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The Junior Joy Team kicks off Random Acts of Kindness Week at Vancouver City Hall **The Junior Joy Team spreads joy to EVERY employee at Vancouver, Washington City Hall**

(Vancouver, WA) The Junior Joy Team, a shorter and much more adorable segment of The Joy Team, has sprouted and will be planting their first seeds of joy in the heart of their hometown: Vancouver USA's City Hall. Kicking off Random Acts of Kindness Week on February 13th, the inaugural group of 10 Junior Joy Team kids, ranging in age from 6 to 11, will deliver little packets of happiness to all 260 city employees working in City Hall. Starting with Mayor Tim Leavitt and City Manager Eric Holmes.

The packets, hand-packed by the kids in heart-covered bags, include cards with positive messages and drawings from the children, a Bit-O-Honey, a chocolate kiss, and a "LOVE your life" card from The Joy Team. Before scattering joy on the first day of Random Acts of Kindness Week, the kids will learn about each city department housed at City Hall and how the work of those employees improves our lives.

"The goal here is not only to help the children experience the warmth and happiness of spreading joy, optimism and inspiration;" said founder and chief joy officer of The Joy Team, Michele McKeag Larsen, "but also to strengthen the understanding in children of our interconnectedness and build their sense of community."

"The City is honored to be the Junior Joy Team's very first official recipient of kindness and generosity, and we look forward to welcoming Michele and her students at City Hall on February 13th," said Mayor Tim Leavitt. "I know that as founder of the program, one of Michele's main goals is to teach her kids about community and the value of contribution. In that light, I think their choice to kick off Random Acts of Kindness week by reaching out to City employees is quite befitting."

The Junior Joy Team plans to spread joy, inspiration and optimism throughout the year. The kids have suggesting visiting the Fire Department, Police Department, teachers, nurses, garbage collectors, construction workers and others who work every day at making our lives better and more enjoyable. To learn more about what The Junior Joy Team and The Joy Team are doing, visit TheJoyTeam.org, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

About The Joy Team

Founded in February 2010, The Joy Team is a non-profit corporation based in Vancouver, Washington, with the mission of spreading joy, optimism and inspiration to millions. We carry out this mission by helping people shift into a positive frame of mind through the incredible power of positive words. In 2010 we put up 28 billboards, effectively putting 25.9 million seeds of joy out into the world. In 2011 we involved over 300 people in spreading positive messages in 3 countries (USA, France, Netherlands) and 22 U.S. states on August 23rd using sidewalk chalk; and we started a free online directory of organizations working for joy, kindness and love: JoyKindnessAndLove.com. Learn more at thejoyteam.org.