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Abilene Resident Receives National Award

ABILENE, Kan. - Elinor Wiley Haas, a volunteer at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, will receive the 2008 prestigious Weidman Outstanding Volunteer Service Award from the National Archives and Records Administration on Dec. 4 at a ceremony in College Park, Md. The awards ceremony will be webcast live at 12 noon in the auditorium of the Eisenhower Presidential Library. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

This annual National Archives award honors a volunteer who made a significant difference. Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein had this to say about the Weidman award, "Last year, I created a new award, the Weidman Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, to recognize the outstanding work as well as time and dedication countless volunteers have provided to this agency in furthering National Archives interests. The award was named in honor of Budge and Russ Weidman who have continued to selflessly contribute numerous hours to National Archives endeavors. Recipients will be recognized during the Annual Archivists Awards Ceremony."

Elinor, an extraordinary community volunteer, will travel to Washington, D.C. to receive this award from the Archivist of the United States. "We are extremely pleased and honored that Elinor has served as a volunteer at the Eisenhower Presidential Library since 1990," said Karl Weissenbach, director. It is estimated that Elinor has volunteered approximately 9,000 hours to the Library. Her contributions are immeasurable -- especially when one considers that she also volunteers for such organizations as the Abilene Public Library and the Abilene and Smoky Valley Excursion Railroad. According to Weissenbach, "Elinor, a retired high school English teacher, is a unique individual who continuously demonstrates how and why citizens should be involved in the life of their community. Elinor's outstanding work reflects well not only on her but also on the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and the National Archives."

For more information about volunteer opportunities at the Library, please call 785-263-6700 or toll free 1-877-RING IKE. The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is one of twelve presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. To learn more, please visit www.eisenhower.archives.gov.

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