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Robert J. LaFortune, the 2016 Marcus R. Tower Service Award recipient, is flanked by Rik Helmerich (left), Tulsa Library Trust chairman; and Gary Shaffer, Tulsa City-County Library chief executive officer.

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Former Mayor Robert J. LaFortune received the Marcus R. Tower Service Award at the Tulsa City-County Library's 42nd annual Hearts and Flowers Volunteer Recognition Awards held last month at Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road.

The award consists of a crystal trophy and \$1,500 to designate to a library service or program of the recipient's choice, and it recognizes and shows appreciation to Tulsa County individuals who made a notable contribution to enhance the quality of library service.

LaFortune has been a member of the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries since the 1970s, just one of the many forms his public service to Tulsa has taken.

As mayor of Tulsa from 1970 to 1978, he served on the Tulsa City-County Library Commission. In 1982, LaFortune joined the Tulsa Library Trust Board, serving as president from 1985 to 1986.

He currently serves as the chairman for the Tulsa Central Library Renewed capital campaign. With his leadership, the campaign

has raised more than \$31 million in private donations to transform the Tulsa Central Library into a state-of-the-art, learner-driven, technology-centered facility for the 21st

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10 Years: Todd Dallenbach, Donna Farrior, Carol Hoffman, Beth Sharp and Amy Stephens.

15 Years: Rita Funk, Wayne Hardy, Ruth Mondragon, Richard Parker, Melissa Smith and Marlene Spicer.

20 Years: Chris Brooks, Mary Beth Soard and Memory Stunz

30 Years: Marty Laughlin

Honored for their hours of service were:

250-plus hours: Janice Blankenship, Amy Cooper, Carolyn Handel, Carol Hines, Ronald Hunt, Janice King, Donald Lomangino, Sandy Majors, David Malcolm, Lois Mason, Rebecca Moffitt, Judi Prevatt, Michael Ransom, Elaine Shirley and Juddie Williams-Tomshany

500-plus hours: Dana Grogan, Diane Hartung, Steve Haas, Ruth Holladay, Kathy Horne, Linda Logan, Judi Mathes, Marilyn Meakins, Robert Parker, Sally Riley, Memory Stunz and Marlene VanHorn

750-plus hours: Susan Lewis, Patrick Hambrick, Judi Carlson and Denise Herd

1,000-plus hours: Annie Elder, Sally Harris, Althea Klein, Barbara Lowell, Sue Platt and Angela Smith

1,500-plus hours: Gwen Hampton, Helen Leise, Pat Jordan and Jonathon Oyler

2,500-plus hours: Pat Alexander and Lynn Yasser

3,000-plus hours: Sharon Maust

11,500-plus hours: Dee McBride

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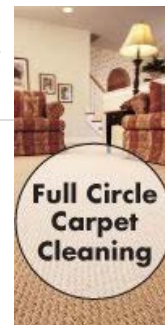
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