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Subject: Gonzalez Brothers Named Outstanding Youth Leaders

CENTERVILLE, OH: Brothers Owen (17) and Gavin (16) Gonzalez were recently selected for the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's (OPRA) "Outstanding Youth Leadership Award" as recognition of their extensive volunteer work with the Centerville-Washington Park District. They volunteered for numerous nature education programs, recreation programs and special events during the year -- accumulating a combined total of 236 volunteer hours -- providing inspiration and serving as role models for area children attending the programs.



Owen and Gavin, and their three younger sisters, have grown up attending Park District programs. The brothers both began to volunteer when they turned 14, the Park District volunteer age requirement.

On February 2, 2016, the OPRA awards banquet was held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio during the association's annual conference. Owen, Gavin and family traveled to Sandusky to attend the banquet along with several Centerville-Washington Park District staff members.

OPRA is a non-profit, public interest organization representing nearly 1500 professionals and citizen board members striving to provide quality park and recreational facilities and opportunities for all Ohioans while protecting and preserving Ohio's natural resources.

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, nine nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks encompassing 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit www.cwpd.org.