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## **First Lady Honors Volunteer Awards Winners**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 9, 2008)** -- The Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS) in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) today announced the winners of the 2007 Governor's Volunteer Awards. First Lady Jane Beshear presented the awards at an evening ceremony at the state Capitol in Frankfort.

A panel of judges with volunteer and community service backgrounds chose 17 winners in 15 categories. Four additional special awards also were presented.

"Volunteers add tremendous value to the lives they touch and the communities they serve," Mrs. Beshear said. "I want to thank you all for the difference you make and the example you set by carrying on one of Kentucky's most cherished traditions, lending a hand to a neighbor in need."

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

Garnett Fairchild of Prestonsburg and Robley Rex of Louisville received Lifetime Achievement Awards.

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**):

### **Business Group Award**

Borders and Borders, PLC – Louisville/Jefferson County  
Nominated by Rob Locke

### **Challenge Adult Award**

Chuck Thompson - Paducah/McCracken County  
Nominated by Representative Fred Nesler

### **Challenge Youth Award**

Rebecca Croucher - Berea/Madison County  
Nominated by Paula Strunk

### **Director of Volunteers Award**

Sister Kathleen Weigand, OSB - David/Floyd County  
Nominated by Joyce Mitchell

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**Faith-Based Group Award**

Kentucky Changers - Monticello/Wayne County  
Nominated by Penny Thompson

**Faith-Based Individual Award**

Deborah Luedke - Owensboro/Daviess County  
Nominated by April Dickens

**Impact Adult Award**

Marilyn McLendon - Louisville/Jefferson County  
Nominated by Jennifer Clark

**Impact Youth Award**

Alexandra "Alex" Jenkins - Cadiz/Trigg County  
Nominated by Brenda Southwick

**Innovation Adult Award**

Amy Garon Benovitz - Louisville/Jefferson County  
Nominated by Farrah Ferriell

**Innovation Youth Award**

Glenn L. Means III - Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County  
Nominated by Donna Wilson

**National Service Group Award**

Audubon Area Senior Companion Program - Owensboro/Daviess County  
Nominated by Robyn Mattingly

**National Service Individual Award**

Marian Dunville - Owensboro/Daviess County  
Nominated by Cathy Campbell

**Non-Profit Group Award**

Lewisburg North Logan Historical Commission - Lewisburg/Logan County  
Nominated by Mayor Kenneth Whitson

**Non-Profit Group Award**

St. Anthony's Hospice Volunteers - Henderson/Henderson County  
Nominated by Darrell Monroe

**Volunteer Support Award**

Volunteers in Action - Bowling Green/Warren County  
Nominated by Anne Grubbs

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Garnett Fairchild - Prestonsburg/Floyd County  
Nominated by Melissa Vance

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Robley H. Rex - Louisville/Jefferson County  
Nominated by Marian Gosling

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## **Special Awards**

### **Make A Difference Day Traveling Award (Department for Community Based Services Region)**

Two Rivers Service Region

### **Make A Difference Day Traveling Award (AmeriCorps Program)**

The Learning Corps - Owensboro/Daviess County

### **Kentucky Ambassador Award**

Robert Merriam - Owensboro/Daviess County

### **Special Citation**

Michala Riggle - Louisville/Jefferson County