

A SALUTE TO UNSUNG HEROES

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proceed smoothly.

"Donna has been an outstanding employee who takes pride in her duties," said SEPD Traffic Commissioner Robert Abele. "I have had residents either call me or stop me at the park and tell me what a great job she has done."

Mayor Georgine Welo also had praise for Stellar.

"Donna has a way of relating to people," Welo said. "Her specialty is children."

"Her skills are showcased

in the lives she touches, especially in our South Euclid Diversion Program."

Stellar, for the past 14 years, has served as supervisor of the diversion program, in which children who have had scrapes with the law are put on a straight path in life.

"She is able to speak to the children and offer different solutions to their negative behavior in a given circumstance, which they may not have been aware of," Welo said. "Donna is a positive influence to our city."

Added John Crow, head of the diversion program, "I think Donna has done an exceptional job with the community service participants. She

is self-motivated and treats everyone with compassion and respect.

"During my time as program coordinator I have had several parents, as well as juveniles, make positive statements about Donna."

Stellar, a 30-year South Euclid resident, is married to husband of 33 years, William. They have three grown sons — William, of Columbus; Benjamin, of Lakewood; and Bryan, of South Euclid. She has one granddaughter.

A school bus driver in the South Euclid-Lyndhurst School District from 2000-2004, Stellar now does the same job in Richmond Heights. She has been an auxiliary police officer since March.

"I especially want to thank the police department for their efforts in helping the city become stronger, and for supporting all the park guards," Stellar said.



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Donna Steller of Ardmore Road wears several different hats, and coats, as a South Euclid auxiliary police officer, a parks guard and bus driver.

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SE park supervisor has Stellar record of service

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South Euclid's Donna Steller is a firm believer in her community.

"My city is my city," said the one-time crossing guard, and current park supervisor, school bus driver and auxiliary police officer. "I take pride in myself and in what I do."

Stellar is emblematic of a resident whose care for their

well, as she is the supervisor of Bexley and Quarry parks.

Stellar sees her strength as a parks worker being her ability to communicate and relate to residents.

"I try to be very helpful to people in the park," she said. "Lots of people know me there and come up and say hello to me."

"I especially like to listen to the youth of the community. To give them an ear. I'm an outgoing person and people