



Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service 2011

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-three years, the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service program has honored the true spirit of volunteerism in our state by recognizing individuals, families, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service.

Created in 2006, the Governor's Medallion Award is presented annually to the state's top twenty volunteers and one paid Director of Volunteers.

It is the Commission on Volunteerism's pleasure to announce the recipients of the 2011 Medallion Award and to provide a description of their outstanding volunteer service on the following pages.

2011 Award Recipients

Ashe County	Ilene Stump
Brunswick County	Barbara Lidoski
Burke County	Minnie Wilson Murphy
Carteret County	Ann Goellner
Chatham County	Dr. Richard M. Forbis
Columbus County	Alice Connor
Currituck County	Virginia Lee Sikes
Durham County	Barbara Collie
Granville County	Penny Hill Extension Volunteer Association
Haywood County	Judy Smith
McDowell County	Kathryn Maxine Padgett
Nash County	Milton Tavarez Battle
New Hanover County	Junior Achievement of the Cape Fear Region
Orange County	Bernard Prabucki
Pender County	Dr. Shelby Chadwick
Scotland County	Norman W. Quick
Vance County	Donna Allen
Washington County	Joey Charles Davenport
Wayne County	Andrea and Caroline Bone
Wayne County	Donna Archer (<i>paid Director of Volunteers</i>)
Yancey County	Jim Parlier

Volunteer Service Categories

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

Individual: An individual volunteer.

Youth Volunteer: A person (age 18 or younger) who volunteers.

Senior Volunteer: A person (age 55 or older) who volunteers.

Outstanding Mentor: An individual volunteer who has demonstrated a commitment to working with children (age 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, group or team that volunteers through a faith-based community organization.

National Service: An individual member of a national service program (AmeriCorps, VISTA, NCCC or Senior Corps) who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service above and beyond the requirements of the designated program.

Family: A family that volunteers together on the same project(s).

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

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

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.

Non-Volunteer Service Category

Director of Volunteers: A paid staff member who exemplifies good management skills in volunteer training, risk management, screening, recognition, evaluation and retention of volunteers (e.g. Director of Volunteers, Manager of Volunteers, or other related titles).

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

Service Category: Individual

Ann Goellner

Since 2000, Ann has not only served but has created and influenced Beaufort Sister Cities, Inc. This includes participation in the International Association of Beaufort, communication in French by public school children through e-pals, the annual Beaufort International Mural Competition, and the French Chef exchange program at Carteret Community College. Ann's volunteer service and leadership has had a major impact on Beaufort's tourism, education, and employment. (*Carteret County*)

Jim Parlier

For 20 years, Jim has volunteered with Yancey County Cooperative Extension Advisory Leadership Council. As current Chair, he is a passionate supporter of Extension. He has assisted with fundraising, using proceeds to support local youth and farm programs, including 4-H. Jim also chairs the Farm City Breakfast, an event that honors Yancey County farm, youth, civic and social leaders. His ability to build relationships throughout the community has benefited Extension greatly. (*Yancey County*)

Bernard Prabucki

Bernie has served as a volunteer coach for 15 years with Special Olympics of Orange County. He shares his passion for sports with a segment of the community who would traditionally be left out or thought not capable of inclusion. He trains adult athletes with intellectual disabilities in soccer, basketball, track and softball. Bernie was selected to train and chaperone athletes to compete in the USA National Games. He always encourages his athletes to be as successful as they can be. (*Orange County*)

Service Category: Youth Volunteer

Milton Tavaréz Battle

Milton volunteers at Swift Creek Elementary School. When he was a student there, he stayed after school to help teachers prepare for the next school day and assisted with car/bus duty. When he entered middle school, Milton was struck with cancer of the knee. Now a sophomore, he continues to volunteer at Swift Creek every summer and sometimes at the end of the school day. Milton is a go-getter and he has not allowed his personal physical obstacles to get him down. (*Nash County*)

Service Category: Senior Volunteer

Barbara Lidoski

Barbara has volunteered for seven years as the non-paid Director of Volunteers for New Hope Clinic, Inc. For 12 hours each week, she manages 70 volunteers, schedules, directs, and supervises nurses, EMTs, and other staff to accommodate a 65% increase in patient visits since 2008. Barbara has a major role in retaining and recruiting volunteers. She has fostered an atmosphere of camaraderie, loyalty, and mutual support among the volunteers. *(Brunswick County)*

Virginia Lee Sikes

In 2005, Ginger has served as the Founder and President of Animal Lovers Assistance League, Inc. Under her leadership, there has been an increase in animal adoptions and humane educational outreach. In five years, the number of members, donors, supporters and volunteers has grown from 10 to more than 500. Plus, a new Currituck Animal Shelter is being planned. Ginger demonstrates high energy, passion, and dedication to helping animals. *(Currituck County)*

Judy Smith

For five years, Judy has volunteer as the Manna Pantry Coordinator at Fines Creek Community Association. She donates about 11 hours each week as she makes trips to Asheville to obtain food and fresh vegetables to supplement households in the rural communities in the county. She oversees the storage of the food, helps pack it in boxes for distribution, recruits volunteers and assists with fundraising efforts. Judy works tirelessly to see that no one goes hungry in her Community. *(Haywood County)*

Service Category: Outstanding Mentor

Alice Connor

Although Alice has been volunteering with the Columbus County RSVP program for more than 16 years, she also volunteers with other organizations. She has provided 16,571 hours of service at 28 different nonprofits and schools. Through her tutoring and mentoring with 4-H, she has reached more than 27,600 children, by helping with enrichment activities, summer camps, forums and youth volunteer training. Alice serves her community to make Columbus County a better place. *(Columbus County)*

Service Category: Faith-Based Volunteerism

Dr. Shelby Chadwick

Dr. Chadwick has volunteered nearly two years as a patient volunteer with Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center. Last year, she documented 30 patient home visits, traveled 1200 miles, made scores of phone calls, provided emotional support for the patient and/or their caregiver, and provided respite for the caregiver. Dr. Chadwick always finds time to volunteer, despite the fact that she teaches numerous classes at Coastal Carolina Community College. (*Pender County*)

Dr. Richard M. Forbis

Dr. Forbis has actively served in various roles for Chatham Habitat for Humanity for nine years. He has been the secretary, vice president and president of the Board of Directors. As a construction volunteer and a crew leader, he has helped to construct 60 homes. He is involved in planning, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, counseling, and committee development. Dr. Forbis' high level of commitment and energy are an unprecedented gift to Chatham HFH. (*Chatham County*)

Service Category: National Service

Minnie Wilson Murphy

Minnie has served as a Foster Grandparent for the Senior Corps program for 11 years. She assists in a Head Start classroom with children ages four-five, most of whom are non-English speaking. She helps the children improve their reading, socialization skills and verbal behavior. Minnie is observant and caring of the children. Her dedication and commitment for volunteering is inspiring. At 97 years old, she normally volunteers four days each week. (*Burke County*)

Kathryn Maxine Padgett

Maxine has volunteered more than six years as a volunteer Foster Grandparent for Senior Corps. She works one-on-one with special needs children by helping them in academic achievement (reading, spelling, math, writing, art and homework) and building their confidence and self-esteem. She is a valuable resource to the teachers she serves. Children, staff and peers all applaud her and her compassion. Maxine is a person who truly lives to serve. (*McDowell County*)

Service Category: Family

Andrea and Caroline Bone

Andrea has been volunteering with WAGES for 13 years. She donates up to 14 hours weekly by delivering meals to homebound citizens, recruiting other volunteers and assisting clients. She also visits Meals on Wheels clients who are in the nursing home for rehabilitation. Andrea has modeled her caring spirit of volunteerism by including her daughter, Caroline, in her volunteer activities. Together, Andrea and 16-year-old Caroline use their compassion to help brighten the lives of others. (*Wayne County*)

Service Category: Group/Team

Junior Achievement of the Cape Fear Region

New Hanover County Schools are served by hundreds of trained community members who volunteer with the JA program. Volunteers provide programs in elementary, middle schools and high schools. They discuss government, the community, the importance of staying in school, career opportunities and basic personal finance. They also provide mentoring and job shadowing opportunities. Each JA volunteer serves in this role to help improve the lives of children in the county. (*New Hanover County*)

Penny Hill Extension Volunteer Association

Penny Hill is a diverse group of 14 volunteers who donated at least 1,900 hours during the year. They were involved in 19 major service activities, including making chemo hats and pillows, and collecting items for the Granville Medical Center. They also served the Ronald McDonald House, Damascus House, Samaritan's Purse, VA Hospital and many others. For more than 10 years, Penny Hill Extension Volunteer Association has been improving the community in which they live. (*Granville County*)

Service Category: Perseverance in Volunteerism

Donna Allen

Despite her confinement to a wheelchair, Donna has volunteered for three years as a tutor and mentor for students at Aycock Elementary School. Donating 10-15 hours weekly, she helps students with reading and writing skills and their Accelerated Reader program tests on the computer. She works with small groups and individual students. Donna is compassionate and very patient when interacting with the children. She is a huge part of the school family at Aycock Elementary. (*Vance County*)

Joey Charles Davenport

For nearly two years Joey has donated eight hours weekly at Pettigrew State Park. He serves as an administrative and maintenance assistant. Despite his personal physical obstacles, he greets park visitors, assists with administrative duties including concessions, campground reservations, mowing, and general maintenance to include campground housekeeping. The Park is so impressed by Joey's perseverance and positive attitude they recently hired him in a seasonal office job. (*Washington County*)

Service Category: Lifetime Achievement

Ilene Stump

Ilene has volunteered with Ashe County Relay for Life for 15-20 years. As the food coordinator and Group Captain, she coordinates food to be sold, secures food donations, organizes the concession stand, and helps organize church group teams and activities. Ilene also volunteers for the Heart Association, Homemaker's Club, Ashe County Airport, and the Sharing Center. At 83 years of age, she is a model of dedication and volunteerism. (*Ashe County*)

Barbara Collie

More than 18 years ago, Barbara helped create Caring House and has continued to serve in a volunteer role since then. Caring House provides patients and caregivers a supportive place to live while they go through outpatient cancer treatment. As a board member, Barbara helps with fundraising, creates policies and engages in donor cultivation. She also volunteers as an ESL tutor, driver and facilitator for the American Cancer Society. Barbara is a model of commitment to service. (*Durham County*)

Norman W. Quick

N.W., the retired Laurinburg Police Chief, has volunteered with Scotland County Parks and Recreation for 50 years. He serves as head football coach of the Laurinburg Redskins in both the Midget and Pop Warner football leagues. He has served as a friend and mentor to all the players, many of which are now local attorneys or business owners who have nothing but praise for the coach. Many lives have been enriched because of N.W.'s dedication and devotion. (*Scotland County*)

Category: Director of Volunteers (Paid)

Donna Archer

Donna has been serving Wayne Memorial Hospital for 18 years; the last eight years she has served as the paid Director of Volunteer Services. She is responsible for supervising nearly a dozen staff and motivating 120 volunteers to high performance and achievement. She recruits, interviews, orients and trains new volunteers. Her rapport with the volunteers is extraordinary. Donna is not only well-respected, but adored for her huge heart. (*Wayne County*)

Volunteer Awards County Coordinators

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