



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

2006 State Report

North Carolina

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June 19, 2006

The Honorable Mike Easley
Governor
State Capitol
116 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Governor Easley:

We are pleased to provide you with this first Annual State Report presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The State Report provides a summary of your state's commitment to the President's Volunteer Service Award Program since its inception in 2004. The Council works in partnership with businesses, nonprofit groups, schools, and other organizations across the country to honor local volunteers with the Award. More than 16,000 organizations across the nation have recognized over 400,000 Americans with this honor.

Citizens of all ages and backgrounds are giving of their time and talents to improve lives and strengthen communities. In 2005, more than 65 million Americans volunteered to help their neighbors and communities through service. The President's Volunteer Service Award is one way we pay tribute to these volunteers.

The Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period.

Today, we challenge you to help advance this national volunteer recognition movement and celebrate the volunteer contributions of your residents especially during National Volunteer Week. I hope your office will join us in honoring your state's most valuable assets – volunteers.

Sincerely,

Kari Dunn
Executive Director

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD STATISTICS
October 1, 2004 – April 14, 2006

National Statistics

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	1,510		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	7,682	2006	36,163	18,554	28,093	11,090	93,900
2004	6,418	2005	73,851	37,847	55,972	32,197	199,867
2003	1,385	2004	38,686	26,436	34,040	11,538	110,700
Total	16,995	Total	148,700	82,837	118,105	54,825	404,467

Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)					
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total
2006	859,503	3,852,879	72,125,017	70,247,750	147,662,149
2005	2,074,400	6,990,129	31,029,401	79,432,771	119,526,701
2004	290,654	747,079	8,451,545	56,811,121	66,300,399
Total	3,224,557	11,590,087	111,605,963	207,068,642	333,489,249

Number of Awards in Presidential Priority Service Area				
	2006	2005	2004	Total
Youth Achievement	20,493	46,725	9,924	77,142
Parks and Open Space	4,033	4,175	515	8,723
Healthy Communities	70,115	88,442	32,186	190,743
Public Safety and Emergency Response	12,013	8,113	1,198	21,324

North Carolina's Statistics

Since 2004, 5,681 citizens of North Carolina have received the PVSA recognizing 4,097,675 hours of service.

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	50		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	210	2006	646	294	406	94	1,440
2004	178	2005	1,805	780	889	151	3,625
2003	33	2004	78	68	387	83	616
Total	471	Total	2,529	1,142	1,682	328	5,681

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	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total
2006	16,589	52,073	126,885	839,759	1,054,181
2005	17,862	87,786	687,618	1,170,397	1,963,663
2004	8,144	9,823	497,867	563,997	1,079,831
Total	42,595	149,682	1,312,370	2,574,153	4,097,675

Award recipient in your state:

Chaute Watson (Raleigh, NC)

Certified by: Interact Volunteer Services

Chaute Watson of Raleigh didn't let her disability or other people's perception about her ability stop her from volunteering. In 2005, she contacted Interact Volunteer Services about becoming a Crisis Line Counselor. Interact is a 24-hour agency offering safety and support to victims and survivors of domestic violence/rape/sexual assault. Because Chaute is totally visually impaired, she had to overcome some apprehension on the part of Interact staff given that the provision of many client resources is paper-based. Chaute successfully completed the training class and since then Chaute works the Interact's crisis lines weekly helping men, women and children deal with domestic violence as well rape/sexual assault.

Jim Eddins (High Point, NC)

Certified by: High Point Regional Health System

Jim Eddins of High Point is probably the most popular man in the High Point Regional Health System. He arrives at the hospital Monday through Friday to volunteer by 6:30 am. Jim has been a volunteer since 1991 and has donated 5,500 hours of service to date. Prior to becoming a hospital volunteer, Jim spent years volunteering with Open Door Ministries. He has far exceeded President Bush's challenge to all Americans to donate two years or 4,000 hours of service during our lifetime. Jim routinely seeks ways to make a meaningful difference at the hospital. In addition to his regular assignments, he assists with blood drives, has been recognized for registering a record number of employees, and volunteers to give blood. Jim is one of our most active volunteers performing some of the most laborious jobs, pushing carts, delivering mail, escorting patients, and transporting supplies. His positive attitude, dedication, and high level of activity, make him a volunteer role model as others around him experience the challenges of aging. He is excited about turning 91 years young April 2006 and does not plan on slowing down.

How you can use the President's Volunteer Service Award in your state:

- On your state's website, promote your state's President's Volunteer Service Award winners, and include a link and banner for the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Issue a press release highlighting outstanding volunteers and encouraging others to volunteer and aspire to receive the President's Volunteer Service Award. For a sample press release, please visit www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/tools.cfm
- Challenge local and state governmental offices to register as Certifying Organizations for the President's Volunteer Service Award and issue 25 Awards by 2007 National Volunteer Week
- Encourage organizations (e.g., nonprofits and businesses) to sign up as Award partner organizations by distributing a special invitation during National Volunteer Week
- Whether or not you have a governor's volunteer awards program, consider partnering with us to deliver a statewide volunteer recognition program modeled after the President's Volunteer Service Award. For an example of a state's volunteer award program, please visit <http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov/S/California/>
- Register your state as a Certifying Organization and start recognizing your volunteers with this Presidential recognition. For more details, please contact Tomme Beevas at 202-729-8018 or TBeevas@PointsofLight.org.

About the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation:

President George W. Bush established USA Freedom Corps in January of 2002, and he called on all Americans to serve a cause greater than themselves. One year later, he created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to help recognize the contributions of America's volunteers. The Council strives to promote and recognize outstanding volunteer service and raise awareness of the many ways in which Americans can help meet the needs of individuals within their communities and around the world. The Council brings together leaders from business, entertainment, sports, education, government, nonprofits, and the media, each of whom has demonstrated a commitment to service and volunteering in his or her own life. For more information about the President's Council and its members, please visit www.volunteer.gov.

