



Green Ribbon Initiatives COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

The Community Partner Award is given to an organization which demonstrates significant investment in their community by jointly sponsoring events and activities which **build community together** through volunteerism, support and public encouragement.

Dunn Brothers Coffee and Cafe of Eagan, Glenn Elliott Proprietor

Dunn Brothers of Eagan is more than a “cup of coffee.”

Typically a business is in the business of making money. While that is true for Glenn Elliott, owner of Dunn Brothers Coffee and Cafe of Eagan, it is not what drives him or his business. Since 2011 when he took control of the business he has been investing in the community in multiple ways. Not only does Dunn Brothers provide a place for people to meet and cultivate community on a daily basis, Dunn Brothers is invested in creating community beyond its location. While Glenn might not know everyone who regularly comes in for coffee or a treat, he knows many by name and has provided personal support and encouragement. He describes the shop as a way of providing an “experience of community” for people, not just a cup of coffee.

The mission of Dunn Brothers of Eagan is focused on a “three-legged stool” of mission to and for youth, namely: to enhance the lives of youth, to invest in education for youth, mitigate diseases of youth. This three pronged approach is consistent with the mission statement that is displayed prominently in the space which was first articulated by Mr Elliott’s daughter, Maggie.

Maggie’s Mission Statement

I want to be known as someone who has an overwhelming sense of love for her family and friends. I want to live each day with balance by inspiring hope in myself, and those around me. I want to appreciate and enjoy adventure, fun, goodness and health and to live with hope and enthusiasm. I want to be an acting representation of myself!

Dunn Brothers offers “Maggie’s Jo” - a special blend of coffee, donating \$2 for each bag sold for a scholarship given through the Eagan Foundation. Maggie is Glenn’s deceased daughter who wrote the mission statement that drives the Dunn Brother’s engine.

Dunn Brothers has partnered with other businesses such as Bald Man Brewing and Andiamo Restaurant in support of community organizations and schools.

Mr Elliott’s leadership in developing community is evident in his personal investment in organizations such as Eagan Foundation (Board of Directors), Taste of Eagan (Chairman). Under his leadership and conviction Dunn Brothers has donated scholarships in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2109 through the Eagan Foundation for students at Eagan High School.

Dunn Brothers has made “in kind” donations for the following organizations for multiple years: Caponi Art Park, Eagan Art House, the Eagan Foundation, the Historic Holz Farm, the Rotary Club of Eagan as well as many public schools: Eagan High School, Dakota Hills Middle School, Northview Elementary School, Red Pine Elementary School, Trinity Lutheran School, Faithful Shepherd School, Oak Ridge Elementary School and Glacier Hills Elementary School. Consistent with his commitment to the experience of community, Mr Elliott and Dunn Brothers donated a Coffee Roasting Experience for the Rotary Club of Eagan silent auction valued at \$200. Dunn Brothers provided coffee for the 200 debate judges at the debate tournament at EHS. In addition to regularly providing display space for the art from Eagan Art House, Dunn Brother’s has provided public display for other artists on occasion (thereby investing in and promoting community partnerships).

Dunn Brothers partners with organizations and events such as Eagan Art Block, Relay for Life, Ale for Autism, Eagan Art Festival, EHS Senior Party, Eagan Scholarship Breakfast, Bench It, together with the business Nothing Bundt Cake for Teacher Appreciation Day, Moms and Neighbors, Knights of Columbus, Wounded Warriors, St. Peters Catholic Community, Spirit of Life Church, and EVERY athletic organization at EHS: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Swimming, Wrestling, Soccer, Gymnastics, Band, Forensics, Robotics, Debate, and more to come.

Dunn Brother’s has provided many high school students with meaningful employment by training them to provide an “experience” and not just a cup of coffee.

Most recently Mr. Elliott and Dunn Brothers responded to the community tragedy of Patric Vitek’s death on Diffley between Northview School and the coffee shop by donating the proceeds from that following weekend to the family: \$4,100. “While it can’t replace Patric, it can demonstrate our support for the family and the community,” explained Glenn Elliott.

Dunn Brothers’ mission for youth is clearly lived out year round in practical and generous ways and in significant partnerships with other community organizations.

Dunn Brothers of Eagan is a precious asset for the community of Eagan in the creation and support of community and in **building community together**.

Dunn Brothers Coffee and Cafe is located at 1012 Diffley Road, Eagan, MN 55123

**Green Ribbon Initiatives of Eagan is proud to recognize and celebrate
Dunn Brothers Coffee and Cafe for their significant contributions
to building the community in Eagan together
with this Community Partner Award.**