

In all honesty, this is a very important question that I never would have thought to have to ask myself. The Rose Festival has been one of the major events that happen in Portland that has brought together people from all different areas of life.

I feel like the Rose Festival will help bring a sense of community back and exemplify the importance of being surrounded by cheer, smiles, laughter and honestly a family that has been built by the people in our city. The name of the Rose Festival has always stood out to me because in my eyes I have always seen roses to represent a form of love and a bridge that welcomes nature into our lives in a beautiful way. Because of the fact that I have symbolized roses to represent love makes me think that the name of this organization has a reason to it to show the amount of love within our community whether everyone realizes it or not. Love is an important part of everyone's life and it can be the love from a friendship the love of your family, the love of a significant other or even the love between one and their surroundings. Love unites us all and it is an aspiration I believe almost everyone has at least once in their life.