

# WHATCOM WAVES

# THE RIPPLE EFFECT

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AUTUMN EDITION

## AUTUMN ARRIVAL



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Hi Waves fans, families, players, donors, supporters & sponsors. This newsletter brings the arrival of our midway point of Autumn which means that in just a few short weeks “Winter” seeks refuge and the darkness of daylight savings really sinks in deep. We all hope you enjoy the pumpkin pies and the family ties as the season changes. May the colors of fall, warm sweaters, spices, and the end of outdoor soccer bring celebrations of gratitude, joy, and hope. We here at the WAVES organization are gearing up for a great season and we hope you join us for the ride!



Thank you to our newest sponsor, Whatcom Human Rights Task Force. Their mission is to promote & protect the rights of the human family.

The WHRTF works to ensure an individual's right to be treated with dignity & to live without fear of violence, intimidation, or discrimination based on group identification or personal characteristics. Such groups include, but are not limited to: race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender expression/identity, religion, age, class, disability, veteran/military status, or political opinion.

We envision Whatcom County as a diverse and compassionate community where every person enjoys equal justice and opportunity. The Whatcom Human Rights Task Force is committed to:

- Educating the community about acceptance, honoring diversity and identifying commonalities.
- Organizing unified, non-violent action response to those who condone human rights abuses.
- Providing support and referral for victims of bias crimes and/or other interested parties.
- Monitoring malicious harassment, community & governmental responses.
- Supporting human rights legislation.

## THANK YOU SPONSORS



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**WELCOMING ATTITUDES ADD VALUE TO  
EVERYONE WITH SYNERGY**

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



Whatcom WAVES “player spotlight” is Jolene Nagy. She has been with the WAVES for the past 2 years & plans on returning for season 3! She is 33 years old, grew up in Penticton, BC & has played soccer since the age of 4. She had opportunities to play in Europe with the NIFA team (Native Indigenous Football Association). While on NIFA, the team won the second World Indigenous Games and Jolene was awarded MVP of the finals. She is First Nations from Okanagan Indian Band in Vernon BC. Currently, her work is in Child Welfare (MSW). Throughout her collegiate career, she played both soccer and basketball in Canada and continued basketball at Northwest Indian College. Her son Elijah is now 4 & continues to be her number 1 fan at soccer and always lights up her life. He brings so much energy and excitement to things & enjoys all their adventures together. Her mom, Klare, inspires & motivates her. “She is a single parent & always provided, cared for me, and got me to all my sporting events,” said Jolene.

We asked Jolene, “What does it mean to be an ally or advocate for BIPOC communities?” “Being an ally or an advocate may mean sitting in a space that is uncomfortable. It means being open-minded to others’ cultures, beliefs, or views. Being an ally means learning the truth of the history as told by the minority group or Indigenous community. To be an ally one needs to understand that the historical trauma doesn’t just stem from incidents that happened many years ago & that many of these traumas occurred in current living people’s generations. “

Another question posed was “What does community mean to you?” Her reply: “Community is a group of like-minded individuals who come together for a greater purpose. Individuals who may not always be in agreement with each other’s beliefs or views but are open to learning & being open with one another. Community can often create a family or people who support one another. I engage in community by participating in events and at times just being present. I enjoy helping to coach youth sports teams & hope to do more of that as my son grows up. You’ll see him and my mom, Klare out supporting me play!”

Finally, our big question: “Why WAVES?”

“Being a part of WAVES means I get to play a sport I love and with people who share a vision of creating bigger and better opportunities for women & youth in sports.”

# TRAVEL & TOURNAMENT SEASON 2

2nd Annual Community Fundraiser



## Splash! Down



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