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Decarsky Receives Mayor's Award of Excellence

Derby, Kansas – Mayor Randy White has named Vicki Decarsky as recipient of the 2021 Mayor's Award of Excellence. The award was established in 2002 as a way to honor an individual, family, organization, or business that has contributed significantly to the Derby community. The award will be presented at the January 12, 2021 City Council meeting.

"When I think about generous people laser focused on enhancing the Derby community, Vicki Decarsky is who I think of," said Mayor Randy White. "For the past decade, when she saw a need, she put energy and resources into addressing it and often inspired others to do the same."

Decarsky Park was named in honor of Vicki and her late husband, Tomp. In 2013, she donated 63 acres (valued at \$800,000) for the park that features four ballfields, batting cages, Derby's first dog park, and land for additional ballfields in a future phase 2. In addition, Mrs. Decarsky's foundation funded \$73,000 for the agility course and dock features. In October 2020, the dog park opened, and the ballfields will open in 2021.

Giving to the community is not a new endeavor for Vicki Decarsky:

- In 2010, she and her late husband, Tomp, established the Decarsky Scholarship with the Derby Community Foundation (DCF). Since then, 29 Derby High School seniors have received the Decarsky Scholarship, which is the largest local scholarship awarded in Derby.
- Vicki is an advocate of continuing education in all forms, supporting the DCF's Career Technical Education Assistance Fund which provides financial support to Derby High School students pursuing technical certifications at area community/technical colleges.
- Through a Donor Advised Fund she established with DCF, Vicki has supported the Derby Giving Circle, Women For Women, Circles Derby, Derby Historical Society and many other local causes.
- Vicki is active in Rotary Club of Derby and serves as Treasurer.

To view a list of past recipients, visit <http://derbyks.com/119/Mayors-Award-of-Excellence>.

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