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## Washington State Celebrates Volunteer Week

To recognize the countless acts of service performed by one of Washington's most valuable assets – its volunteers - Governor Chris Gregoire proclaimed April 19-25 as Washington Volunteer Week. Gregoire said, "I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and supporting those who volunteer and serve."

On Monday, April 20, 2009, an event will be held at the Executive Mansion to mark the fifth year that Governor Gregoire has honored the contributions of volunteers for their dedication and commitment to improve their communities through service. The following day, the Seattle Mariners are hosting a salute volunteers to recognize the contributions of the Governor's award recipients and others who volunteer.

Fifty-three recipients of the Governor's 2009 Volunteer Service Awards were nominated by local Volunteer Centers; Citizen Corps Councils; Senior Corps; Learn and Serve; and AmeriCorps programs from across the state. They are:

Susan Allen	Bellevue
Curtis Allen	Bremerton
Kandi Balandran	Bremerton
Louise Barcelou	Port Hadlock
Julia Bishop	Longview
Clarence Blaine	Kelso
Ray Blanke	Kalama
Fernellyn Brown	Sequim
Tiffany Coleman	Puyallup
Lee Cummings	Renton
Dorothy Detlor	Spokane
Emergency Services Coordinating Agency:	Alderwood Manor
Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Team	
Paula Drake	Mukilteo
Kathy Faulconer	Olympia
Bertha Fitzgerald	Kirkland
Darrin Fleming	LaCrosse
Diane Gallegos	Tukwila
Aditya Ghuwalewala	Kirkland
Darby Glen	Vancouver
Richard Humphreys	Seattle
Robert Jacobson	Bellingham
Bruce Johnson	Bellingham

Art King  
Elsie Krueger  
Blanche LaCroix  
Eugene LaLiberte  
Tristen Lasiter  
Robert Leffingwell  
Steve Leslie  
Al Manz  
Dixon McReynolds  
Mary Meech  
Eileen Michals  
Pat Murphy  
Sandra Nelson  
George Palagi  
Gladys Paulus  
Mike Pereira  
Rodney Pond  
Evonne Powers  
Steve Rankin  
Charles Rhoades  
Suzanne Selby  
Brian Slater  
Gene Strozyk  
Aaron Taylor  
Wendy Taylor  
Dave Thompson  
Charlotte Trout  
Dhavan Vengadasalam  
Susanna Williams  
John Wojtanowicz  
Frank Wolfe

Richland  
Edmonds  
Hoquiam  
Liberty Lake  
Spanaway  
Clarkston  
Suquamish  
Bremerton  
Olympia  
Port Angeles  
Kennewick  
Bremerton  
Graham  
Seattle  
Auburn  
Bellingham  
Seattle  
Kent  
Sequim  
Centralia  
Port Orchard  
Ephrata  
Shelton  
Cheney  
Everett  
Bellevue  
Seattle  
Kent  
Seattle  
Tacoma  
Nahcotta

Bill Basl, Executive Director of the Washington Commission for National and Community Service, the sponsor of the event stated, *"We hope that Washington Volunteer 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 in Washington State, contact your local Volunteer Center <<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.