estate gift to the City of Edmonds, please contact Carrie Hite at 425-771-0256 or Carrie.Hite@edmondswa.gov.

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