



The
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2014
Volunteer Service
Awards

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Volunteer Recognition Ceremony



Welcome

Nicole Trimble, Chair

*Washington Commission for National & Community Service
Outerwall, Inc., Director of Corporate Social Responsibility*

The Power of Service and Volunteerism

Jay Inslee, Governor

Presentation of Awards

First Lady Trudi Inslee

and

Debbie Schuffenhauer, Executive Director

Washington Commission for National & Community Service

Closing Remarks

Nicole Trimble, Chair

Washington Commission for National & Community Service



Executive Mansion

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Susan Alcalá **Federal Way**
United Way of King County
Volunteer Center

Susan Alcalá is a retired Spanish teacher who has been a Volunteer Reader for United Way of King County since October 2010. She reads to preschool children, individually or in small groups, for an hour every week in both English and Spanish in the Head Start program at Sherwood Forest Elementary School in Federal Way. She supports the children in the development of concrete early literacy skills at the same time she sparks a passion for the joy of reading. She has also read stories to the entire class, led reading-centered games, and read selected helpful books to individual students needing behavioral guidance. Because she is bilingual, a certified teacher, values early literacy, and truly enjoys preschool children; her talents are put to excellent use. Susan's work and dedication provide an excellent example of the impact volunteers can have on young children through the Volunteer Reader Program.



Cece Armijo **Ellensburg**
Washington Service Corps /American Red Cross
AmeriCorps State

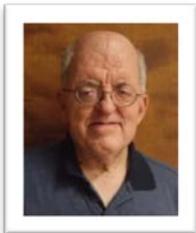
Cece Armijo is an indispensable asset to the Red Cross. She is an outstanding volunteer who consistently goes miles beyond what is asked of her with a contagious bright and positive attitude. She serves as a disaster action team lead, taking shifts of being on call 24 hours for a week at a time. During that time she responds to emergencies day or night and provides services for displaced families. She is committed to providing office support on a weekly basis and additional hours whenever needed. Cece has taken a foremost role in planning events, including a spaghetti feed to bring awareness about being prepared for disasters and a dessert reception to honor community members who aided in wildfire response. Cece is one of those extraordinary volunteers who unquestioningly brings so much to the table, but sees her service as nothing abnormal because she can't imagine giving less than everything she has.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Howard & Katie Auble **Raymond**
Pacific Co. Emergency Management Agency
Citizen Corps Program

Howard and Katie Auble work as a team, supporting the Pacific County Emergency Management Agency in emergency communications. They are dedicated and willing volunteers, taking on extra projects such as doing home visits to assist Pacific County citizens with programming NOAA Weather Radios. They visit the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on a weekly basis to check on the amateur radio equipment and help in the testing process when new equipment is installed at the EOC and other locations throughout the county. They have also been very helpful in the installation of amateur radio equipment at the Pacific County fire stations. Howard and Katie have taken a number of National Incident Management System courses and are well qualified volunteers. The Pacific County Emergency Management Agency depends heavily on volunteers and their willing and can-do attitude. Howard and Katie are the core of the communications and public education program.



David Banner **Cosmopolis**
Grays Harbor-Pacific-Thurston Counties
Senior Companion Program

David Banner has been a tireless volunteer for the Senior Companion Program since November 2000. Using his computer expertise and creative skills, he develops and upgrades the Senior Companion Program's public relations materials and recently created a website to enhance visibility. In addition to the innumerable hours he donates to the program, he also volunteers for several other non-profit organizations including Child Evangelism Fellowship, Christian Women's Connection, South Aberdeen Baptist Church, and the Aquanotes, a local music group who visits residential care facilities to bring the gift of song. David is generous and devoted to his community and brings an altruistic spirit throughout his volunteer service.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Jeff Brown **Mount Vernon**
Skagit County Emergency Management
Citizen Corps Program

Jeff Brown has been a volunteer with Skagit County Search and Rescue for over 12 years and has been helping to operate the program for most of that time. Jeff is also a training instructor for the search and rescue volunteers as well as the new recruits. He is part of the Special Response Team, which is a highly skilled group within Search and Rescue, and also volunteers as a medic for the Skagit County SWAT team. If an officer is down during a SWAT deployment, he will be on scene and with the team to administer medical attention immediately. Jeff volunteers nights, weekends, and days off from his regular job with both Search and Rescue and the SWAT team.



Lori Chapin **Tacoma**
Washington Service Corps/
United Way of Pierce County
AmeriCorps VISTA

Lori Chapin began volunteering with United Way of Pierce County five years ago participating in “done in a day” projects. Her passion to serve was apparent, and her dedication to support United Way projects led to recruiting her as a project captain. One of her first projects was “Feed the Need,” where volunteers purchase and prepare sandwiches for shelters. Lori became passionate about supporting this project and committed to one day a month, purchasing sandwich makings out of her own pocket. Soon, Lori and her team took the project to another level providing a hot meal of soup, other hot dishes, fruit and cookies. Lori and her team became known as the United Way ladies and her meal became the favorite day at the shelter. Lori is a stellar leader on both adult and youth “done in a day” projects. She also volunteers as a tutor one day a week. Lori’s passion energizes others to volunteer.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Gui Juan Chen **Seattle**
*Washington Service Corps/AppleCorps
AmeriCorps State*

Gui Juan Chen is an elder gardener from the Danny Woo Community Garden who volunteers with the children's garden programs. She proactively arranges to be involved in sharing her knowledge of traditional Chinese cuisine and gardening with the youth involved with AppleCorps programs. What is even more remarkable is that Gui, who immigrated from China where she was a physician, volunteers while overcoming challenges to language and culture. Gui helps realize one of the central goals for the Danny Woo's Children's Garden, which is to create an intergenerational bridge between elder gardeners and the youth that come to the garden to experience the outdoors and learn about the cultural and biological origins of food.



Scott Christiansen **Spokane**
*Greater Spokane Emergency Management
Citizen Corps Program*

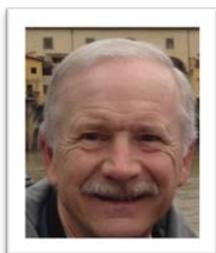
Scott Christiansen has been a volunteer with the Greater Spokane Department of Emergency Management for over ten years. He is a member of the Mobile Emergency Operation Center (MEOC) and has spent countless hours assisting the office on response calls, program development and support. His efforts with volunteer program development has brought potential resources to help build a solid foundation to the program. Scott has assisted with public outreach to include participating at the Spokane County Fair. He has spent 20+ years volunteering with Spokane County with the SCOPE program. The dedication and support he has giving has been of great value to the agency and community. Scott is the most reliable and dedicated volunteer and exemplifies the mission of a volunteer by taking part in improving the health of the county and making positive change happen. Scott jumps at the chance to volunteer and has a gift for coordinating others to serve along-side of him.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Rachel DeForrest University Place
West Pierce Fire & Rescue
Citizen Corps Program

Rachel DeForrest joined the West Pierce Fire & Rescue Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in September 2011. She originally joined CERT at her husband's urging, but being a take-charge kind of leader she hit the ground running, absorbing volumes of readiness materials. Within days of completing the training, she accepted the role of CERT Team Leader for her neighborhood. She holds regular meetings with her team members and arranged drills and participation in public events, including having her husband dress in a duck costume with CERT gear for the community Duck Days parade. A Washington native, she attended college in the Mid-Atlantic States where she survived hurricanes Isabella, Frances and Ivan and took on leadership roles in the local community. Rachel is a great supporter of CERT and does not hesitate to spread the word about emergency preparedness.



Bill Emery Spokane
*Washington Service Corps/
Free Rein Therapeutic Riding*
AmeriCorps State

Bill Emery's enthusiasm, time commitment, attitude, ability and willingness to help with the AmeriCorps mission is impressive. Bill has been volunteering with Free Rein Therapeutic Riding since June of 2012. He started out as a side walker and moved up in responsibility by becoming a horse leader and just last year joined Free Rein's schooling team. Bill has served over 400 hours since he's been an active volunteer and a huge help in filling last minute sub spots. His commitment to Free Rein has been invaluable. Bill is also a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Glenn England
Cowlitz AmeriCorps Network
AmeriCorps State

Kelso

Glenn England has volunteered most of his adult life, but most recently serving alongside AmeriCorps members building pantry shelves at Community House and cleaning playground equipment at Wallace Elementary School. He built outdoor games and props for The Arc of Cowlitz County; played games with children and adults with disabilities; and helped with Buddy Club activities and events for adult clients of Life Works. He planted trees and shrubs in the Highlands; worked at the Woodland Community Service Center's food bank; and cleaned and painted picnic tables and bathrooms at Riverside Park for Love, Inc. After retiring, Glenn became a volunteer driver for Lower Columbia Action Program taking veterans for medical appointments in Vancouver and Portland multiple times a week and assists them in any way he can. Glenn is asked for by name as a driver because he shows care and respect to all of his clients.



Sue Fujino
Solid Ground
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Seattle

Sue Fujino is a driven, motivated and dedicated dynamo of a volunteer that, despite her petite stature, everyone looks up to! She has volunteered over 3,330 hours in the past 13 and 1/2 years for RSVP at the Kokoro Kai Senior Activity Program. Dedicated to helping seniors remain independent and enhance their quality of life, Kokoro Kai is designed for the elderly living in the community. Sue is always one of the first volunteers to arrive and last to leave. She is responsible for the tea time and lunch set up and service, escorting participants, and assisting in activities, among many other engaging tasks. At 94 years of age, Sue enjoys her free time knitting, going for walks, exercise class, and arts and crafts. Staff receive her beautiful hand-made holiday cards every year. Sue is one of a kind and a treasured volunteer!

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Christopher Helm **Seattle**
Washington Service Corps/OneAmerica
AmeriCorps State

Chris Helm has been one of the most dedicated attorney volunteers for the Washington New Americans program, helping provide free legal assistance to people applying for U.S. citizenship.

He has personally volunteered at 12 citizenship clinics since 2008, giving nearly \$20,000 worth of in-kind pro bono legal services. He has also served on the Citizenship Day committee of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington Chapter, helping get the word out, recruiting and mentoring other attorney volunteers. Chris also helped expand the program through roving attorney clinics, mini citizenship days traveling across the state to rural and underserved areas to provide on-site help with applications. This year, Chris worked with AmeriCorps members to plan the first-ever clinic in the Walla Walla area. In addition, Chris has devoted much of his time to pro bono service, lending his skill and heart to many tough cases.



Elizabeth Herring **Seattle**
College Access Now
AmeriCorps State

Elizabeth “Betsy” Herring began volunteering with College Access Now (CAN) at Franklin High School in Seattle four years ago, then added on development committee responsibilities through fundraising and corporate sponsorship to only deepen her role further this year by joining the Board of Directors. No matter what role Betsy decides to take on at CAN, she takes it on with confidence, and most importantly, for the students. Betsy is a unique volunteer that is extremely invested in the lives of students, serving her perspective to always advocate for student voice in board level decision making. Betsy believes strongly in the transformative power of education and is an incredible ambassador for CAN’s mission in the Seattle community. Betsy’s voice and passion is invaluable and College Access Now could not pursue its mission without devoted volunteers like her.

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Parvathi Iyer
*501 Commons
Volunteer Center*

Seattle

Parvathi Iyer, a member of 501 Commons' Executive Service Corps, is an incredible contributor to the community. In 2013, Parvathi volunteered 361 hours for St. Vincent de Paul through United Way's Volunteer Impact Partnership Manager Corps program, delivered in partnership with 501 Commons. Manager Corps places volunteers with local nonprofits to help improve their volunteer engagement programs. For over ten months Parvathi used her project management, planning, and strong interpersonal skills to help St. Vincent de Paul implement a new volunteer tracking system; identify new volunteer opportunities; create a new online volunteer application; update the volunteer handbook; and craft new volunteer position descriptions. As a result of Parvathi's service, St. Vincent de Paul has implemented many new volunteer management best practices, and can more effectively collect and track necessary information about their volunteers. These improvements will help increase their impact by more strategically involving volunteers in support of their mission.



Rose Johnson
*Catholic Community Services
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program*

Everett

As a Retired and Senior Volunteer Program member since 1997, Rose Johnson demonstrates daily the spirit of volunteering in her community. Rose is a wonderful example of the saying, "If you want something done, give it to a busy person." Rose was instrumental in getting a Project Linus group started at the Carl Gipson Senior Center to make blankets for traumatized and seriously ill children in Snohomish County. Rose has volunteered at Christmas House, Domestic Violence Services, Everett schools, Snohomish County Long Term Care, Health Services and Tourism, nursing homes, veterans outreach, Volunteers of America, United Way and too many others to list. Rose has volunteered her time in service to others with a happy and giving heart.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Zane Johnson **South Bend**
*Washington Service Corps/South Bend School
District/Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW WA
AmeriCorps State*

Zane Johnson is currently serving as Big Brother in the South Bend School District's Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Zane is a great role model and really goes above and beyond to be a positive light for his Little Brother. Zane commits one hour each week to meet with him and is always punctual and professional. His little brother has said to Big Brothers Big Sisters staff, "Zane is the best thing that has ever happened to me." Zane is always very patient and kind when working with his little brother. During their Big Brother Big Sisters meetings, Zane and his little brother are always sharing stories and laughs. Zane is one of the strongest and sweetest volunteers in the South Bend School District's Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.



Carole Jones **Tumwater**
*United Way of Thurston County
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program*

Carole Jones takes on many volunteer opportunities; some fun, others are higher level commitments in leadership and board positions. There are two positions Carole is deeply passionate about; Hospice and NODA, the No One Dies Alone program that provides companions to terminally ill patients with no friends or family. Carole takes the midnight to 4am shift and brings comfort to those that are dying. She is equally passionate about helping disabled veterans that have no one to care for them. She is a friendly face at the VA Hospital Care Unit where she brings companionship and laughter to veterans that will never leave the unit. The Unit becomes home and Carole brings her kindness to share. Carole brings a high level of quality to humankind and this is humanity at its ultimate.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients

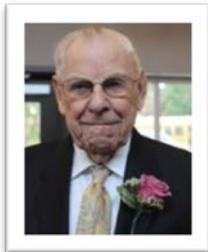


Sharon Leishman

Renton

*EarthCorps
AmeriCorps State*

Sharon Leishman has been a Puget Sound Steward with EarthCorps since 2010. Her time and leadership provides critical stewardship of a newly constructed salmon habitat site along the Duwamish River. She leads monthly volunteer events for groups who want to help care for these fragile estuary sites. Sharon also spearheads a local coalition called Duwamish Alive! that seeks to galvanize local groups and community engagement in the restoration efforts of a highly urbanized community in south Seattle. In addition to her environmental work, Sharon volunteers her time to arts programming for youth.



C. Fred Lewis

Bremerton

*Lutheran Community Services NW
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program*

Fred Lewis is unstoppable from his volunteer work at the young age of 101. Fred joined Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in 2003 at age 90, when he started to volunteer with the Senior Nutrition Program. Fred stayed with the Senior Nutrition Program for four years. Since 2006, he regularly greets and guides visitors at the Puget Sound Naval Museum in Bremerton and doesn't appear to be slowing down any time soon. He says the best part of volunteering is meeting people as they enter. His 100th birthday was celebrated in 2013 by family and museum staff and volunteers. Director Lindy Doshier emphasized Fred's importance to the museum commending him for more than 1200 volunteer hours. His friendly and outgoing personality has served him, and guests, well at the museum.

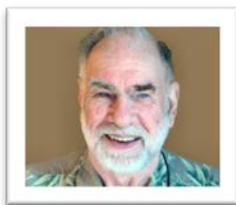
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Erlinda Lorenzo **Seattle**
*Volunteers of America Western Washington
Senior Companion Program*

Erlinda Lorenzo is a dedicated and caring Senior Companion volunteer who serves five different clients; all her national origin (Philippine). Her elderly clients have difficulties navigating the

City of Seattle because of their limited English, but Erlinda is always willing to help and go with her clients anywhere they need help with translation. Whether it be the grocery store, bank, senior center or even doctor's appointments at 7 a.m., Erlinda always makes herself available to her clients so they can live a great independent life. Erlinda also makes time to take all of her clients to Senior Companion events throughout the year to further socialize them with other volunteers. Erlinda is a great resource and friend, especially for the elderly women in her community.



Richard Lundstrom **Auburn**
*Auburn Emergency Management
Citizen Corps Program*

Richard Lundstrom has served as a volunteer with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and Emergency

Communications team for over four years. During that time he has consistently been at the top of the list for hours of service donated. In the past year, Richard served at virtually every drill, training session, public service event, and team meeting. When the call goes out for volunteers, you can be sure Richard will be one of the first to sign up, and not just in Auburn. Richard has volunteered to help several other agencies around King County as well. As a long time ham radio operator, Richard spends much of his time working with the Emergency Communications team, doing weekly tests of the communications systems, participating in drills and exercises, and assisting new team members as a mentor. Richard has recently been certified as a first aid/CPR instructor, and will be helping teach classes.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Gayle Mahler

Auburn
*Washington Service Corps/Federal Way Public Schools
AmeriCorps State*

Gayle Mahler has selflessly and wholeheartedly dedicated countless hours of her time and energy to serving at Lake Dolloff Elementary School as a volunteer for the Federal Way Public Schools AmeriCorps team. She delves into every task without hesitation and with a palpable energy. Teachers have personally requested to have Gayle work in their classrooms and each individual whom she encounters can easily sense her passion for children and her eagerness to serve. Gayle spends the majority of her day volunteering in a Kindergarten classroom, in which she tutors many students who have readily bonded to her, and serving as a much-needed tutor in the resource room. She has exhibited persistent reliability, positivity, and kindness to every student she helps. Without her continued volunteer efforts for the past couple years, the Federal Way AmeriCorps team would not be able to support as many students at Lake Dolloff Elementary.



Robert Malone

Mukilteo
*United Way of Snohomish County
Volunteer Center*

Bob Malone has been a volunteer with United Way of Snohomish County's Free Income Tax Preparation Program for three years. In that time, he has become a pillar of the South Everett tax site, learning complex tax law on his own time and achieving IRS volunteer certification to the fullest extent possible. Through his work, he has personally been responsible for returning hundreds of thousands of dollars to hardworking taxpayers, helping them meet their basic needs with a free service that paid preparers would charge hundreds for. He has committed well over 100 hours to volunteer tax preparation, in addition to serving on United Way of Snohomish County's Families Matter Vision Council and with Project Homeless Connect. Bob is committed to helping those in Snohomish County who need it most, and every day his actions make our county a better place to live.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Hayden Marotz

*Washington Reading Corps/Sunnyland Elementary
AmeriCorps State*

Bellingham

Hayden Marotz is a community volunteer at Sunnyland Elementary School who has demonstrated outstanding contributions and has been instrumental in helping improve and expand the Washington Reading Corps program. Hayden initially supported students in homework club and is now tutoring students in reading and writing during the school day. In all, Hayden spends four hours a week at Sunnyland, graciously acting as a literacy tutor twice a week during the school day and then returning twice a week for homework club. Hayden is an excellent role model for the students, especially the male students, who attend homework club. He is consistently punctual and excited to volunteer each and every day he comes to Sunnyland and his natural disposition is toward positivity. It is a pleasure to see Hayden interact with students. Hayden provides the academic and emotional support that Sunnyland students need.



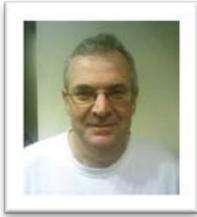
Erika Martinez

*Regional Service Corps
AmeriCorps State*

Pasco

Through her service with Project Literacy, Erika Martinez has been an enthusiastic reading volunteer at Whittier Elementary School, where since 2012 she has worked with underperforming children. She also volunteers at Ochoa Middle School and Finley High School, and has been a volunteer for the Salvation Army and diabetes causes in the greater Tri-Cities area. As a representative of Project Literacy, Erika has been interviewed in the media and appeared at community events to increase awareness for the Project Literacy program and the needs of the children that volunteers serve. She has also volunteered at the Summer Safety Fun Fair and International Womens Day. Erika manages to do all this on top of being a nursing student at Washington State University Tri-Cities. Her can-do attitude, willingness to go above and beyond, and her compassion to help others demonstrates why Erika Martinez is an outstanding volunteer.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



David McCammon
City of Renton
Citizen Corps Program

Renton

Dave McCammon is a volunteer with the Renton Emergency Communication Service, which supports the City of Renton with back-up communications capabilities. Dave serves as the Logistics Section Chief and is responsible for the maintenance of all amateur radio equipment in nine different locations and a mobile emergency communications vehicle. He volunteers countless hours, often behind the scenes, to make sure all emergency communication equipment is in top shape and mission-ready at all times. Since Dave took on this role he has made valuable suggestions and implemented new procedures to increase efficiency and involve other members of the group to share responsibilities. He has taken on leadership roles contributing to the success of many community events such as Field Day and Renton River Days. Dave teaches amateur radio licensing classes to help new ham operators join the emergency communications service. Dave's volunteer activities help make Renton a stronger, more prepared community.



Destiny McEntyre
Community Youth Services
AmeriCorps State

Tumwater

Destiny McEntyre goes above and beyond to serve her community in a multitude of ways. She has served as a youth volunteer at the Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason Counties since January of 2013, where she has served over 200 volunteer hours to date. Destiny provides compassionate crisis intervention to callers, is consistent and reliable on her shift, and truly embodies the mission of the Crisis Clinic. Destiny has also recently been invited to join the Training Team at the Clinic, meaning she will assist in teaching and training new volunteers. In addition to her volunteer work at the Crisis Clinic, Destiny is a volunteer member of Planned Parenthood's Teen Council and the SafePlace Peer Education Action and Knowledge (SPEAK) group.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients

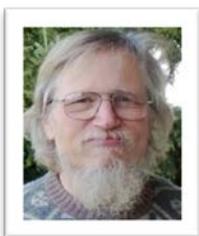


Amber Mehta

Monroe

*Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps
Citizen Corps Program*

Amber Mehta became involved in the Medical Reserve Corps to volunteer at the Monroe Cold Weather shelter. Not only does she volunteer many hours in this volunteer opportunity, but she also has volunteered at health screenings, preparedness events and the Lost Person station at the fair. In addition, she attends as many emergency preparedness trainings as she can. She also brings her elementary school-age son to trainings to get him involved early!



Fred Miller

Seattle

*Washington Service Corps/Seattle Tilth/
Just Garden Project
AmeriCorps State*

Since 2010 Fred Miller has been instrumental in getting the Just Garden Project fully functional. He is the kind of volunteer that can do everything from fundraising to planting and digging. Fred always saves the day! Whether it is coming up with an on the fly garden bed design with available materials, or digging out a bunch of bamboo, he can troubleshoot and engage throngs of people in getting the good work done. This is just a small aspect of his contribution to his community. Fred volunteers at many organizations throughout Seattle. Center for Wooden Boats, the United Indian's Youth Home, El Centra De la Raza and Heroshima to Hope are just to name a few. His life is structured around being available to help his community in any way he can.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Trudy Newton

Bremerton

*Washington Reading Corps/View Ridge Elementary
AmeriCorps State*

Trudy Newton has been an invaluable asset to the first grade reading group at View Ridge Elementary School. Trudy reads and practices word games one-on-one with students who have trouble or low confidence in reading. From the first day she came, students have excitedly expressed their excitement to read after working with her. Reading with kids for accuracy and fluency practice can be tedious because of its simplicity and repetitious nature, but Trudy has taken on that challenge with grace and enthusiasm, and often expresses her own interest and connections to the learning material. She is always ready and willing to volunteer her time where she can - rain or shine! Her dedication and outstanding consistency are one-of-a-kind.



Mary Perkins

East Wenatchee

*Washington Reading Corps/Rock Island Elementary
AmeriCorps State*

Mary Perkins, a retired educator, went to her unit of the Retired School Employees Association and recruited members to start a volunteer reading program which has operated for the past five years at Rock Island Elementary. Rock Island is a small school in the Eastmont School District in which 87% of the students receive free and reduced lunch and over half are second language learners. Mary recruited enough former teachers and friends to come and read with the 1st and 2nd graders for two hours a day, three to four days a week (that's approximately 2,700 volunteer hours). In addition to the one-on-one reading time the group provides, Mary has organized another set of 10-12 association members to put together the individual "take home" books that each child reads and then takes home each week. This has been a huge help to the teachers and students love the individual attention given by these volunteers.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Sally Perkins

Tacoma

*Washington Service Corps/Peace Community Center
AmeriCorps State*

Sally Perkins is an agent of change. Every child should have a Sally rooting for them. As a volunteer with Peace Community Center's tutoring program, Sally works tirelessly to improve students' futures. In addition to helping with homework, Sally pushes kids to excel – challenging their mindsets and choices. She helps them find college and job opportunities. She uses community connections to find internships, online classes, vocational programs, and student leadership opportunities. She sends care packages and cards encouraging program alumni to continue with a post-secondary degree. She emails teachers and visits counselors, advocates for students at school board meetings, and pushes for educational reform. Sally helped students discuss and research their ideas about raising awareness of teen mental health issues. Her close mentorship is transforming one student – his grades, confidence, and outlook on life are all moving in a positive direction. That's the Sally impact. Her energy and passion help change lives.



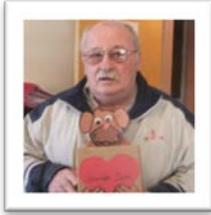
Angela Phommavong

Algona

*Communities In Schools of Auburn
AmeriCorps State*

Angela Phommavong is an outstanding after-school tutor for Communities In Schools' "Study Buddies" program at Alpac Elementary. Since November of last year, she has helped a student who is precariously below grade level in math and reading, with a measure of passion that is incomparable, which has led to significant academic progress on behalf of the student. Angela has displayed admirable dedication, professionalism, and character. She has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the Study Buddies program. Angela is a positive role model who exudes a high level of enthusiasm, as seen in the excellent rapport she has developed with her tutee. Furthermore, she has displayed a passionate level of focus and diligence in her tutoring sessions. Her ambition and service to the Auburn community are stellar.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



David Reynolds **Nespelem**
Colville Tribal Foster Grandparent Program

David Reynolds (Grandpa Dave) has been in the Foster Grandparent Program helping the children in the Head Start program for the past six years. His grandchildren live far away and he doesn't get to see them very often so Dave wanted something to do besides stay home, so he volunteered for the Foster Grandparent Program at Colville Tribal Head Start. All 44 children have adopted him as their GRANDPA DAVE. He is very active in coloring, reading, counting, making play dough, even teaching how to tie shoes. The children love him. Dave hardly ever misses a day of service. He said the kids need him and miss him if he's gone. It takes special people like Dave to be a Foster Grandparent and to make a difference in the life of a child.



Emily Seaman **South Bend**
Washington Service Corps/South Bend School District/Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW WA AmeriCorps State

Emily Seaman is a volunteer in the South Bend School District's Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. She is currently volunteering one hour a week as a Big Sister to an at-risk youth. Emily's Little Sister is a first grade student at South Bend Elementary. Emily and her Little Sister spend their weekly meetings laughing and having fun. Emily is incredibly kind, sweet and goofy. Her personality really brings her little sister out of her shell. Emily understands that her Little Sister has some difficulties in her life, but Emily does a great job making sure that she is having tons of fun when they meet. Emily is always on time for her match meetings and has been a great volunteer in the program. Emily plans to attend a local community college so her relationship with her Little Sister and Big Brothers Big Sisters will continue to grow.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Vern Stark **Vancouver**
Human Services Council
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Vern Stark has been a Retired and Senior Volunteer Program member for 11-½ years sharing over 6,000 hours of his time providing transportation for low income elders and disabled adults. This fantastic service provided through Catholic Community Services' Volunteer Chore program allows these individuals to continue to live independently with the caring assistance of volunteers. A retired airline mechanic, Vern keeps busy up to five days a week taking people to the doctor, dentist, hospital or mental health clinic. Ninety-nine percent of all the trips are related to health care.



Deborah Stolberg **Renton**
Bellevue Police Department
Citizen Corps Program

Debbie Stolberg has been a Volunteer in Police Service, a partner of the Citizen Corps Program, with the Bellevue Police Department since 2002. She is a member of the Parking Enforcement team, issuing warnings and citations to vehicles parked illegally in disabled parking spaces and fire lanes throughout the City. She assists the Traffic Lieutenant with responses to Traffic Service Requests that come to the Department from citizens seeking help with neighborhood traffic problems. Debbie also routinely volunteers time at various large community events like the Bellevue Arts Festival and National Night Out. All this would be special enough on its own, but she does it while maintaining a full time job. She devotes time on the weekends to her volunteer service and has displayed an unshakable commitment through the years to serving her community. Debbie is dependable, always cheerful, and eager to help. She exemplifies everything that's best about volunteers.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Tressa Thomas

Seattle

*Washington Service Corps/
University of Washington Dream Project
AmeriCorps State*

Tressa Thomas, a freshman at the University of Washington (UW), is a volunteer of the Dream Project and has become one of the newest members of the student leadership team as a high school lead. The Dream Project is a program where undergraduates at the UW mentor 12th grade students and help them establish post-secondary plans such as college. Despite only having one quarter of experience, Tressa recently stepped up to become a high school lead at Odyssey High School and has done a spectacular job. She leads a weekly breakout session which involves planning and executing interactive activities that teach mentors more about education policy and mentorship. Additionally, Tressa has been single-handedly leading the work that the mentors and mentees do on a weekly visit. She maintains a positive attitude, has great work ethic, and is truly an inspiration to her peers.



Dennis Wahl

Bremerton

*Lutheran Community Services
Senior Companion Program*

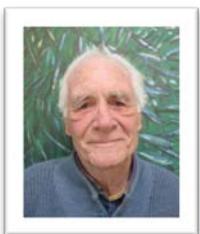
Dennis Wahl has been volunteering as a Senior Companion Volunteer at Lutheran Community Services for over three years contributing more than 2,449 hours of time and has provided over 482 trips to seniors in Kitsap County. Dennis serves clients who are paralyzed, vision impaired or who have chronic disabilities. He provides companionship as well as transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping. Dennis is a very hard worker and dedicated to his clients. In addition to volunteering he is very involved in his church and helps others in the community. Dennis is a great asset to the Senior Companion Program and his clients.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Mary Weeks **Spokane Valley**
*Washington Service Corps/
Women's Hearth, Transitions
AmeriCorps State*

Mary Weeks has faithfully and cheerfully supported the Women's Hearth, Transitions, a women's drop-in center in Spokane, for almost seven years. Many of the Hearth Community members are homeless and staying outside in winter can be difficult and dangerous. In the cold winter months, Mary travels in sometimes treacherous weather to open the Hearth early on Wednesday, a day traditionally opened late, in order to provide a safe and warm spot for women to come. When a librarian is needed, Mary fills in. When a foot injury limited her mobility, Mary became a Hearth receptionist so she could continue to help out at the Hearth. The list of all that Mary does is long and is an attestation of her generous heart, willing spirit and good nature.



Roger Wilson **Port Townsend**
*Washington Service Corps/
Port Townsend Marine Science Center
AmeriCorps State*

Roger Wilson began volunteering with the Port Townsend Marine Science Center in 2002. Twelve years and more than 2,000 volunteer hours later, Roger continues to help the Center in countless ways. He is a gifted educator and has spent many hours as docent in the Natural History Exhibit, leading tours and enchanting young minds with geological fun facts during the education programs. Roger also lends his hands in woodworking projects, responds to stranded marine mammals, and entertains the AmeriCorps members and staff with his charming wit and beloved dog, Sandy. He considers the staff and AmeriCorps members his "family" and helps to support and enhance programs in whatever way he can. Roger does not seek recognition, but rather chooses to volunteer his time and talent because he cares about the community and future generations.

Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients



Linda Yang

Seattle

*Washington Service Corps/Neighborcare Health
AmeriCorps State*

Linda Yang has been the most dedicated and engaged volunteer at Neighborcare Health's 45th Street Clinic for the past three years. Throughout this time, she has participated in and taken the lead on several projects, including conducting outreach to diverse underserved patient populations for chronic disease management, as well as integration of dental healthcare, archiving and managing medical records, and mentoring new volunteers. Through her work at Neighborcare, Linda has always demonstrated the utmost cultural sensitivity as well as perseverant commitment to assigned tasks, constantly going above and beyond expectations to be of service to the staff and patients. Linda also serves homeless patient populations through hosting clothing drives with the City of Bellevue and leads an integrated student health initiative through Associated Students of University of Washington. She is an integral member of her community.

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, since the early days of our nation, volunteers have helped us through our greatest challenges and triumphs – patriots fighting for our founding ideals, and other community members who come to the aid of neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, while our nation continues on the road to economic recovery, volunteer service plays a vital role in addressing national and local challenges, and is an effective strategy to help unite communities while addressing critical unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, Washington's volunteers demonstrated their commitment to improving their communities and ranked 9th among the 50 states, according to the Volunteering and Civic Life in America report, and in 2013, 1.95 million Washingtonians served more than 254 million total hours valued at \$5.8 billion.

WHEREAS, engaged community members, many recruited by AmeriCorps; VISTA; Senior Corps participants; Citizen Corps; and the Volunteer Centers of Washington, are improving the lives of our state's most vulnerable residents by helping students improve their academic performance, preserving the environment, supporting veterans and military families, and contributing to our public safety by responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor those who give of themselves for the betterment of their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2014 as

Washington Volunteer Appreciation Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in recognizing and supporting those who volunteer and serve.



Signed this 9th day of April, 2014

Governor Jay Inslee

Celebrate Service

National Volunteer Week



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