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Washington celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Day

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**OLYMPIA** – To recognize the countless acts of service performed by one of Washington’s most valuable assets — its volunteers — Gov. Jay Inslee has proclaimed April 11 as Volunteer Appreciation Day.

“I join all Washingtonians in thanking these individuals who contribute tirelessly to benefit their communities,” Inslee said. “People who volunteer their time and energy are the backbone of our state. I encourage others to look for opportunities that not only provide valuable experience but also help strengthen our communities.”

To celebrate, the 12th Annual Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards will be presented to 23 honorees April 11 at the Executive Mansion in Olympia. These outstanding volunteers range in age from 9 to 86 years. Nominated by public, private and nonprofit organizations and volunteer centers from across the state, the recipients of the 2016 awards are:

Individual	category	volunteer organization	city
Nancy Austin	education	Regional Service Corps- AmeriCorps	Pasco
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Daniel Boudreau	disaster/ emergency response	Civil Air Patrol	Mount Vernon
Patricia Campbell	nonprofit organization	multiple organizations	Bainbridge Island
Dawn Cordero	employee volunteer	United Way of Snohomish County	Lynnwood
Roylene Crawford	nonprofit organization	Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce	Ellensburg
Susan Fahrenholtz	nonprofit organization	Clallam Mosaic	Port Angeles
Aurora Glassburn	youth	Thurston County Food Bank	Tumwater
Margaret Klockars	nonprofit organization	Downtown Emergency Service Center	Seattle
Elouise Maahs	health care	SHIBA Program	Longview
Phil Maakestad	nonprofit organization	Habitat for Humanity Seattle - King County	Renton
Charles Newcombe	nonprofit organization	Imagine Children's Museum	Everett
Mark O'Neill	veteran	Outdoors for All Foundation	Olga
Jackson Owens	AmeriCorps alum	Wash. Conservation Corps	Bellingham
Susie Saalwaechter	environment	The Nature Conservancy in Washington	Bellevue
Susan Waters	Citizen Corps/CERT	Emergency Management	Issaquah
Christine Williams	human services	Neighbors Feeding Neighbors - Senior Meals	Enumclaw

<b>National Service</b>	<b>category</b>	<b>volunteer organization</b>	<b>city</b>
Maria Balajadia	AmeriCorps member	Full Life Care	Mountlake Terrace
Katie Rickman	AmeriCorps VISTA	SideWalk	Olympia
Linda Rogers	RSVP	North Mason Food Bank	Belfair
Royce Travis	Senior Companion Program	Grays Harbor / Pacific/Thurston Senior Companion Program	Aberdeen
<b>Groups</b>	<b>category</b>	<b>volunteer organization</b>	<b>city</b>
Tacoma Public Utilities - Community Connection	employer-based program		Tacoma
Junior League of Seattle	service group		Seattle
The Fisher family: Lynn Michele Tommy	volunteer family	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	Port Orchard

“In April, we celebrate the impact of Washington’s hardworking volunteers as well as encourage others to serve,” said Debbie Schuffenhauer, executive director of Serve Washington. “We are proud to join Gov. Inslee in recognizing some of our state’s most dedicated volunteers.”

On the evening of April 11, the Seattle Mariners and Serve Washington will host the eighth annual [Salute to Volunteers Night](#) ([www.mariners.com/volunteer](http://www.mariners.com/volunteer)) at Safeco Field. Pre-game ceremonies will include an on-field special tribute to the volunteers. The ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out by 9-year-old Aurora Glassburn, a recipient of this year’s award.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact the Volunteer Centers of Washington <<http://www.volunteerwashington.org>> at 800-865-8683 or Serve Washington at <<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/servewa>> or 360-902-0656.

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