



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

2006 State Report

Georgia

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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

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		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	7,682	2006	36,163	18,554	28,093	11,090	93,900
2004	6,418	2005	73,851	37,847	55,972	32,197	199,867
2003	1,385	2004	38,686	26,436	34,040	11,538	110,700
Total	16,995	Total	148,700	82,837	118,105	54,825	404,467

Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)					
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total
2006	859,503	3,852,879	72,125,017	70,247,750	147,662,149
2005	2,074,400	6,990,129	31,029,401	79,432,771	119,526,701
2004	290,654	747,079	8,451,545	56,811,121	66,300,399
Total	3,224,557	11,590,087	111,605,963	207,068,642	333,489,249

Number of Awards in Presidential Priority Service Area				
	2006	2005	2004	Total
Youth Achievement	20,493	46,725	9,924	77,142
Parks and Open Space	4,033	4,175	515	8,723
Healthy Communities	70,115	88,442	32,186	190,743
Public Safety and Emergency Response	12,013	8,113	1,198	21,324

Georgia's Statistics

Since 2004, 4,011 citizens of Georgia have received the PVSA recognizing 3,450,612 hours of service.

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	44		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	228	2006	588	224	458	27	1,297
2004	218	2005	950	295	438	309	1,992
2003	36	2004	194	133	309	86	722
Total	526	Total	1,732	652	1,205	422	4,011

Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)					
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total
2006	16,942	181,741	202,826	238,332	677,093
2005	17,841	80,542	901,840	907,235	1,907,458
2004	7,533	46,477	24,791	781,367	866,061
Total	42,316	308,760	1,129,457	1,926,934	3,450,612



Award recipients in your state:

Rob Langley (Lawrenceville, GA)

Certified by: Gwinnett County Senior Services

Rob Langley donates food, materials and staff time to prepare hundreds of meals that are sold to area businesses and organizations to support the county's Meals on Wheels program. Thanks to Rob and his staff, \$50,000 has been raised to help feed needy seniors through Meals on Wheels. This charity lunch is annually sponsored by Friends of Gwinnett County Senior Services (FOGCSS), which raises funds to privately support or supplement selected senior programs. Langley believes that it is important to support Meals on Wheels, stating, "Our seniors have helped to pave the way for each of us. As a business owner with resources, it is important to me to give back to those who have given so much." Rob and his team have lived up to his statement by giving more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time to the Outback at Work charity lunch and helping Meals on Wheels could meet the needs of local seniors.

"Miss Edith" Harvey (Gwinnett County, GA)

Certified by: Gwinnett County Senior Services

In January 2006, Miss Edith – one of Gwinnett County's oldest and most dedicated volunteers celebrated her 92nd birthday. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, she is transported to the Lawrenceville Senior Center for a day of scheduled activities, but Miss Edith makes a detour, heading to the center's kitchen to help prepare meals for other seniors. In 1978, she came to Gwinnett County Senior Services as a volunteer and has helped prepare more than a million meals for seniors over the past 27 years, compiling almost 18,000 volunteer hours for Gwinnett Senior Services. In addition to working more than 50 years, Edith Harvey managed to raise 11 of her own children and six stepchildren. Miss Edith has since been a "parent figure" to many of the inmates assigned to work in the Senior Center kitchen through the years. She guesses that she has "been momma" to more than 100 prisoners and reckons "not a single one has gone back bad." Her humility underscores the value of her service, because she is quick to point out "if she has helped feed more than one million people as a volunteer, God had to provide the good food for them in the first place."

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
- 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.

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.

