

# Community Involvement Awards Nomination Packet

Recognizing exemplary volunteers in Washington County



**Submit your nomination to-**

**Recognition and Special Events Committee  
Community Thread  
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Download nomination forms: [www.communitythreadmn.org](http://www.communitythreadmn.org)**

**Nominations due-**

**Friday, March 5, 2010**

**Community Thread partners with the Washington County Board of Commissioners to commend outstanding volunteers and the positive impact they make in Washington County. An annual awards ceremony is held at a Board of Commissioners meeting each April to celebrate National Volunteer Week.**

*National Volunteer Week is sponsored by the  
Points of Light Institute & Hands On Network  
National Volunteer Week April 18<sup>th</sup> - April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

# Community Involvement Awards

Community Involvement Awards were first developed in 1975 to recognize volunteers in Washington County for their exemplary volunteer service. The program provides an opportunity for the Washington County Board of Commissioners to recognize how volunteers contribute to the strength of the community. In pure dollar and cents, the value of a volunteer is figured at \$20.25 per hour, as reported by the Independent Sector. Each year volunteers in Washington County contribute millions of dollars of service to our communities. We salute volunteers for their invaluable contributions to strengthen our community!

Community Involvement Awards are presented each year during a Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting during or close to the time of National Volunteer Week. National Volunteer Week is a time to say, “thank you” to all volunteers who contribute their interests, skills, kindness, and time to help others and strengthen of communities in Washington County.

## **Selection and Award**

A Community Involvement Awards committee comprised of award recipients from previous years, the Community Thread Board of Directors, staff members, and local volunteer managers review nominations and select recipients.

Only one nomination for an individual or a group will be selected for each award. (Community Thread reserves the right to honor more than one nomination in the case of a tie.) We commend all volunteers and will publicize the names of nominees and sponsoring organizations during National Volunteer Week.

*“We need your service right now, at this moment in history. I’m asking you to stand up and play your part. I’m asking you to help change history’s course, put your shoulder up against the wheel. And if you do, I promise you your life will be richer, our country will be stronger, and someday, years from now, you may remember it as the moment when your own story and the American story converged, when they came together, and we met the challenges of our new century.” –President Barack Obama, Remarks given after the signing of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009*

## Lifetime Award

The Lifetime Award is intended to recognize a single volunteer for their commitment to volunteerism. To be eligible to receive the Lifetime Award, the nominee meets these criteria:

- Demonstrates dedication, enthusiasm, and exceptional volunteer service in at least two organizations during a time span of 10 or more years.
- The nominee has breadth and depth of volunteerism which has made a positive impact in the community.
- An adult, 30 years of age or older.
- Resides in a community of Washington County or engages in volunteer work in a community of Washington County.

## Outstanding Award

The Outstanding Volunteer Award is intended to recognize a single volunteer, for his or her commendable volunteer service that meets the needs in the community. To be eligible to receive the Outstanding Volunteer Award, the nominee(s) must meet these criteria:

- Demonstrates strong volunteer service in at least one organization during a span of 1 or more years.
- The nominee has shown dedication, innovation, and made a difference through his or her volunteerism.
- An adult, 19 years of age or older
- Resides in a community of Washington County or engages in volunteer work in a community of Washington County.

## Youth Award

The Youth Volunteer Award is intended to recognize young people for volunteer service in strengthening the community. To be eligible to receive the Youth Volunteer Award, the nominee(s) must meet these criteria:

- Demonstrates strong volunteer service in at least one organization, event or special project that serves needs of the community.
- The nominee(s) demonstrate initiative, commitment, and enthusiasm.
- A youth or young adult, 18 years of age or younger
- Resides in a community of Washington County or engages in volunteer work in a community of Washington County.

## Outstanding Group Award

The Outstanding Group Award is intended to recognize a group of volunteers for their commendable volunteer service that benefits the community. To be eligible to receive the Outstanding Group Award, the nominees must meet these criteria:

- The nominees demonstrate initiative, commitment and enthusiasm as a team.
- Engages in volunteer service as a group.
- Resides in a community of Washington or engages in volunteer work in a Community of Washington County.

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Indicate the Category For Your Nomination

Lifetime Volunteer Award  
 Outstanding Volunteer Award  
 Youth Volunteer Award  
 Outstanding Group Award

Please Complete the Following Information

<b><u>Name of Nominee,</u></b> <b>(Individual Name, or Group Name)</b>		<b>E-mail Address</b> <b>(For group, provide one member's contact information)</b>	
Day Phone	Evening Phone	Is There A Preferred Time to Call? <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Evening	Age Category <input type="checkbox"/> 18 or under <input type="checkbox"/> 19 or older
Address		Community/City in Washington County	State <input type="checkbox"/> MN <input type="checkbox"/> WI
<b><u>Nominated by</u></b>		Position and Relationship to Nominee	Name of Agency/ Organization (if applicable)
Your E-Mail Address		Organization Web Site Address	Day Phone Eve Phone

*For Youth Nominees: Complete if Nominee is 18 Years of Age or Younger*

Parent or Legal Guardian Name	Day Phone and E-Mail Address
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**Please attach additional information on a separate sheet if necessary.  
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*Please write a summary of volunteer accomplishments for which this individual or group has contributed to the community. Attach additional information. We welcome letters of support and pictures.*

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*Complete the following section to the best of your knowledge. Attach additional information.*

Volunteer Position	Volunteer Duties	Organization	Year of service	Length of service

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