



# PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

## 2006 State Report

### Utah

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The Honorable Jon Huntsman  
Governor  
Utah State Capitol Complex,  
East Office Building, Suite E220  
PO Box 142220  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-2220

Dear Governor Huntsman:

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>

**Utah's Statistics**

Since 2004, 3,790 citizens of Utah have received the PVSA recognizing 3,543,774 hours of service.

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	6		<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>Total</b>
2005	83	<b>2006</b>	136	106	261	67	<b>570</b>
2004	83	<b>2005</b>	860	434	1,010	101	<b>2,405</b>
2003	30	<b>2004</b>	379	151	205	80	<b>815</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>3,790</b>

  

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<b>2006</b>	726	6,418	9,842	767,659	<b>784,645</b>
<b>2005</b>	122,921	41,197	82,868	1,726,309	<b>1,973,295</b>
<b>2004</b>	3,551	5,762	50,094	726,122	<b>785,834</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,198</b>	<b>53,377</b>	<b>142,804</b>	<b>3,220,090</b>	<b>3,543,774</b>

## Award recipients in your state:

### **Andrea Boone (Salt Lake City, UT)**

*Certified by: Salt Lake County Aging Services RSVP*

As a Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteer for the local American Red Cross chapter, Andrea Boone of Salt Lake City provides a valuable service. DAT members are the first Red Cross volunteers to the scene of a disaster and provide immediate disaster relief assistance, such as shelter, food, and clothing, to people displaced because of a disaster. With more than 620 volunteer hours in the last year, she has responded to a variety of emergency calls in the middle of the night. Andrea is the caring shoulder for families in crisis; she is the one who meets with and listens to victims and helps them get what they need to survive their desperate situations. She helps families whose homes have burned down, goes on search and rescue missions, meets victims in hospital emergency rooms, and provides food and supplies to rescue workers. Andrea advocates with her peers about the great need in our community for volunteers to get involved. No matter the task, she is there making things easier and better for everyone.

### **La Rue Reece (Park City, UT)**

*Certified by: National Ability Center*

Although La Rue is a quiet and unassuming man, he serves as a powerful inspiration to the staff and clients of the National Ability Center in Park City. During the summer of 2005, La Rue contacted the Center about potential volunteer opportunities. The fact that the National Ability Center is located in Park City, more than 3,000 miles from his home in Pennsylvania, did not seem to matter to La Rue. Whether it required taking on a fleet of adaptive bicycles, working on canoes or fixing and maintaining the summer equipment, he faithfully asked for another task after finishing each job. La Rue worked hard each week to ensure he maintained his personal time commitment of at least 40 hours each week. As winter approached, La Rue also began volunteering at the Center's ski facility at Park City Mountain Resort. Here, he quickly assessed the work needing to be done on the adaptive equipment used in lessons for the diverse clientele of the Center. His efforts helped make the ski program a huge success. Now home in Pennsylvania, La Rue continues to keep in contact with the Center, keeping the Center informed about a new idea or approach to a problem he has found. His continual service and selflessness is greatly appreciated, and the National Ability Center is fortunate to be the ongoing beneficiary of his service.

## 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).

