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Governor's volunteer awards winners honored

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 16, 2007) -- The Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS) in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) today announced the winners of the 2006 Governor's Volunteer Awards. CHFS Undersecretary for Families and Children Tom Emberton Jr. presented the awards at a ceremony at the state Capitol in Frankfort.

A panel of judges with volunteer and community service backgrounds chose 15 winners in 11 categories.

"The volunteers we honor today help make Kentucky the great state that it is," Undersecretary Emberton said. "It's people like these volunteers, who recognize a need and take the initiative to fill it, who are truly making a difference in communities around the state."

The Governor's Office launched the volunteer awards program in 1975. Since 1995, KCCVS has administered the program.

Rosan Medaris of Russell Springs and C.J. "Mac" Heidrich of Ft. Wright received Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. of Georgetown was honored for its support of volunteer programs.

A list of award winners and their nominators follows (***Editors - award category descriptions and summaries of winning nominations are available by calling Lisa Wallace at (502) 564-6786, ext. 4013***):

Make A Difference Day Traveling Award
Staff of the CHFS Two Rivers Service Region

Business Group Award
HSBC of London, Ky. - London/Laurel County
Nominated by Cynthia J. Walker

Adult Challenge Award
Judy Hamilton - Jackson/Breathitt County
Nominated by Deborah K. Clemons

National Service Group Award
Members of The Learning Corps -
Owensboro/Daviess County
Nominated by Shannon Bailes

National Service Individual Award
Fred Griffin - Henderson/Henderson County
Nominated by Sondra Mattingly

Non-Profit Group Award
The Honor Guard of Man O' War Post 8, The
American Legion - Lexington/Fayette County
Nominated by John Kalbfleisch

Volunteer Support
Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. -
Georgetown/Scott County
Nominated by William Taylor

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Adult Impact Award

Norma L. Patton - Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County
Nominated by Angela S. Zeek

Youth Impact Award

Elizabeth "Hayley" Franklin - Carrollton/Carroll County
Nominated by Tracey Reynolds

Adult Innovation Award

Heather Bivens - Lawrenceburg/Anderson County
Nominated by Alice Blackwell

Youth Innovation Award

Cameron Lile - Hardyville/Hart County
Nominated by Brenda Chaney

Director of Volunteers Award

Janet Druen - Elizabethtown/Hardin County
Nominated by Patrick Avery

Special Category: Individual Award for Volunteer Service through a Faith-Based Organization

Joy Daniel - Ashland/Boyd County
Nominated by Rebecca Clere

Special Category: Group Award for Volunteer Service through a Faith-Based Organization

The Lighthouse Rescue Mission/Scottie and Patty Sumner - London/Laurel County
Nominated by Joel and Charmaine Catron; Jennifer Smith; Brittany Boblett; Amy Morgan; Alexanderia Fryman; and Anna Fischlein

Lifetime Achievement Award

Rosan Medaris - Russell Springs/Russell County
Nominated by Christina Johnson

Lifetime Achievement Award

C.J. "Mac" Heidrich - Ft. Wright/Kenton County
Nominated by Barbara Howard