The Golden Heart Awards have served and Smith received the awards for and Nora Abduli. Jayasundara Sithmi Jayasundara, Elijah Smith son, there are countless more recipient of a Golden Heart as a on the receiving end. council members, including one challenges.

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and greets everyone with a smile," and greets everyone with a smile," with her Golden Heart award, the with Team Davis, and coaches call her an integral part of the team, as well as someone on whom they depend.

"You know everyone’s name and greets everyone with a smile." Robin Dewey and Cindy Tru wrote in their nomination letter. "Her calm demeanor and encourage-ment has a way of addressing the individual needs of our athletes who may get tired, stressed or need to cool off. Jayasundara, they said, "has a special touch with individuals and can understand their needs." In accepting the award from Mayer Robb Davis, Jayasundara thanked her fellow volunteers and the Team Davis athletes. "Because of them, she said, "I am now a much better person." She also thanked her parents for "always teaching me to be kind."

Before presenting Jayasundara with her Golden Heart award, the mayor noted that of all of the com-munity service she has done, this is the one that she enjoyed the most. "Because of the work you do, she said, "you have transformed our school by the impact you made in our community."

Four youths were honored at a ceremony during a Board of Education meeting at Tuesday’s City Council meeting. Golden Heart recipients from left to right: Nora Abduli, Elijah Smith and Sithmi Jayasundara.

Nora Abduli for overcoming personal challenges and community service.

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