

Nominator:

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Nominee:

Mrs. Taka Ogata

With much pleasure, I nominate Mrs. Taka Ogata as Senior Volunteer of the Quarter. Taka has lived in the Rulon Earl Mobile Manor for approximately 12 years. She moved into the Park at the request of her brother Yoshi, a WW11 veteran, living in Rulon Earl Park who was in failing health and in need of a caregiver. Taka moved in with her brother, giving him the care he needed in his final days. Upon his death she then applied for residency on her own behalf. Her application was accepted and Taka has continued her service to others by volunteering with Park activities.

Taka walks the entire area of the Park every day, many times before sun up. When she sees a problem area, she relates her findings to the Park Resident Council Board. She also volunteered to pick up aluminum cans and prepare them for recycling. The residents place their empty cans in a bag and deposits them curbside. Taka picks up the cans daily. She has been doing this for the past 10 years. She has made arrangements with a recycler to come to her house, to weigh and pick up the cans, and who will reimburse her for the cans. She also picks up other recyclable products. The money Taka receives from this activity is donated to the Rulon Earl Park to be used for the benefit of all.

Taka does not drive, yet that did not discourage her from finding an activity that she could accomplish. Taka also volunteers at each park activity in whatever capacity is needed. Sometimes she cleans the Clubhouse before an activity, and she is always in the kitchen after a function to help with the clean-up. She is always ready to help whenever needed. She is one of those special people who can see what needs to be done and is ready to help for the common good of all of the residents.

Taka contributes her time and energy with no recompense, yet all within the park benefit from her activity. Taka is almost 92 years of age.