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## Washington Celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Week

Since the early days of our nation, volunteers have helped us through our greatest challenges and triumphs – patriots who fought for our founding ideals – and ordinary citizens who came to the aid of people in need. To recognize the countless acts of service performed by one of Washington’s most valuable assets – its volunteers – Governor Chris Gregoire proclaimed April 10-16 as Washington Volunteer Appreciation Week. Gregoire said, *“I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and supporting those who volunteer and serve.”*

To celebrate Washington Volunteer Appreciation Week, on April 11 the Seventh Annual Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards will be presented in a ceremony at the Executive Mansion honoring the contributions of 46 volunteers for their dedication and commitment to improve their communities through service.

On April 12, the Seattle Mariners are hosting the third annual Salute to Volunteers Night. Pre-game ceremonies will include a special tribute to the distinguished volunteers. The ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out by 5-year old Sable Holmes of Richland, a recipient of the 2011 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award.

In addition to the pre-game ceremony, a volunteer bazaar will be located on the Main Concourse of the ballpark with information on how people can get involved in volunteering. Representatives from various non-profit groups will be on hand to answer questions about their organizations and to match individuals with volunteer opportunities.

Nominated by local Volunteer Centers; Citizen Corps Councils; Senior Corps; Learn and Serve; and AmeriCorps programs from across the state, the recipients of the 2011 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award are:

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| 1. Tracy Anderson        | Seattle      |
| 2. Joyce Blazek          | Spokane      |
| 3. Paul Bokor            | Maple Valley |
| 4. Nate Brennand         | Olympia      |
| 5. Sherryl Butts-Jackson | Cosmopolis   |
| 6. Ruth Cantley          | Marysville   |
| 7. Shirley Carstens      | Tacoma       |
| 8. Lori Chapin           | Tacoma       |
| 9. Ruth Cole             | Federal Way  |
| 10. Peggy deKubber       | Snohomish    |
| 11. Robert Emery         | Bellingham   |
| 12. Jerry Fujita         | Bellevue     |
| 13. Celeste Goulding     | Sunnyside    |
| 14. Daphne Hambrook      | Kennewick    |
| 15. Alan Hart            | Lakewood     |

16. Raleigh Haynes	Port Townsend
17. Allen Hilderbrand	Bothell
18. Sable Holmes	Richland
19. Katherine Jensen	Port Townsend
20. Eileen Kellogg	Sumner
21. Christopher Keuscher	Vancouver
22. Diana Krebs	Spokane
23. Carly La	Port Angeles
24. Gene Laughlin	Carnation-Duvall
25. Karen Lebeter	Lakewood
26. Elizabeth Lucas	Tacoma
27. Karen Marcotte Solimano	Seattle
28. Rachel May	Bellingham
29. Richard "Dick" Mayer	Federal Way
30. Julia Maywald	Seattle
31. Jim McWha	Bellevue
32. John Minter	Tumwater
33. Ayan Musse	Seattle
34. Myron Nelson	Castle Rock
35. Khoi Nguyen	Everett
36. Janice Olmsted	Allyn
37. Daniel Robert "Jaxon" Ravens	Seattle
38. Sally Santana	Port Orchard
39. Khawja ("Shams") Shamsuddin	Bellevue
40. Jackie Sheldon	Ocean Park
41. Don Vaupel	Olympia
42. Janice Watson	Mount Vernon
43. David Wilder	Mount Vernon
44. Greta Williams	Quincy
45. Georgina Young	Lakewood
46. Sanigiah (Sunny) Ysa	Seattle

Bill Basl, Executive Director of the Washington Commission for National and Community Service, the sponsor of the event stated, *"We hope that Washington Volunteer Appreciation Week will motivate others to volunteer their time and talent to help their fellow residents through the economic crisis."*

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact the Volunteer Centers of Washington <<http://www.volunteerwashington.org>> at (800) 865-8683 or the Washington Commission for National and Community Service at <<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/servewa>> or (360) 902-0656.