



# PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

## 2006 State Report

### New York

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The Honorable George Pataki  
Governor  
Office of the Governor  
633 3rd Avenue  
New York, NY 10017-6706

Dear Governor Pataki:

We are pleased to provide you with this first Annual State Report presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The State Report provides a summary of your state's commitment to the President's Volunteer Service Award Program since its inception in 2004. The Council works in partnership with businesses, nonprofit groups, schools, and other organizations across the country to honor local volunteers with the Award. More than 16,000 organizations across the nation have recognized over 400,000 Americans with this honor.

Citizens of all ages and backgrounds are giving of their time and talents to improve lives and strengthen communities. In 2005, more than 65 million Americans volunteered to help their neighbors and communities through service. The President's Volunteer Service Award is one way we pay tribute to these volunteers.

The Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period.

Today, we challenge you to help advance this national volunteer recognition movement and celebrate the volunteer contributions of your residents especially during National Volunteer Week. I hope your office will join us in honoring your state's most valuable assets – volunteers.

Sincerely,

Kari Dunn  
Executive Director

**PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD STATISTICS**  
 October 1, 2004 – April 14, 2006

**National Statistics**

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	1,510		<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>Total</b>
2005	7,682	<b>2006</b>	36,163	18,554	28,093	11,090	<b>93,900</b>
2004	6,418	<b>2005</b>	73,851	37,847	55,972	32,197	<b>199,867</b>
2003	1,385	<b>2004</b>	38,686	26,436	34,040	11,538	<b>110,700</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,995</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>148,700</b>	<b>82,837</b>	<b>118,105</b>	<b>54,825</b>	<b>404,467</b>
Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)							
	<b>Ages 5-14</b>	<b>Ages 15-25</b>	<b>Ages 26-64</b>	<b>Ages 65+</b>	<b>Total</b>		
<b>2006</b>	859,503	3,852,879	72,125,017	70,247,750	<b>147,662,149</b>		
<b>2005</b>	2,074,400	6,990,129	31,029,401	79,432,771	<b>119,526,701</b>		
<b>2004</b>	290,654	747,079	8,451,545	56,811,121	<b>66,300,399</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,224,557</b>	<b>11,590,087</b>	<b>111,605,963</b>	<b>207,068,642</b>	<b>333,489,249</b>		
Number of Awards in Presidential Priority Service Area							
		<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>		
	<b>Youth Achievement</b>	20,493	46,725	9,924	<b>77,142</b>		
	<b>Parks and Open Space</b>	4,033	4,175	515	<b>8,723</b>		
	<b>Healthy Communities</b>	70,115	88,442	32,186	<b>190,743</b>		
	<b>Public Safety and Emergency Response</b>	12,013	8,113	1,198	<b>21,324</b>		

**New York's Statistics**

Since 2004, 19,147 citizens of New York have received the PVSA recognizing 20,407,442 hours of service.

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	75		<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>Total</b>
2005	436	<b>2006</b>	2,083	790	752	868	<b>4,493</b>
2004	332	<b>2005</b>	4,621	2,137	3,282	1,361	<b>11,401</b>
2003	59	<b>2004</b>	743	408	1,592	510	<b>3,253</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,447</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>5,626</b>	<b>2,739</b>	<b>19,147</b>
Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)							
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<b>2006</b>	29,204	109,633	720,239	4,550,534	<b>5,449,543</b>		
<b>2005</b>	67,148	170,279	4,691,799	4,868,396	<b>9,797,872</b>		
<b>2004</b>	10,782	53,307	357,130	4,738,808	<b>5,160,027</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,134</b>	<b>333,219</b>	<b>5,769,168</b>	<b>14,157,738</b>	<b>20,407,442</b>		

## Award recipients in your state:



**Alex Long (Geneva, NY)**  
*Certified by: Boy Scouts of America*

Although he is only 14 years old, Alex Long already has an internal sense of “duty to others” and demonstrates this characteristic in his daily life. As an enthusiastic Eagle Scout, he believes in the Boy Scout slogan of “Do a good turn daily.” His activities in Scouts and with his community exemplify his altruistic character. In 2005 alone, this civic-minded young man contributed over 140 hours of community service. He looks for places or people to help and his thoughtful consideration is demonstrated in things like volunteering at the local soup kitchen, assisting the Sheriff’s volunteer mounted unit, raising funds for Hurricane Katrina victims, entertaining Senior Citizens, and participating in Boy Scout service projects including Scouting for Food, roadside cleanup and Salvation Army bell ringing. One of the largest community service projects Alex undertook was the restoration of an 1800’s schoolhouse for his Eagle Scout project. The project enabled the resurrection of a historical display and educational tool to relive our American heritage

**Herbert Black (Utica, NY)**  
*Certified by: RSVP*

Herbert Black started his volunteer career for the Oneida County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (OCRSVP) providing transportation for needy individuals from the OCRSVP, the Volunteer Center of Mohawk Valley, Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the American Red Cross Utica Chapter. Herb’s volunteer time provided much more than a “ride.” His driving helped prevent isolation, promote independence and gave the needy access to health care, employment, stores, entertainment, and social activities. In 2004, he volunteered 715 hours driving 21,775 miles throughout the Oneida, Onondaga and Herkimer counties. Herb has chauffeured as far as Boston Memorial Hospital and traveled as far east as Syracuse for consumers’ doctor appointments. Throughout the calendar year, Herb drives clients to medical appointments in and outside of Oneida County, fulfilling RSVP and Volunteer Center’s requests. Herb realizes that transportation is a huge demand, and has recruited other volunteers. Herb is a true hero with a long history of charitable work.

## How you can use the President’s Volunteer Service Award in your state:

- On your state’s website, promote your state’s President’s Volunteer Service Award winners, and include a link and banner for the President’s Volunteer Service Award.
- Issue a press release highlighting outstanding volunteers and encouraging others to volunteer and aspire to receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award. For a sample press release, please visit [www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nw/tools.cfm](http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nw/tools.cfm)
- Challenge local and state governmental offices to register as Certifying Organizations for the President’s Volunteer Service Award and issue 25 Awards by 2007 National Volunteer Week
- Encourage organizations (e.g., nonprofits and businesses) to sign up as Award partner organizations by distributing a special invitation during National Volunteer Week
- Whether or not you have a governor’s volunteer awards program, consider partnering with us to deliver a statewide volunteer recognition program modeled after the President’s Volunteer Service Award. For an example of a state’s volunteer award program, please visit <http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov/S/California/>
- Register your state as a Certifying Organization and start recognizing your volunteers with this Presidential recognition. For more details, please contact Tomme Beevas at 202-729-8018 or [TBeevas@PointsofLight.org](mailto:TBeevas@PointsofLight.org).

## About the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation:

President George W. Bush established USA Freedom Corps in January of 2002, and he called on all Americans to serve a cause greater than themselves. One year later, he created the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation to help recognize the contributions of America’s volunteers. The Council strives to promote and recognize outstanding volunteer service and raise awareness of the many ways in which Americans can help meet the needs of individuals within their communities and around the world. The Council brings together leaders from business, entertainment, sports, education, government, nonprofits, and the media, each of whom has demonstrated a commitment to service and volunteering in his or her own life. For more information about the President’s Council and its members, please visit [www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov).