



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

2006 State Report

New Mexico

The President's Volunteer Service Award is an initiative of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in conjunction with

Corporation for
**NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE** 

USA 
Freedom Corps
Make a Difference. Volunteer.

administered by Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network.

www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov



June 19, 2006

The Honorable Bill Richardson
Governor
Office of the Governor
State Capitol, 4th Floor
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Richardson:

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

New Mexico's Statistics

Since 2004, 1,763 citizens of New Mexico have received the PVSA recognizing 2,630,592 hours of service.

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	9		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	46	2006	200	111	165	157	633
2004	50	2005	196	222	365	71	854
2003	1	2004	4	11	127	134	276
Total	106	Total	400	344	657	362	1,763

Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)					
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total
2006	8,231	20,970	544,298	411,615	1,000,600
2005	1,947	-	10,853	680,926	693,726
2004	-	-	-	936,266	936,266
Total	10,178	20,970	555,151	2,028,807	2,630,592



Award recipient in your state:



Sharon Gordon (Albuquerque, NM)

Certified by: Albuquerque TVI Community College

Sharon Gordon is a role model and single parent who volunteers herself and seeks to instill an ethic of service in her son. She and her son can be seen volunteering with local not-for-profits on weeknights and on weekends. Recently, Sharon assisted TVI students with designing and developing blood drives with United Blood Services of New Mexico that resulted in TVI being named a "Life Sustaining Institution" and receiving "Collegiate Blood Drive of the Year Award." She also was involved in developing a Civic Engagement Leadership Program for Latino immigrant parents who volunteer in the local public schools. Sharon taught herself Spanish and has developed team-building exercises that include having the parents work as crew members with hot air balloon pilots. Her efforts have resulted in 20 parents receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award. Sharon Gordon is an exemplary citizen who is committed to civic engagement and building civil societies.

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/nvw/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.