

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 OSC President Peter Koskovich was honored at the Gatesway Opening Up the World Gala 2015 with the Leading Role Model Award.

Please see the speech given to recognize him for his award.



### **Good Evening Everyone**

I have been given the honor of presenting the 2015 Opening Up the World LEADING ROLE MODEL AWARD.

The person receiving this award tonight has touched so many lives. I would like to give you all a small view of what this kind, generous, loving and respected person has done to be recognized by his peers in the community.

- Hailey Palmer was a young soccer player. Her motto was “**Footprints in history aren’t made sitting down.**” Her coach helped her live her mantra out even after her early death at the age of 12. He created a soccer tournament in her honor raising thousands of dollars to be given toward the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and bringing in hundreds of teams to allow her legacy to live on. Still today this benefit tournament is helping Foundations each year help their communities.
- His heart for children facing hard circumstances continues to go on as he now coaches Bella. Bella was diagnosed with Ewing’s Sarcoma (a type of bone cancer) in December 2013. She was determined not to let that stop her from living and playing competitive soccer. He has helped her with that goal by coaching her, helping her find the humor in the hard days, and keeping her huge competitive spirit alive.
- He has opened up the world to so many thousands of children by giving **countless** hours of time so they could receive a set of skills thru youth soccer that they will keep with them their entire life

PLEASE help me HONORING the 2015 Opening Up the World Leading Role Model Award to

**PETER KOSKOVICH with the Owasso Soccer Club**