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2006 Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service



Reception and Awards Ceremony

Rotunda and Mezzanine of the
 Kentucky State Capitol Building

Monday, April 16, 2007

Reception 1:30 p.m. EDT
 Awards Ceremony 2:30 p.m. EDT

Your host

Kentucky Commission on Community
 Volunteerism and Service

Welcome

Welcome to the 2006 Governor's Volunteer Awards presentation and celebration.

Now in its 12th year under the direction of the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service, the awards program has offered Kentuckians a rare glimpse into the lives and achievements of people who serve without expectation of compensation, recognition or commendation.

It's been our distinct pleasure to provide a measure of recognition and commendation to just a fraction of the thousands whose volunteer service contributes immeasurably to a better Kentucky.

We're so glad you're here today to share this special occasion as we honor the latest Governor's Volunteer Awards recipients.

Schedule of Events

Welcome:

- Wendy Stivers, Ph.D., KCCVS Commission Chair

Opening Remarks:

- Marla J. Montell, Commissioner, Department for Human Support Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Michael A. Fields, Undersecretary, Human Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Tom Emberton Jr., Undersecretary, Children and Family Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Award Presentation:

- Kenny Bishop, Master of Ceremonies, Governor's Office Staff

2006 Award Recipients



Two Rivers Service Region

Make A Difference Day Traveling Award

Each year, KCCVS sponsors a food drive in observance of Make A Difference Day. As part of the observance, employees of the Cabinet's nine

Department for Community Based Service regional offices compete to collect the most canned food and earn the special Traveling Award. The Traveling Award remains with the winning region for one year and travels on to reside with the next year's winning region. Two Rivers Service Region collected more than 20,000 ounces of food – nearly half the total collected by all participating regional offices combined and about 5,000 ounces more than the total collected by the runner-up. Thanks to this impressive effort, food banks in the Two Rivers region will be able to feed more than 2,600 Kentuckians.



The Lighthouse Rescue Mission/ Scottie and Patty Sumner

Faith-Based Group Award

Nominated by Joel and Charmaine Catron; Jennifer Smith; Amy Morgan; Alexanderia Fryman; and Anna Fischlein

In August 2005, Scottie Sumner and his wife Patty sold their house and built the Lighthouse Rescue Mission, a Christ-centered ministry for women struggling to overcome alcoholism, substance abuse and other problems. The mission serves 10 to 12 women at a time and provides an array of services at no cost to its clients. The Sumner's take a whole-family approach to their service ministry, providing help and support to residents and their families and extended communities. The mission operates exclusively on donations. Along with the three Ds - deliverance, dedication and discipleship – women at the mission also benefit from an unlimited supply of love.



Rosan Medaris

Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominated by Christina Johnson

Rosan Medaris has been volunteering for 34 years, more than half her life. Since retiring nine years ago, she has been volunteering full time. She recently returned from her third mission trip to Mississippi and has also taken eight mission trips to Belize. Rosan volunteers faithfully with Russell Hospital Auxiliary, Russell Springs Elementary School, Russell County Extension Service,

Hospice of Lake Cumberland, Russell County Public Library, Russell County Habitat for Humanity and United Methodist Church. It is impossible to count or even estimate the number of people served and the lives touched by Rosan's service to her community.



C.J. "Mac" Heidrich

Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominated by Barbara Howard

For the last 48 years, C.J. "Mac" Heidrich has been a valued member of the Redwood Rehabilitation Center family, volunteering hundreds of hours each year. The center is a non-profit organization helping children and adults with multiple and severe disabilities achieve independence. He first became involved in 1959 when he enrolled his son in the Redwood Early Childhood Program and now is involved in almost every aspect of the Redwood organization, including serving on the board of trustees and the Facility Management Committee. He helps with fundraising, volunteering at all the center's special events and helping in the kitchen every week. He also keeps an eye out for things that need to be repaired and it's difficult to estimate how much money Redwood has been able to dedicate to other needs as a result of Mac's handman skills. Mac helps out as the on-site construction supervisor for a 3,800-square-foot addition to the children's therapy services center currently being built.



Fred Griffin

National Service Individual Award
Nominated by Sondra Mattingly

Fred Griffin logs more than 3,000 service hours each year. He has given of his time and talent as a member of the Audubon Area Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. He serves as a volunteer with the Owensboro Medical Health Care systems delivering papers, making charts and staffing the information desk. Sometimes he makes the 30-minute, one-way trip twice in one day to man different shifts. He often volunteers at night and on weekends and his service has helped skilled nursing staff maintain a high level of quality patient care by freeing them from paperwork and other tasks Fred attends to.



The Honor Guard of Man O' War Post 8, The American Legion

Non-Profit Group Award
Nominated by John Kalbfleisch

The Honor Guard of Man O' War Post 8 is dedicated to ensuring that Kentuckians who wore the uniform of our nation's military are laid to rest with all due and proper respect and honor. In recent years, the legion has lost a significant number of veterans trained and available to perform military burial rites, and few have emerged to take their places. They provide military burial rites for area veterans and their families, consisting of a rifle salute, the playing of Taps by a live bugler and the ceremonial folding and presentation to the family of the American flag. When requested, members of the honor guard even serve as pall bearers. Braving all weather conditions, the honor guard "falls out" whenever the call is issued to pay last respects to a fallen brother or sister in arms.



Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc.

Volunteer Support Award
Nominated by William Taylor

Since July 1, 2005, Toyota employees have volunteered 46,000 service hours to their state and communities through the corporation's Volunteer in Place program. Toyota has a longstanding tradition as a good corporate neighbor that gives back to its host communities. Some of the volunteer efforts Toyota employees participated in during this award cycle include: 2005 Toyota National Public Lands Day; Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure; Toyota Bike the Bluegrass event; and Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon. Toyota also puts its money where its mouth is by matching its employees' volunteerism with corporate philanthropy. Since July 2005, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky has donated more than \$3.2 million to various organizations across the state.



Norma L. Patton

Impact Adult Award
Nominated by Angela S. Zeek

A volunteer in Montgomery, Bath and Bourbon counties, Norma Patton gives her time to the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, helping senior citizens navigate the often complex federal Medicare system. During the past year, Norma personally helped more than 1,400 seniors through one-one-one counseling and group presentations. If clients cannot come to her, she goes to them. Norma spends all the time necessary to help each client. As a member of the Kentucky Senior Medicare Patrol program she helps others learn to detect and report Medicare fraud and abuse. She is a valued member of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and makes weekly visits to local nursing home residents. Norma also volunteers at a local elementary school and a health clinic for low-income and uninsured individuals.



Elizabeth "Hayley" Franklin

Impact Youth Award
Nominated by Tracey Reynolds

Elizabeth "Hayley" Franklin hasn't missed a day of school this year – or any year since first grade. An honor student, this Carroll County High School junior is involved in her school's Youth Council; Pep Club; 4-H; Future Business Leaders of America; PKOM, a mentoring program for freshman; Students Against Drunk Driving; YES youth empowerment committee; Prom Committee; Student Council; National Honor Society and the school paper. Outside of school, Hayley is active in her community. She's a member of Girl Scouts and participates in Project Winterization for the elderly, the annual Ohio River clean sweep, March of Dimes Walk America and the Polar Bear Plunge benefiting Special Olympics. Hayley supports the American Cancer Society Relay for Life; Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign; Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash to promote family reading; drug and alcohol abuse prevention campaigns and community holiday gift drives. She's a youth member of the city council and emcees local pageants, among other service endeavors.



Heather Bivens

Innovation Adult Award
Nominated by Alice Blackwell

Heather Bivens is one of the founders of Helping Hands, Healing Hearts, a non-profit group that provides handmade blankets and stuffed animals for law enforcement agencies to give to children at the scenes of crimes and accidents or in other traumatic circumstances. Last year, Heather and the members of her organization distributed 400 blankets to the Kentucky State Police to provide comfort and reassurance to children in crisis. She also finds time to organize food, cash and toy and gift drives to help less fortunate families during the holidays.



Cameron Lile

Youth Innovation Award
Nominated by Brenda Chaney

An eighth grader at Barren County Middle School, 14-year-old Cameron Lile established a Jarrett's Joy Cart program in her hometown. Jarrett's Joy Cart is a program launched by a former patient at UK Children's Hospital that brings new toys to hospitalized children. Cameron mobilized teachers, students and her fellow Beta Club members to collect more than 1,000 toys this past holiday season for children in the hospital. Cameron is involved as a member and leader in many school and community organizations, including Junior Beta Club, 4-H, Family Community and Career Leaders of America and the Chamber of Commerce Leaders of the Future. Somehow, she finds also time and energy to participate in intramural sports.



Janet Druen

Director of Volunteers Award
Nominated by Patrick Avery

Janet Druen's love of volunteering began in childhood and forms the basis for her approach to her role as district coordinator of volunteers for Hardin County Schools. Janet began volunteering in 1987 when she was one of just seven volunteers in the entire school district. She began a recruitment campaign that soon expanded the school district's volunteer ranks to about 250 individuals. As district coordinator, Janet now oversees a volunteer force that numbers about 5,000. Currently serving her second term as president of the Kentucky Coalition of School Volunteer Organizations, Janet helps provide needed support to her volunteers with regular workshops and annual volunteer achievement recognition.



Joy Daniel

Faith-Based Individual Award
Nominated by Rebecca Clere

Joy Daniel is a coordinator for Two Hearts Pregnancy Center's Joy Room, a repository and distribution center for expectant mothers in Ashland. Joy launders donated clothing, paints furnishings and repair items so they'll look and function as close to brand new as possible. She is active in her church, teaching Sunday School and working in other children's ministries, taking charge of Wednesday evening meals, volunteering at the church office, heading up the Social Concerns Committee and more. Beyond all this, she mentors teenage girls, taking them to church and generally making sure they have food and clothing, school supplies and other things they may need.



HSBC of London, Kentucky

Business Group Award
Nominated by Cynthia J. Walker

In the past 18 months, volunteers at HSBC financial services have donated more than \$210,000 and almost 5,000 hours of service to their community. They raised money to help young people attend the Kentucky State Police's celebrated Trooper Island Camp, where children who may not otherwise have a chance to go to camp enjoy experiences promoting self esteem, physical fitness and academic success. The HSBC volunteers also helped support many community events and other worthy causes. Cynthia Walker, who nominated HSBC, said she is honored to work for a corporation that believes in the value of giving back to the community.



Judy Hamilton

Challenge Adult Award
Nominated by Deborah K. Clemons

Despite injuries and pain from a serious automobile accident, Judy Hamilton volunteers daily with the Jackson City School Family Resource and Youth Services Center. The mother of three also fills the role of surrogate mother to all 400 children served by the center, enthusiastically responding to the needs of children and families who seek help from the FRYSC. When students needed costumes for an international cultures project, Judy seized the opportunity to help, making costumes by hand. One of her designs even received an award for authenticity. Judy also has served in various other school-based councils, committees and parent-teacher organizations.



Members of The Learning Corps

National Service Group Award
Nominated by Shannon Bailes

The Learning Corps AmeriCorps program helps elementary and middle school students in five West Kentucky counties improve their reading and math skills. In addition to school activities, TLC members collected more than 14,000 cans of food for Make A Difference Day- enough to provide 20,080 meals to the less fortunate in the region. They also collected 479 pairs of gloves and mittens and 30 hats which were distributed to children and families. TLC members collected nearly 400,000 metal can pull-tabs as a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House in Louisville and sponsored needy children through local Angel Tree campaigns. They also and collected money, food, clothes and toys for a group of siblings who tragically lost their mother just before the holidays. TLC's community service extends far beyond the demands and requirements of their service program and truly demonstrates the best of the human spirit in responding to unmet needs.