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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 proclaimed April 21 as Washington Volunteer Appreciation Day. “I join all Washingtonians in thanking these individuals who contribute tirelessly to their communities. I encourage others to look for opportunities that not only provide valuable experience but also help strengthen our communities and state,” Inslee said.

To celebrate, the 11th Annual Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards will be presented to 39 honorees April 21 at the Executive Mansion in Olympia. These outstanding volunteers range in age from 15 to 82 years and represent 14 of Washington’s 39 counties. Nominated by AmeriCorps and Senior Corps national service programs, and Citizen Corps and volunteer centers from across the state, the recipients of the 2015 awards are:

Braydon Anderson	Tacoma	Brian Lawler	Bellingham
Javier Berrios	Redmond	David Marcus	Olympia
Anthony Branton	Tacoma	Key McMurry	South Bend
Chris Brown	Bellingham	Shirley Moss	Port Townsend
Ross Brydges	Mount Vernon	Joan Olson	Bremerton
June Campbell	Seattle	Edgar Padilla-Ramirez	Federal Way
Joseph Chang	Federal Way	Anne Peterson	Everett
Sarah Clark	Auburn	Pam Peute	Olympia
Mike Crossley	Issaquah	Tim Potts	Spokane
Sydney Darlington	Bellevue	Jacklyn “Jackie” Rae	Everett
Jarrold Dibble	Everett	Tammy Robinson	Longview
Ty Draszt	Vancouver	Julie Scott	Loon Lake
Harriet Dunbar	Loon Lake	Gwen Siviengxay	Auburn
Ruth Dupuis	Pasco	Mary Strazer	Seattle
Carole Eby	Longview	Rick Wallace	Mount Vernon
Jubal Gabel	Seattle	James Warren	Vancouver
Kathleen Grier	Spokane	Laurie Watson	Auburn
Tony He	Seattle	Bruce Wendt	Sammamish
Jeanette Hills	Spokane	Mary Wright	Longview
Candy Johnson	Tacoma		

“With Washington still holding its rank of ninth in the country for its level of volunteerism, we are proud of what our volunteers offer to communities across the state,” said Debbie Schuffenhauer, executive director of Serve Washington.

On the evening of April 21, the Seattle Mariners and Serve Washington will host the seventh annual Salute to Volunteers Night at Safeco Field. Pre-game ceremonies will include an on-field special tribute to the distinguished volunteers. The ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out by 18-year-old Braydon Anderson, a recipient of the 2015 Governor’s Volunteer Service 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/serveva>> or 360-902-0656.

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