



Community Builder Award recipient Niki Remesz (right) with Chris Pauls of Kamloops Mazda, the award sponsor.

A prolific volunteer, Niki Remesz said she is someone who likes to work behind the scenes. And there's plenty of work that she has done.

Remesz's volunteering experience includes arts and sports organizations, such as Western Canada Theatre and the BC Games Society, and community groups like the Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism.

More recently, Remesz has been helping out with One Hundred Women Who Care. The group meets four times each year, with a nominated charity chosen randomly and each attending member contributing \$100 to the donation pool.

Along with her local impact, Remesz is also working on the provincial stage. Last month,

she was named chair of the BC Games Society board and is looking forward to upcoming events, including the 2024 BC Winter Games in Lhtako territory/Quesnel and the 2024 BC Summer Games in Maple Ridge.

Remesz said she wants to work with the province and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport to ensure continued development of youth sports.

"Youth sports means healthy minds, healthy bodies and healthy communities," she said.

Remesz said working at the provincial level will allow her to bring everything she learns back to Kamloops.

Asked what advice she has for prospective volunteers in Kamloops, Remesz suggested

finding an organization that speaks to you, whether it's a love of music driving you to the Kamloops Symphony, an interest in theatre leading you to Western Canada Theatre or a connection with animals leading you to organizations like the BC SPCA or Angel's Animal Rescue.

"Mostly, I think volunteering is a great way to feel good — feel good contributing, doing something outside of your four walls and learning something you wouldn't otherwise," she said.

Remesz said the reward for building a community continues as she runs into fellow past volunteers at future events.

"Every single one of them has a smile on their face and they're so happy to greet you," she said.



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BUILDER

Niki Remesz



"Someone who has taken the initiative to engage a variety of local residents in an innovative or new community project or event. The initiative may assist different groups to work together, address a gap in community participation, or result in a more inclusive, engaged community."



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Kamloops Mazda would like to congratulate Niki on all the hard work she has done to build our community up.