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A new submission has been received for Volunteer of the Quarter Nomination at 06/05/2024 10:39 AM

Name of Nominee: Tony Grove
Address of Nominee: please see Cathy Clark for address of family
Nominee Phone Number or Contact Information: please see Cathy Clark for contact information for daughter AnnMare Cruz

***Please provide a brief description, including the dates or time period, of the nominee's contributions and the reason why you are nominating for this award::**

Over the last 17 years, Tony Grove, though his personal life and business, Tony's Kingdom of Comics and Collectibles, has consistently worked to support people in need, provide community gathering events to bring people together, promote education and literacy, and promote the arts. His lifetime achievements are recognized and celebrated in our community and deserve the recognition and thanks from his Keizer family. This nomination was started before his recent passing. I have asked his daughter for permission to present this to Tony's family at the celebration of life and she has agreed.

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Please explain the impacts these contributions have had on the city of Keizer or the Keizer community::

Tony Grove has left a lasting legacy of generosity, inclusion, love and laughter. He used his business of Tony's Kingdom of Comics and Collectibles to promote the arts, literacy, and community involvement and commitment. The testimonials on social media continue to pour in; Tony blessed the lives of everyone he knew.

Your Name: Cathy Clark
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Nomination for Tony Grove, Keizer Volunteer of the Quarter

Tony Grove embodied the Keizer motto of pride, spirit and volunteerism. The testimonials listed below are just a few of the hundreds posted in social media for the May 4 Last Free Comic Book Day event and the May 16th announcement of his sudden passing.

I attended many of his events over the years and his aim was always to welcome everyone to the world of comics and fandom and to give to our community. Toys for Tots, the Princess Leia foundation, Shriners Children's Hospital, Magic Wheelchairs, Punx in the Park, and our Keizer Community Food Bank were among the many ways Tony chose to give. And Tony invited us all to join with him in giving and getting involved to help our neighbors and make our world a better place. His message at the end of this letter says so much about Tony's heart of giving and service.

It is my pleasure to nominate Tony Grove as Keizer Volunteer of the Quarter for 2024 and to present this to his family at the June 29th celebration of life.

From the Keizer Chamber of Commerce:

The Keizer Chamber Holiday Lights Parade Committee has chosen Tony Grove of [Tony's Kingdom of Comics and Collectibles](#) as the Grand Marshall of our Parade!!! 🌲🚗🎅

Tony's long standing commitment to serve and bring joy to this community is evident to all who know him. Throughout the years he has supported many K.N.O.W. events such as the Percy Auction, Holiday Giving Baskets and many food collections. He also supports the Keizer Community Food Bank, making sure our community never goes hungry. Tony is always looking for ways to bring joy to the community of Keizer. We are so excited to honor Tony and give back a small portion of all he has given to us! We love you Tony!!! 🤗❤️👥

[Lucas Arballo](#)

Wow. What a cataclysmic loss. Tony was an absolute legend of a man and a unshakable pillar of goodness in the Salem/Keizer community. I shared laughs and sadness with Tony. He listened to my BS when he didn't have to. He related to me and my life when he did speak. He was always welcoming, warm, honest, and wise. His loss will not just be felt in the comics community but in the countless lives he affected including local youths and through his devotion to helping those less fortunate. I am truly saddened by this news. He was a good friend. You will be missed, Tony, sir, and god speed into the great beyond, my friend.

[Jeremy Everitt](#)

Thanks for helping everyone you met, Tony. From a little girl playing soccer to helping my own kids learn to enjoy reading, I've appreciated every second knowing you. You will be missed. R.I.P.

Keizertimes

Tony Grove's proudest achievements as owner of Tony's Kingdom of Comics in Keizer are the charity events he held at the store and appearances at Shriner's Children's Hospital in Portland. The store always gathered food for the Keizer Community Food Bank.

From Batman Day Sale and Food Drive

[Kris Adams](#)

What a nice man Tony is. He believes in helping others. His business is great and probably has more adults than kids. But he has kids come in he is nice to them. Great guy. Thanks for your support of the food bank.

And a word from Tony after the Keizer Holiday Lights Parade:

From Tony:

Wow! I finally got caught up enough to take a breath, thank everyone and update our [Keizer Festival Of Lights Parade](#) experience. My family and I had a WONDERFUL time. It was SUCH a wonderful event. We had SO MUCH fun, and put us in the Christmas Spirit like I haven't felt in years. My kids and GrandSons had a blast riding with their "Pop-Pop" as Grand Martial, waving and wishing every a "Merry Christmas", "Happy Life Day", "May the Force be With You", "Have a Nice Day" and "Happy Halloween"???? We heard many folks couldn't find us. But there WAS one a banner, but our [Star Wars Oregon](#) Troopers and Jedi escort were quite a ways back from it, and so where my family and I in the Jeep group. Oh well, we DID see so many of our friends, family and supporters. And THANK YOU ALL for coming out in support, Including our buddies Larry and Caesar the No Drama Llama. Now they are now REALLY pushing me to build a Tony's Kingdom of Comics and Collectibles float for next years parade. And maybe even one for KeizerFest. And THANK YOU ALL again SO MUCH for the honor and support from given to us from the [Keizer Chamber](#) and [Keizertimes](#) over the past 16 years. And THANK YOU to all who sponsored and worked so hard to make a success of that day. We REALLY love and appreciate everyone who has contributed over those years to help us MAKE A DIFFERENCE together. PLEASE keep those food donations coming for the [Keizer Community Food Bank](#), or whatever cause you wish to support), the more you give the more FREE comics you will receive. 😊 Remember ANYONE can MAKE A DIFFERENCE, no matter HOW SMALL" 😊

Hope you all have a WONDERFUL Christmas, stay safe.....Tony and the Kingdom family. 😊 😊 😊