



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

2006 State Report

Washington

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June 19, 2006

The Honorable Christine Gregoire
Governor
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Governor Gregoire:

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 |

Washington's Statistics

Since 2004, 8,388 citizens of Washington have received the PVSA recognizing 7,062,901 hours of service.

| Number of Certifying Organizations | | Number of Awards Presented | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2006 | 29 | | Bronze | Silver | Gold | Lifetime | Total |
| 2005 | 177 | 2006 | 976 | 422 | 541 | 297 | 2,236 |
| 2004 | 162 | 2005 | 2,257 | 1,060 | 1,423 | 192 | 4,932 |
| 2003 | 40 | 2004 | 430 | 236 | 412 | 142 | 1,220 |
| Total | 408 | Total | 3,663 | 1,718 | 2,376 | 631 | 8,388 |

| Hours Served by Awardees (By Age) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Ages 5-14 | Ages 15-25 | Ages 26-64 | Ages 65+ | Total |
| 2006 | 20,518 | 62,840 | 132,187 | 2,097,638 | 2,324,416 |
| 2005 | 27,052 | 147,825 | 122,719 | 2,786,757 | 3,084,353 |
| 2004 | 2,921 | 4,515 | 67,493 | 1,576,500 | 1,654,132 |
| Total | 50,491 | 215,180 | 322,399 | 6,460,895 | 7,062,901 |

Award recipients in your state:

Gary and Tarey Kay (Clinton, WA)

Certified by: Clinton Progressive Association

Gary and Tarey Kay of Clinton have committed their entire lives to their community, serving both youth and adult populations. Tarey is a volunteer board member for the Island County Fair, spending thousands of hours to ensure that the fair runs smoothly. She has implemented programs to bring education and entertainment to both youth and adults, while providing a leadership example to other volunteers. Gary is a part time fair maintenance employee, and he gives his time to build fair structures and provide engineering expertise. The Island County Fair would not be able to run without quality volunteers, however, Tarey and Gary Kay go beyond the average volunteer with their enthusiasm, encouragement and professional experience. The Kays also are involved in many other community volunteer programs including the Freeland Community Hall, Deer Lagoon Grange, Whidbey theater groups, and the Whidbey Island Parliamentarians.

Monika Hammon (Federal Way, WA)

Certified by: Gabriele Hammon

Monika is an 18-year-old high school senior, who is an active Girl Scout and holds memberships in Key Club and the Ladies Auxiliary for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Monika has organized several service projects in the past year including the Wounded Soldier Project, where she filled backpacks with comfort items such as playing cards, a travel game, and a box of Girl Scout's cookies for wounded soldiers, and homeless veterans. Monika also organized her local Key Club to collect the Campbell's labels for Education to help the children of Hurricane Katrina victims who are living at the VFW National Home in Michigan. She collected 150 labels in a week, which were given to the National Home to help purchase equipment.

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.

