



Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service 2013

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-five years, this statewide awards program has honored the true spirit of volunteerism in our state by recognizing individuals, families, group and teams, and businesses and corporations 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.

On behalf of Governor Pat McCrory, it is the pleasure of the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service to announce and recognize the recipients of the 2013 Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service.

2013 Award Recipients

Edmund "Ed" Adams	Alamance County
Shirley Ann Baldwin	Moore County
Wilma Robinson Boldt	Lenoir County
Susan Bryant	Granville County
Dottie Buker (<i>posthumously</i>)	Yancey County
Chapel Hill 2020 Co-Chairs	Orange County
Erica L. Davidson	Davidson County
Eaton Golf Pride	Scotland County
Sue Glovier	McDowell County
Ann Groves	Dare County
High Riders 4-H Club	Johnston County
F. D. Hornaday, III	Alamance County
Nicoletta Ann Ingianni	Craven County
Fran and Warren Knapp	Randolph County
Debbie Koss McCarthy*	Orange County
Trudy Nelson	Beaufort County
Queens University of Charlotte	Mecklenburg County
Mark Royster, Jr.	Durham County
Donna Street	Burke County
Team Kathy & Fiona	Forsyth County
Teen Christmas Committee	Catawba County

*non-volunteer service category

Award Categories: Volunteer Service

The 2013 Governor's Medallion Awards for Volunteer Service are presented in the following categories:

- Individual
(an individual volunteer)
- Senior
(a person who volunteers and is 55 years of age or older)
- Faith-Based
(an individual, group or team that volunteers through a faith-based community organization)
- Family
(a family that volunteers together on the same project)
- Group/Team
(a group of team of two or more people who volunteer together on the same project under a group or team name)
- Corporate/Business
(a corporation or business that has made a substantial impact in the community by promoting service to their employees by providing volunteer hours or engaging in other volunteer activities)
- 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)

Award Category: Non-Volunteer Service

- Paid Director of Volunteers
(a paid staff member who exceeds expectations of good management skills in volunteer recruitment, training, coordination, risk management, evaluation, retention and recognition)

The following service descriptions were created using information from the award nominations.

EDMUND "ED" ADAMS
Alleghany County

Ed has volunteered with Lions Clubs International for 40 years, where he has served as Past President and an active board member. He led a fight to protect New River from a hydroelectric dam, which resulted in 26 miles of the river receiving the designation of a National Wild and Scenic River. Ed has also served 20 years with AlleghanyCARES, 38 years with the Boy Scouts of America, 28 years with the National Committee for the New River, and has been involved in the establishment and direction of Camp Elk Sholes United Methodist Camp. A professional attorney, Ed shares his legal knowledge with each organization he serves. His professional leadership and compassion have helped many organizations thrive and better serve residents of Alleghany County.

(Award Category: Lifetime Achievement)

SHIRLEY ANN BALDWIN
Moore County

Shirley has volunteered as the Parish Nurse at Pinehurst United Methodist Church for seven years, donating up to 20 hours each week. She supports over 500 church members with medical advice and teaches classes on stress management, obesity control, smoking cessation, exercise, and CPR/AED certification. A registered nurse, with 25 years' experience in coronary and intensive care medicine, she also serves as a Volunteer Nurse Provider at Moore Free Care Clinic, is a council member with Moore County Community Advisory Council, and an AED/CPR/First Aid instructor for Moore County Chapter of American Red Cross. Through her service, Shirley helps many people maintain the best possible quality of life by ensuring their medical needs are met.

(Award Category: Individual)

WILMA ROBINSON BOLDT
Lenoir County

While Wilma is an active volunteer at the national and regional levels, she is being recognized for her volunteer service in Lenoir County. She has been volunteering for 32 years in various jobs at Lenoir Memorial Hospital, including serving as a customer relations instructor for hospital employees. Wilma has more service hours than any other volunteer in the history of the LMH Auxiliary. Wilma has been very successful in organizing and launching a number of special projects to support patients and various departments in the hospital. She has also volunteered for 32 years at First Presbyterian Church, 20 years for East Carolina University, and four years at the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library. Each organization she serves benefits from Wilma's great leadership and service.

(Award Category: Lifetime Achievement)

SUSAN BRYANT
Granville County

Sue's service as a volunteer director began seven years ago with the Area Congregations in Ministry, an organization that feeds the hungry and helps the poor find shelter. Donating more than 40 hours each week, she recruits and trains volunteers, tracks hours of volunteer service and donated food, completes reports, translates and interprets in Spanish, coordinates a budgeting class for clients to learn how to manage basic finances, and helps solve unique client problems. Sue actively encourages people to support and promote ACIM. She helps gather, sort, organize and distribute donated food. Sue and her volunteers provide food delivery to the homebound individuals once a month. Sue serves humbly and gives dignity to those she helps.

(Award Category: Faith-Based Volunteer)

DOTTIE BUKER (posthumously)
Yancey County

Dottie volunteered for more than 25 years in Yancey County, giving hundreds of hours in service to many organizations, committees and projects. She realized the great need for financial support and assistance in the county, so she helped to start the Yancey Foundation. Not only did she contribute personal funds to start the Foundation, but she encouraged others to make financial donations. She was a charter member and served on the board for nine years. Dottie also donated volunteer time to the Yancey County Humane Society, Yancey County Public Library, Yancey County/Burnsville Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission, Woman's Club of Burnsville, Designing Women, and Western North Carolina Quilt Trails.

(Award Category: Lifetime Achievement)

CHAPEL HILL 2020 CO-CHAIRS
Orange County

For up to 20 hours each week for one year, the Chapel Hill 2020 Co-Chairs volunteered to lead an intensive community visioning process to create a new comprehensive plan for Chapel Hill. George Cianciolo and Rosemary Waldorf encouraged community participation, met regularly with Town staff, the Mayor and Town Council to discuss process planning and strategy, facilitated community discussions, and led a team of volunteer facilitators. They raised community awareness about the project and encouraged participation through various outreach efforts. At the end of the project, over 10,000 people had been involved. The outstanding leadership of George and Rosemary created an environment that made every person feel their participation was valuable.

(Award Category: Group/Team)

ERICA L. DAVIDSON
Davidson County

Erica, an employee of Walmart, has been volunteering for Special Olympics Davidson County for five years and has never missed one of their events. She organizes events, recruits and supervises volunteers, provides training, researches the need for products and equipment for the athletes, serves as a buddy to the older athletes, and secures donations of supplies from Walmart. She recruited an unusually large team of 125 of her fellow Walmart employees who also serve as Special Olympics volunteers. Because of this service, Special Olympics received a grant to purchase special needs equipment so every athlete is able to compete under their own ability. Erica's compassion for Special Olympics and the athletes is inspirational. She has created a legacy in Davidson County.

(Award Category: Individual)

EATON GOLF PRIDE
Scotland County

Eaton Golf Pride has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the mission of Hospice of Scotland County for 26 years. Each year, their staff donates hundreds of volunteer hours to sponsor, prepare for, and stage the Richard L. Byrne Memorial Golf Tournament, a charity tournament which attracts up to 200 golfers. All tournament proceeds are donated to Hospice. In addition to their donation of service hours, Eaton Golf Pride secures hundreds of golf-related items for the tournament's silent auction. Through their volunteer work and commitment of resources, they have helped raise over \$3 million for Hospice since the tournament began 26 years ago. Eaton Golf Pride's commitment to Hospice and the community is reflected in each year through their involvement with the tournament.

(Award Category: Corporate/Business Volunteerism)

SUE GLOVIER
McDowell County

Sue has been a volunteer with McDowell County Cooperative Extension Service at the Old Fort Extension and Community Association Club for 60 years. She has served in several leadership roles, including serving as President for twenty consecutive years. Under Sue's leadership, the club raised and donated over \$25,000 to the Old Fort Library and Old Fort Elementary School library. She has also been a volunteer fundraiser for other organizations including Old Fort Crisis Center, Old Fort Volunteer Fire Department, Old Fort Police Department, Healing Hearts Small Animal Rescue, Magical Moments Therapeutic Riding Center and Battered Women's Shelter. Sue has also volunteered at her church for more than 50 years.

(Award category: Lifetime Achievement)

ANN GROVES
Dare County

Ann often donates up to 20 hours a week at the Dare County Center in Manteo, where she helps in the kitchen, delivers meals to homebound clients, and assists the Director with projects. She helped establish and coordinates a Diabetes Support Group at the center, and serves on the Diabetes Advisory Council for the Department of Public Health. Ann coordinates two support groups for caregivers at the Center and works with local adult day care providers to provide respite to the caregivers while they attend support group meetings. She also serves as a Respite Care Volunteer for Dare Home Health & Hospice. A retired social worker, Ann is passionate about helping people in her community and always looking for ways to make life easier and better for others.

(Award Category: Senior Volunteer)

HIGH RIDERS 4-H CLUB
Johnston County

For eighteen years, adult/teen/pre-teen volunteers in this 4-H Club have served with Special Olympics North Carolina. Some volunteers are certified equestrian coaches and spend a minimum of 20 hours preparing athletes for competition each year. They loan their horses, show clothes and tack to the athletes and help them during the competition. The coaches have recruited other volunteers in the county to also become coaches so more athletes can compete. Volunteers also help set up at the state fairgrounds, solicit door prizes and goodie bags for athletes, and arrange for food and entertainment at a dance for the athletes. The service of these club members provides a sense of personal pride and achievement for the athletes.

(Award Category: Group/Team)

F. D. HORNADAY, III
Alamance County

F.D. has served on The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club Advisory Council for 36 years. He has held most positions on the Advisory Council and has made an incredible impact on the Club. He was instrumental in raising funds to build the Boys and Girls Club, and has led fundraising activities that resulted in the employment of staff and purchase of three busses. He has brought many financial supporters and volunteers to the Club. F.D. has also volunteered numerous years on the Alamance Regional Medical Center Board, Front Street Methodist Church Board, MidCarolina Bank/American National Bank and Trust Company, and the United Methodist Foundation. F.D. has a great presence in the community and has impacted the lives of thousands in Alamance County.

(Award Category: Lifetime Achievement)

NICOLETTA ANN INGIANNI
Craven County

When Nikki stopped teaching in the Craven County school system in 2005, she wanted to continue providing students with after-school tutoring, especially in rural areas and neighborhoods where students did not have academic assistance. She purchased a bookmobile, refurbished it, stocked it with books and founded The Little Red Bookmobile, Inc. Nikki has since added another bookmobile and opened the Little Red Bookmobile Afterschool Science Center, where she and other volunteers offer afterschool tutoring in a convenient location in New Bern. She was awarded a grant to provide a "Read-to-Me" program at three Head Start Centers. Through her tireless dedication, Nikki has inspired hundreds of children to want to learn, do better, and believe they can reach their dreams.
(Award Category: Senior Volunteer)

FRAN AND WARREN KNAPP
Randolph County

Fran and Warren have been volunteering 10 hours each week for six years for the Randolph-Asheboro YMCA, where they engage in various volunteer activities. In 2008, they organized and launched a capital campaign, saving the Y over \$250,000 in consultant fees. In the first year of the campaign, they had pledges totaling more than \$1 million and, to date, they have raised \$2.6 million. Due to the success of the campaign, additional services to the citizens of Asheboro and Randolph County have been expanded to include classes for basic computer skills, obesity, and English as a second language. More people are participating in membership and programs at the Y because of the dedication, commitment and service of the Knapp family.
(Award Category: Family Volunteering)

DEBBIE KOSS McCARTHY
Orange County

For 13 years, Debbie has been the Executive Director of the Augustine Literacy Project, an organization that improves the abilities of low-income children and teens who struggle with literacy skills. She has many leadership and management duties; this award focuses on her duties related to directing or managing volunteers. Debbie recruits a large network of volunteer tutors, develops training curricula and resource materials for volunteers, and serves as an instructor for intensive volunteer training courses. This school year, over 400 ALP volunteers will work with more than 400 students in 120 schools in the Triangle Area. The ALP volunteer tutoring model has been replicated in 9 cities in NC. Debbie and the ALP volunteer tutors make a true difference in the lives of many.
(Award Category: Paid Director of Volunteers)

TRUDY NELSON
Beaufort County

Trudy has been volunteering at Vident Beaufort Hospital for 18 years, where she has worked in every volunteer job. Since she began volunteering, she has donated nearly 10,000 hours of service. At 92 years of age, she currently donates about 4 hours each week. She has served patients and their families, visitors, and staff. She serves the Volunteer Department by answering the phone, receiving and recording requests for service, and dispatching volunteers to handle the requests. Trudy is a role model and mentor for many new volunteers at the hospital. Through her dedication and compassion for the patients, visitors and staff, Trudy has volunteered nearly 10,000 hours with the hospital. She has also volunteered for 25 years at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.
(Award Category: Lifetime Achievement)

QUEENS UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTE
Mecklenburg County

Students from Queens University have volunteered every school day for two years as mentors, lunch buddies, tutors and media center assistants at Sedgefield Elementary School. They have helped build eight gardens, eight picnic tables and three compost bins at the school. Students from Queens help with the gardens, teach the children how to eat healthy and help harvest the vegetables, which are donated to Meals on Wheels. They collected and donated over 650 books to the school so every child could own a book. They partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters to ensure the elementary students have a mentor, if they need one. The dedication and support of the Queens University volunteers have had an amazing impact on the Sedgefield students, parents, staff and school.

(Award category: Group/Team)

MARK ROYSTER, JR.
Durham County

Mark has volunteered with Partners for Youth for over six years. In addition to being the current Board Chair and Treasurer, he serves as a mentor to students who are working to overcome obstacles to graduating from high school and enrolling in college. Realizing a need, he helped establish the PFY Boys Group, which brings together other mentors with their mentees in a group setting each month, allowing the students to have access to a number of male role models. He has referred other community mentors to PFY and introduced potential job opportunities to the students. Mark is dedicated to PFY and believes in every student's innate resiliency to bounce back from, or rise above, adversity and obstacles.

(Award Category: Individual)

DONNA STREET
Burke County

Donna has volunteered more than 50 hours a week for three years at A Better Life Animal Rescue, where her goal is to save as many abandoned, abused and homeless animals as possible and to find them a home. She manages the foster care and adoption programs and is a foster mother to a large number of animals. Donna works hand-in-hand with local veterinarians to ensure the rescue animals receive proper treatment and often donates funds to purchase equipment and kennels. She also volunteers in the refurbishment of a facility that will be used for a new rescue and sanctuary for older and handicapped animals. With 20 years' experience in animal rescue, Donna's compassion and service has saved hundreds of animals.

(Award Category: Individual)

TEAM KATHY & FIONA
Forsyth County

For more than three years, Kathy Bergren and Fiona McCormack have been a dedicated volunteer team at The Children's Home, a facility for children that have no one and a refuge for children that are hurting. When Kathy and Fiona began volunteering, they saw a need to remodel and furnish the Clothing Center, which is where the children get clothing when they first arrive at the Home. After the work was done, the team went to their employer, HanesBrands, to ask for their support by donating clothing. Just about every week they donate and deliver all sizes of new clothing to the Center. Kathy and Fiona volunteer each weekend at the Center organizing each new delivery. This team has provided many children with renewed self-esteem and an opportunity to be proud of their new clothes.

(Award Category: Group/Team)

TEEN CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE
Catawba County

For four years, members of the Teen Christmas Committee have donated over 1,000 hours of service in six months to ensure teenagers in the county are not forgotten at Christmas. The committee makes presentations to local civic organizations, churches and business to secure donations for the teens. Last year, they collected over \$7000 in monetary donations and countless age-appropriate items. The committee has established relationships with local retailers that result in deep discounts, translating into more gifts. Last year, the committee provided two gifts to 394 teenagers, aged 13-16. They also assembled more than 250 gift baskets for teenagers. Committee members are driven, tireless and determined. They have made a difference in the lives of many teens in Catawba County.
(Award Category: Group/Team)

Volunteer Awards County Coordinators

The NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service appreciates the continued support and involvement of the county coordinators of the Governor's Volunteer Service Award program. The coordinators for the 20 counties with recipients of the 2013 Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service are listed below. We thank them for their invaluable assistance and service.

Alamance County	Ruth Pruitt (<i>United Way of Alamance County</i>)
Alleghany County	Bob Bamberg (<i>Alleghany County Chamber of Commerce</i>)
Beaufort County	Carolyn Burke (<i>GHM Regional Library</i>)
Burke County	Lynn Doll (<i>J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center</i>)
Catawba County	Cheryl Abee (<i>Catawba County United Way</i>)
Craven County	Tharesa Lee (<i>Neuse River CDC</i>)
Dare County	Bonnie Bennett (<i>Dare County Friends of Youth</i>)
Davidson County	Kristie Hege (<i>United Way of Davidson County</i>)
Durham County	Lynn Odom (<i>The Volunteer Center of Durham</i>)
Forsyth County	Amy Lytle (<i>HandsOn Northwest North Carolina</i>)
Granville County	Deborah Ferrell (<i>Central Regional Hospital</i>)
Johnston County	Wanda Smiley (<i>3HC, Home Health and Hospice Care</i>)
Lenoir County	Lucy Marsten (<i>Kinston-Lenoir County Visitors Center</i>)
McDowell County	Gloria Burrow (<i>McDowell Volunteer Center</i>)
Mecklenburg County	Sarah Degnan (<i>United Way of Central Carolinas</i>)
Moore County	Tommy Deese (<i>Moore County Department of Aging</i>)
Orange County	Lynn Odom (<i>The Volunteer Center of Durham</i>)
Randolph County	Elizabeth Mitchell (<i>United Way of Randolph County</i>)
Scotland County	Rev. Howard Whitehurst
Yancey County	Linda Semon (<i>NC Cooperative Extension</i>)



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