



Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service 2014

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-six 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.

A new component of the awards program, the Governor's Medallion Award, was created in 2006. This 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 2014 Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service.

2014 Award Recipients

Alamance County	Linda Barron
Alleghany County	Ernest Joines
Brunswick County	William McCormack
Columbus County	Dr. Melody Goodman Prevatte*
Dare County	E. J. Koeleveld
Davidson County	Tina Royal
Davie County	Marie Collins
Durham County	Atrayus Omar Goode
Gates County	Xavier Roscoe
Guilford County	Joe White (posthumously)
Moore County	Earl Wright
New Hanover County	The Junior League of Wilmington
Onslow County	Alicia Alford
Orange County	Noah Miller Johnson
Randolph County	Debbie Dennis
Rutherford County	Pat Evans
Sampson County	Thad Toomer
Scotland County	Dr. William Stewart Thomas
Wake County	Hannah Rose Moyles
Union County	David English
Yancey County	Wanda Proffitt

*non-volunteer service category

Award Categories: Volunteer Service

The 2014 Governor's Medallion Awards for Volunteer Service are presented in the following volunteer categories:

- Individual
- Senior (a volunteer who is 55 years of age or older)
- Youth (a volunteer who is age 18 or younger)
- Mentor (a volunteer who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to working with youth ages 18 and younger in a mentoring capacity and/or been actively engaged in other activities that support a mentoring program)
- Group/Team (a group of team of two or more people who volunteer together on the same project under a group or team name)
- 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)

Service descriptions on the following pages were created using information from award nominations.

ALAMANCE COUNTY

Linda Barron

Linda has volunteered approximately 27 hours weekly for 10 years at the Women's Resource Center, an organization that helps women and their families improve their lives through education, support services, networking and community resources.

(Category: Individual Volunteer)

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Ernest Joines

Ernest has volunteered 3-5 days weekly for 20 years with the Alleghany Planning Committee, where he organizes events to raise funds that are used to support low income, elderly and disabled individuals. He has also volunteered 8-10 hours each month for 17 years with Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission. *(Category: Lifetime Achievement)*

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

William McCormack

Bill has volunteered 7 years with Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care. He has donated over 1,250 hours of volunteer service and traveled 22,000 miles – at his own expense – to make more than 550 visits with hospice patients. He also helped raise \$250,000 for a new Hospice House. *(Category: Senior Volunteer)*

COLUMBUS COUNTY

Dr. Melody Goodman Prevatte

Dr. Prevatte has been the Director of Volunteers for the Columbus County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for 16 years, where volunteer engagement in the program has increased by 60%. She is also the Volunteer Services Director at Southeastern Community College. *(Category: Paid Director of Volunteers)*

DARE COUNTY

E.J. Koeleveld

E.J. has volunteered 2 afternoons each week for 20 years at the Kill Devil Hills Library, where he shelves books. It is estimated E.J. has accurately shelved over 416,000 books, helping the library be more effective for their customers. *(Category: Individual Volunteer)*

DAVIDSON COUNTY

Tina Royal

Tina has volunteered for 2-3 days weekly for 18 years with the City of Lexington Parks and Recreation Department as a coach for youth sports and cheerleading. She has also volunteered with Communities in Schools and Davidson County Relay for Life. *(Category: Lifetime Achievement)*

DAVIE COUNTY

Marie Collins

Marie has volunteered daily for 21 years at A Storehouse for Jesus, an organization she founded that provides food, clothing and medical needs to those in need. Through her efforts, assistance is provided each year to 2,700 clients and an additional 2,600 people receive free medical assistance. *(Category: Lifetime Achievement)*

DURHAM COUNTY

Atrayus Omar Goode

Atrayus has volunteered for 7 years as the Executive Director at Movement of Youth, a comprehensive educational and mentoring program he founded to expand opportunities for diverse middle and high school students. The organization impacts over 200 students who are served by 70 college mentors from UNC, Duke, and NC Central universities. *(Category: Mentor)*

GATES COUNTY

Xavier Roscoe

Xavier has volunteered 4 years in the Peers Empowering Peers program with Gates County Cooperative Extension. He volunteers 40 hours weekly in the summer and 9 hours weekly during the school year as a youth leader, role model and mentor to other youth. He also recruits youth for 4-H. *(Category: Youth Volunteer)*

GUILFORD COUNTY

Joe White (posthumously)

Joe volunteered 5 hours each Wednesday for 25 years with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro, where he helped build over 400 homes. He volunteered 26 years with American Red Cross and 37 years at his church. *(Category: Lifetime Achievement)*

MOORE COUNTY

Earl Wright

Earl has volunteered more than 20 years with Project Santa, a project he created that locates discarded bicycles, repairs them and gives them to underprivileged children at Christmas. He partners with the Coalition for Human Care where those who receive a bike are asked to donate 4 non-perishable food items which are given to those in need. Up to 650 bikes have been distributed in 1 year. *(Category: Lifetime Achievement)*

NEW HANOVER COUNTY
The Junior League of Wilmington

Volunteers in The Junior League are being recognized for their 2 years of service dedicated to Wilmington's inner-city. They started a Backpack Buddies program that provides school children with food for the weekends and have hosted community events to provide fresh vegetables free to those living in the community. *(Category: Group or Team)*

ONSLow COUNTY
Alicia Alford

Alicia has volunteered over 4 years as the manager for the Girls on the Run and STRIDE of Coastal Carolinas programs, which encourage pre-teen girls and boys to develop self-respect and healthy life styles through running. *(Category: Individual Volunteer)*

ORANGE COUNTY
Noah Miller Johnson

Noah has volunteered for nearly 2 years with Volunteers for Youth-Teen Court, which focuses on education, civic engagement and responsibility. He has served as a Teen Court attorney in 36 cases and helped guide 22 youth offenders through their first court experience. *(Category: Youth Volunteer)*

RANDOLPH COUNTY
Debbie Dennis

Debbie has volunteered 14 years with Habitat for Humanity and 10 years with Hospice. She created a World War II Veteran's Memorial at which more than 400 people have recognized their loved ones with a commemorative brick in the Memorial's garden. *(Category: Individual Volunteer)*

RUTHERFORD COUNTY
Pat Evans

Pat volunteers, full-time, as the director of Storehouse Pantry, an organization she co-founded 4 years ago to help feed the hungry in her county. In one year, the Pantry distributed over 1.2 million pounds of food and supplies to those in need. *(Category: Individual Volunteer)*

SAMPSON COUNTY
Thad Toomer

Thad has volunteered 30 hours weekly for 6 years as a child advocate with the Guardian ad Litem program. He has served as an advocate for over 40 abused or neglected children, helping them to have a safe, permanent home. *(Category: Individual Volunteer)*

SCOTLAND COUNTY

Dr. William Stewart Thomas

Dr. Thomas has volunteered over 3 hours weekly for 13 years at Hospice of Scotland County. Through his various leadership roles, he has helped raise over \$3 million for Hospice. He has also volunteered for 17 years for Scotland County's Relay for Life. *(Category: Individual Volunteer)*

WAKE COUNTY

Hannah Rose Moyles

Hannah volunteers 20 hours weekly with "From Ewe to You", an organization she founded 4 years ago that helps disadvantaged people and empowers youth and others through community service. Her organization collects and donates items to many local organizations including homeless shelters, food banks, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Wake County. *(Category: Youth Volunteer)*

UNION COUNTY

David English

David has volunteered nearly 9 years with Union County Community Shelter, a homeless shelter and soup kitchen. Through his volunteer efforts with various organizations in the county, he has helped raise nearly \$250,000 to help meet the unmet needs of people in the community. *(Category: Individual Volunteer)*

YANCEY COUNTY

Wanda Proffitt

Wanda has volunteered 33 years with the Yancey County Economic Development Commission, where she currently donates 30 hours a week as the Executive Director. Wanda has volunteered with many other organizations, including 23 years with Spruce Pine Community Hospital. *(Category: Lifetime Achievement)*



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