

LA Lakers Community Champion Award presented to ENC's Bo Glover



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(L - R): Geoff Tomlinson, CEO at Vaha Sustainable Energy; Warren Nishikawa, Key Account Manager at LG Solar USA; Bo Glover, ENC Executive Director of the ENC; and Mathew Makovec, Director of Community Relations for the Los Angeles Lakers, flanked by two of the Los Angeles Lakers Girls

The Environmental Nature Center's Executive Director Bo Glover was the recipient of the Community Champion of the Month award at the Lakers game on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017. The award was presented by the Lakers and LG Solar to recognize him for his work at the Environmental Nature Center (ENC), where Glover and staff provide quality education through hands-on experience with nature.

Glover was presented the award on the Lakers court at STAPLES Center at halftime by Geoff Tomlinson, CEO at Vaha Sustainable Energy; Warren Nishikawa, Key Account Manager at LG Solar USA; and Mathew Makovec, Director of Community Relations for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Under Glover's leadership, the ENC provides educational programming to more than 27,000 people each year by serving as the community's foremost authority on ecological responsibility, sustainable practices and environmental education. Glover has worked at the ENC for 27 years – since 1991 – and he has held the position of executive director since 1995.

Glover's accomplishments as executive director include: raising funds to purchase the Center's property from the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, building Orange County's only Native Butterfly House and building an 8,500-square-foot Leaning Center, which became the first building in Orange County to receive LEED Platinum certification. Currently, Glover is spearheading the development of the community's first nature preschool and nature play area at the ENC.

The Lakers and LG Solar partnered to create the Community Champions initiative to recognize individuals in the greater Los Angeles area for their outstanding work in the community, with a focus on sustainability. Each Community Champion recipient is invited to a Lakers game and honored during a halftime presentation.

"I am extremely honored to receive this award," said ENC Executive Director Bo Glover. "It was a thrill to stand on the court and be recognized for the work I've done at the Environmental Nature Center. I am so grateful."