

From BNCW's Chairman

As a busy summer for all of us draws to a close, there are so many things I'd like to mention, not the least of which was another very successful Home Tour event! But more than anything, I'd like to share some news about a very dear friend, past President and Chairman of NCHBA and BNCW, Dustin Christensen, owner of Tonka Landshaping and Excavation.

Dustin has been an active member of our community for many years, in addition to his years of service to our organization, Dustin has also served several years on the board of directors for the Building Industry Association of Washington. (At the request of local leaders), he has served as President of the Greater Wenatchee Regional Events Center Public Facilities District, a church elder, a small group leader, a husband, and a father. He and his wife Julee have served as foster parents to many children here over the years. So it may come as a surprise to many that Dustin has battled Cystic Fibrosis since he was a child; a progressive, genetic disease that causes persistent lung infections and limits the ability to breathe over time.

This summer has been particularly challenging for Dustin and his family who are building a new home to meet their changing needs and getting their current home ready to sell. Early in the summer, Dustin developed a persistent infection that, when coupled with the heat and smoke that filled our valley for several weeks, took a heavy toll on Dustin's health and ability to continue working. Being a person, like many of us, much more accustomed to lending a hand than asking for one, Dustin lamented during a visit a few weeks ago, how difficult it was to be stuck in little room with an air purifier while everyone else was busy working.

After the smoke cleared, Dustin was beginning to get back to work part-time, when a few days ago, he suffered cardiac arrest. Fortunately, first responders were able to revive and get him to the hospital quickly. Just hours ago, as I write this, Dustin awoke from the induced coma he was in for 48 hours. It is too early to know just what his prognosis is, but he has cleared the first hurdle!

First and foremost, I ask that we all keep Dustin and his family in our prayers!
Secondly, I humbly ask that anyone that may be able to help us help the Christensen family finish up and get settled into their new home and/or get their current home ready for the market and sold, to please contact Marc Straub at BNCW at (509) 293-5840, or myself at (509) 881-1530 (preferably by text).

God Bless,

Lee Pfluger

2018 BNCW Chairman



Dustin Christensen – 2015 BNCW Chairman