

Pillar of Puget Sound Award

Chief Seattle Council is proud to recognize Jeff and Tricia Raikes as Pillars of Puget Sound for their extraordinary and truly noteworthy service to the Puget Sound community.

Jeff and Tricia Raikes grew up 1,700 miles apart, in very different settings—Tricia in the city of Seattle, Jeff on a farm near Ashland, Nebraska—but they were each raised by parents who believed in giving back to the community and who lived their values in ways big and small every day. Working at Microsoft brought them together in the early 1980s, where they were the first couple to meet at the company and marry while there.

An invaluable part of their Microsoft experience was meeting some inspiring role models. Tricia built a fond relationship with Mary Gates, who encouraged her to get more engaged in the nonprofit world and join the board of the local Boys and Girls Club. Jeff and Tricia both spoke often with Bill and Melinda Gates about their interest in philanthropy, and Jeff later helped further their mission while serving as CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation from 2008 to 2014.

Jeff and Tricia launched the Raikes Foundation in 2002 with a focus on reimagining the systems that serve young people, particularly those who have been least well-served by those systems. The foundation also focuses on helping donors give with more impact.

Chief Seattle Council will recognize Jeff and Tricia Raikes as Pillars of Puget Sound during the 2022 luncheon.



2022 Pillar of Puget Sound Recipients

Jeff and Tricia Raikes

Past Pillar of Puget Sound Recipients

2021 R. Miller Adams

2019 Gov. Gary Locke

2018 Howard Lincoln

2017 Scott Oki

2016 Mike Garvey

2015 Dr. Robert Gates

2014 Wayne Perry

2013 William Gates Sr.

2012 Gov. Dan Evans

2011 Charles Pigott

**2010 Phil Smart Sr,
Jack Creighton,
& Phil Condit**