



## **GOVERNOR'S MEDALLION AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE 2010**

The Governor's Award for Volunteer Service program is an important part of the proud history and tradition of volunteerism and community service in North Carolina. For thirty-two years, the program has honored the true spirit of volunteerism in our state by recognizing individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. Created in 2006, the Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service is presented annually to the top twenty volunteers in the state.

It is the Commission on Volunteerism's pleasure to announce the recipients of the Medallion Award and to provide a description of their outstanding volunteer service on the following pages.

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FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE  
2010**

Recipients

Brunswick County	Mary Pritchard
Burke County	Carolyn Lowe
Carteret County	David Pleace
Craven County	Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Cherry Point
Cumberland County	Cedric S. Pearson
Dare County	Edna Black
Forsyth County	Cy Fogleman
Granville County	Frances Garrett
Haywood County	Arnold Howell
Martin County	Edna Minor
McDowell County	Sharon Parker
Mecklenburg County	Lori Saylor
Moore County	Judie F. Wiggins
Onslow County	Marian Shiver
Pender County	Daniel James Kinney II
Pitt County	Kimberly Grayson Scott
Rockingham County	Dr. Paul Sasser
Scotland County	Carol Lee
Wake County	Jonathun Muldrow
Yadkin County	Jerry Carlton

## *Volunteer Service Categories*

The 2010 Governor's Medallion Awards are presented in the following categories.

Individual: An individual volunteer.

Group: A group of three or more people who volunteer together on the same project(s) under a group name.

Youth Volunteer: A youth (age 18 or younger) volunteer.

Senior Volunteer: A person who is 55 or older that volunteers.

Perseverance in Volunteerism: An individual volunteer who has overcome significant personal obstacles (mental or physical) in order to engage in service to others.

Outstanding Mentor: An individual volunteer who has demonstrated a commitment to working with children (ages 18 and younger) in a mentoring capacity and/or been actively involved in the mobilization of volunteers, groups and resources that support a mentoring program.

Faith-Based Volunteerism: An individual or group that volunteers through a faith-based community organization. Nominees may serve members of, or those outside, the service-sponsoring faith community.

Director of Volunteers: A paid staff member who exemplifies good management skills in volunteer training, risk management, screening, recognition, evaluation and retention of volunteers.

Lifetime Achievement: An individual who has exhibited a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community service. Nominees must have made a substantial and sustained impact in the community as a result of their service efforts.

*The description of volunteer service on the following pages was created from information provided in each recipient's nomination form.*

## *Service Category: Individual*

### Frances Garrett

Frances has volunteered for the American Cancer Society for 17 years, where she donates ten hours weekly. She is the advocacy chair and team captain for the Clayton Homes Relay for Life team, which has raised more than \$20,000 annually. Frances volunteers in other fundraising activities. She spreads the advocacy message and recruits others to join the advocacy network. As a two-time cancer survivor, she reaches out to other survivors and serves as their mentor. Frances is a passionate and dedicated volunteer who makes a difference. (*Granville County*)

### Sharon Parker

Sharon has volunteered at Marion Elementary School for two years. She donates approximately thirteen hours monthly as a library volunteer and PTO board member. When budget cuts eliminated the position of a paid library assistant, Sharon stepped up as a volunteer (even though she is a single parent with a full-time career as an attorney). She volunteers in the library by checking books in and out for students, shelving books and training other library volunteers. Sharon makes time to improve the lives of students by helping make the library be the best it can be. (*McDowell County*)

## *Service Category: Group*

### Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Cherry Point

This group of twenty-five volunteers donated 9,765 hours in 2009 assisting Marines, Sailors (active duty and retired) and their dependents with financial assistance for emergency needs. By August 2010, they had donated over 5,450 hours and provided financial assistance to more than 830 clients. Twelve volunteers also knit or crochet blankets for military families expecting babies. Last year, they donated over 250 blankets. Many of the volunteers are former service members or spouses of military members. Volunteers in the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Cherry Point, who range in age from 20 to 72, truly enjoy giving back to the military community. (*Craven County*)

## *Service Category: Youth Volunteer*

### Cy Fogleman

Cy has volunteered for Project Brotherly Love for two years. Cy founded the program, which gathers much needed items for the families of babies being treated in Forsyth Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. These items are put in a care package and distributed to families upon their discharge from the hospital. Cy has rallied more than 150 volunteers to collect items and solicit funds from local businesses to support this cause. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student and Crosby Scholar at Southeast Middle School, Cy demonstrates that no matter what your age, you can make a significant difference with a little bit of effort and a whole lot of heart. (*Forsyth County*)

### Daniel James Kinney II

Inspired by his love for surfing and his desire to do something meaningful in memory of his grandfather, D.J. created "Surfers for the Cure" to participate in Relay for Life of Pender County. He organized the team, developed recruitment brochures for members and sponsors, developed an internet presence through a "Surfers for the Cure" Facebook page and got his friends and classmates at Topsail High School involved. D.J. and his volunteer team members raised \$2,500 and were awarded the title of the Relay Rookie Team of 2010. D.J. is a great advocate for volunteerism and believes that everyone should give back to their community. (*Pender County*)

### Jonathun Muldrow

Jonathun has volunteered at the Richard B. Harrison Library for nine years, where he is a member of the Teen Advisory Board. He assists with story hours and other children's programs and is a coach and mentor to the children. Jonathun provides the library with suggestions for public relations plans and takes social networking to the highest level for the benefit of the library. He helps the library form new partnerships to reach teens and provides a teen advocate voice in the community. Jonathan plays sports at his high school, volunteers for Wake County 4-H Teen Leadership and is active in his church. (*Wake County*)

## *Service Category: Senior Volunteer*

### Edna Black

Edna has volunteered at Dare Respite Care for more than three years. This past year, she provided her respite care family with over 50 visits totaling more than 200 hours of volunteer respite services. Each week, Edna provides companionship and care to a client with Alzheimer's disease, giving the primary caregiver a respite from their caregiving responsibilities. She also volunteers for six other agencies, organizations and groups in Dare County. Edna is happy to wear many volunteer "hats" and offers her services wherever they are needed. (*Dare County*)

### Arnold Howell

Arnold has volunteered with Mountain Mediation Services for one and one-half years. He donates approximately twelve hours monthly as a mediator. He regularly attends court, interviews potential mediation candidates, mediates cases and serves on the Organizational Development Committee to help with fundraising efforts. At 87 years of age, Arnold also volunteers for other organizations and serves as a tutor at Haywood Community College. Arnold helps the young, the old, the poor and anyone else who needs his service. (*Haywood County*)

### Carolyn Lowe

Carolyn has volunteered at J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center for four years, where she donates eight hours daily. She is a Foster Grandparent for three residents and Senior Companion for six clients. Carolyn helps non-ambulatory residents by dressing them and brushing their teeth, assisting them with meals, reading to them, taking them for walks and assisting them as they participate in games and activities. She also helps clients with grocery shopping and laundry. Carolyn's devotion to her clients and volunteerism are extraordinary. (*Burke County*)

### Marian Shiver

Marian has volunteered with the Eastern Carolina Council of Government's Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman Program for eleven years. She donates approximately 400 hours annually. As a volunteer Onslow Community Advisory Committee Member, Marian travels more than 500 miles and makes over 285 visits and 90 team visits to long-term care facilities each year. She also volunteers at Onslow Community Outreach Soup Kitchen and with Onslow Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Marian inspires those around her with her willingness to serve her community. (*Onslow County*)

## *Service Category: Perseverance in Volunteerism*

### Edna Minor

Edna has volunteered for Martin County Department of Aging for nearly three years. She donates six to seven hours daily as a receptionist and advocate. Edna answers phones, takes messages, directs calls and visitors, collects monies for program income, helps prepare the newsletter for mailing, and registers participants for transportation. In 2009, Edna donated over 1,549 hours of service. Living with a disability and chronic pain doesn't keep her from having a positive outlook and the determination to be a valuable volunteer. Edna is a constant source of motivation, strength, compassion and inspiration to everyone around her. *(Martin County)*

## *Service Category: Outstanding Mentor*

### Cedric S. Pearson

Cedric has volunteered at the Dynamic Youth Production Center since March 2010. He donates twenty hours weekly as a volunteer mentor for at-risk youth, teaching them music production, vocal production and studio set-up. Cedric created the center and self-finances its operation. Many of the at-risk youth at the center are in gangs or housed in group homes. Cedric's work experience at the Fayetteville Police Department and Juvenile Detention Center provides him with experience to interact appropriately with these teenagers. He is truly an outstanding mentor. *(Cumberland County)*

### Kimberly Grayson Scott

Kim volunteered for ECU READS at East Carolina University's Volunteer and Service Learning Center for one school year. The first 300 hours she served as the program coordinator, she did so as an intern. When her internship was completed, Kim continued as a volunteer and donated 350 more hours. As a volunteer, she coordinated the program, recruited university students as tutors, provided tutoring sessions, and organized extracurricular activities for the tutors and the learners. Kim made a real difference in the lives of the students and other mentors. *(Pitt County)*

## *Service Category: Faith-Based Volunteerism*

### Mary Pritchard

Mary has volunteered at the South Brunswick Interchurch Food Pantry for six years, where she donates approximately fifteen hours weekly as the manager. She schedules volunteers to serve in the pantry, orders food and is responsible for the inventory. Mary also coordinates the pantry's largest fundraising event each year, including recruiting volunteers and soliciting sponsors. Realizing that many clients are diabetic, she helped design a food package that would assist them in maintaining a healthy diet. Mary's dedication to service has had a real impact on improving the quality of life for many people. *(Brunswick County)*

### Dr. Paul Sasser

Dr. Sasser has volunteered for the Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center for ten years. He spends as many hours volunteering as he does working in his private practice as a physician. He is the current board chair and fundraising chairman at the Center. Dr. Sasser has used his passion for reaching women and children to motivate other board members, staff and the many volunteers that make the organization viable. He also volunteers at the YMCA, homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity and First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Sasser is a volunteer that makes a true difference. *(Rockingham County)*

## *Service Category: Director of Volunteers*

### Lori Saylor

Lori has been the full-time Volunteer Services Director for Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department for six years. She recruits volunteers and manages volunteer projects. During the fiscal year that ended June 2010, Lori enabled the Department to utilize more than 16,000 volunteers who delivered more than 100,000 hours of volunteer service to their community. She believes she can find a meaningful volunteer experience for anyone who wants to volunteer. Lori practices what she preaches – she serves as a volunteer with several organizations. *(Mecklenburg County)*

### Judie F. Wiggins

Judie has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills for eight years. As the volunteer coordinator, she recruits, coordinates and manages over 300 volunteers for construction sites, the office and Habitat Moore Store. Thanks to Judie's initiative and generous community supporters, Habitat has three Volunteer Appreciation Celebrations annually. She has fostered many partnerships with area businesses, civic groups and churches during the past eight years. Judie is a volunteer too, serving for twelve years as a gardener extraordinaire at Loblolly Garden Club. *(Moore County)*



## *Service Category: Lifetime Achievement*

### Jerry Carlton

Jerry has volunteered for more than fifty years in various organizations. He serves at Center United Methodist Church, various athletic teams including the Little League, Downtown Business Association, Yadkin Family YMCA, Yadkin Civitan Club and Yadkin Home Place. Jerry was instrumental in bringing the YMCA to Yadkin County. He has been an advocate for handicapped students in Yadkin County Schools, developmentally challenged adults and volunteerism. From youth to senior citizens, Jerry has touched the lives of many individuals. (*Yadkin County*)

### Carol Lee

Carol has volunteered with Hospice of Scotland County for eighteen years. She has served in various capacities and touched the lives of many patients and families. She coordinates successful fundraising events and helps train new Hospice volunteers each year, speaking to them about the gifts volunteerism has brought to her life. Carol has also been a long-time volunteer at her church. Before moving to Scotland County, she served several organizations as a volunteer in New Hanover and Durham counties. Carol's dedication and loyalty to Hospice are selfless and never-ending. (*Scotland County*)

### David Pleace

David has volunteered for Friends of the Carteret County Library for fifteen years, where he donates approximately twelve hours weekly. He has served as a member and officer of the executive board, book wagon salesperson, driver and maintenance expert. He designed and constructed a trailer for book sales in 1997 that is still in use today. David, at 80 years old, has also volunteered for fifteen years at the Beaufort Historical Association and Friends of Fort Macon State Park. His volunteer service has made a difference in the lives of many in his community and beyond. (*Carteret County*)

## *Volunteer Awards County Coordinators*

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