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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

June 26, 1996

TO: AmeriCorps Project Directors, Project Managers and Members

FROM: Joel Berg, USDA Director of National Service *JB*

SUBJECT: USDA AmeriCorps Program Awards

In April the USDA AmeriCorps Taskforce solicited nominations from the field for six different awards. The taskforce voted on the nominations based on the criteria established for each award. It is my pleasure to announce the winners of these awards:

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| USDA AmeriCorps Project Director of the Year | Leroy Tull - Oklahoma-NRCS          |
| USDA AmeriCorps Project Manager of the Year  | Gary Fine - Louisiana-NRCS          |
| USDA AmeriCorps Member of the Year           | Rosie Watkins - Georgia-RECD        |
| USDA AmeriCorps Team of the Year             | NRCS - Chicago, IL                  |
| USDA AmeriCorps State of the Year            | Louisiana - NRCS and RECD           |
| USDA AmeriCorps Community of the Year        | Bowling Green Champion<br>Community |
| Special Achievement                          | Rod Atterbery - FSA                 |

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the award winners and to thank them for the tremendous job they have done in the AmeriCorps Program.

Let me also thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the USDA AmeriCorps Program. Without the team of professionals who we have been fortunate to have working with us in the field, and the dedicated AmeriCorps Members, we would not have a program. Thank you all for your support, both in the past and in the future.

September 15, 1995

SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR AND/OR AWARD  
OF RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT AND  
EFFORT, WITH THE AMERICORP PROGRAM

TO: DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SERVICE, JOEL BERG  
STATE DIRECTOR, RECD NEW MEXICO  
DISTRICT DIRECTOR, SANTA FE NEW MEXICO

This letter is to nominate County Supervisor Mr. Eric Vigil for supervisor of the year/and or request some special recognition for outstanding support and effort in reference to the Americorp Program.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum sent to the four corners Americorpse news letter. Please use this memorandum as per the subject request. Also please file in Mr. Vigils Personal file. Mr. Vigil has done and outstanding job.

If you have any questions concerning this information please contact me at the Bernalillo County office in Bernalillo New Mexico at (505)867-2358.

Sincerely,

*Jason DeHerrera*

Jason DeHerrera  
Americorps Member  
Rural Development Team

cc:Personal

John Thomas (RECD-Americorp Coordinator)  
Lloyd Whilheim (CFSA-Americorp Facilitator)

Hello! I am Jason DeHerrera an Americorps Member from the central part of the state, working out of the wonderful little barrio Bernalillo New Mexico. I just completed my tour as an Americorps Member as I am sure all of us have. I think congratulations are in order for all of us for a job well done. The purpose of this memoranda is twofold. First, I would like to thank all of you wonderful special people for being a part of this great program because each and everyone of you great persons. It was through all of our efforts that this program achieved for the part the desired results. All of us should be proud of the accomplishments and I am sure that those that benefitted will always be grateful and will never forget those of us who so unselfishly gave of our free time and talents to those in need. It was a great year and I wish everybody the best in whatever they choose to do. Good luck everyone, you are all great and wonderful people.

Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a very special person who did not need any special or better training concerning the administration of our wonderful Americorps Program. I realize that during our last get together "Our Graduation" a message was conveyed that identified a possible need to train our supervisors a little better as to what they need to know to assist the Americorps Members in a more efficient manner. I realize that this may have been the case in some instances, however this was not true in my particular situation. I personally received most of my project information from my County Supervisor Mr. Eric Vigil. Mr. Vigil gave freely of his time in and out of the work place he assisted guided and participated in all projects including; Cluster Meetings and outlined Projects pertaining to Bernalillo and Sandoval County. Thank you Mr. Eric Vigil for everything you taught and did for me. As an Americorps Member who recently completed the program, I wish to nominate My County Supervisor Mr. Eric Vigil, as AMERICORPS SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR. Mr. Vigil is one of very few if not the only County Supervisors who willingly and unselfishly gave of his own free time and talents to ensure that the Americorps Program was successful at least within his jurisdictional area. Mr. Eric Vigil is worthy of this honor and recognition because it was through his efforts and assistance to me and others that we were able to get things done for America.

Sincerely,

*Jason DeHerrera*

Jason DeHerrera

**PROCUREMENT REQUEST**

INSTRUCTIONS: Agencies must provide entries in unshaded areas. See reverse.

TO: (Procurement Office)

*Admin Spt*

1. REQUESTING OFFICE

*National Soc*

2 RECEIVING OFFICE NO.	3 CONTRACT NUMBER (If Applicable)	4 ORDER DATE	5	6 UNIT CODE	7 FUND CODE	8 PURCHASE/DELIVERY ORDER NUMBER	9 SUB.	1A. PROCUREMENT REQUEST NO. <i>96-02</i>
								1B. DATE <i>6-27-96</i>

CHECK ONE <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery Order	10. TO: (Seller) <i>Trophy Mart 7221 Little River Turnpike Annandale, VA 22003 703-750-7070/FA 703-750-2352</i>	11. SHIP TO: (Consignee and Destination) <i>Joel Berg STOP 1320, Rm 538 1400 Independence Ave SW Wash DC</i> <input type="checkbox"/> INSIDE DELIVERY REQUESTED
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12 LINE ITEM	13 ACT. CODE	14 DESCRIPTION	15 BUDGET OBJECT	16 ACC. LINE	17 QUANTITY	18 UNIT ISSUE	19 UNIT PRICE	20 AMOUNT
		<i>P-1987 B lettering (see attached)</i>			<i>1</i>		<i>64.65 13.77</i>	<i>64.65 13.77</i>
		For additional information, please contact: <i>Dee DiFiore</i> <i>690-3051</i> TECHNICAL CONTACT TELEPHONE NO.						

21 FOB POINT	22 DISCOUNT TERMS	25 Sub-Total ▶ <i>75.42</i>
23 REQUIRED DELIVERY (Do not use ASAP)	23A NEGOTIATED DELIVERY	24 SHIP VIA
		26 ESTIMATED FREIGHT <i>10.00</i>
		27 TOTAL ▶ <i>85.42</i>

28 ACC. LINE	29 ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION					30 DISTRIBUTION	31 AMOUNT
-2	A 5	B 10	C 3	D 4	E 1-4-1-2	-2	
	<i>60175</i>						

RECOMMENDED SOURCE(S) (If necessary, use attachment)	I certify that the above items are necessary for use in the public service.
	TITLE <i>[Signature]</i>
	SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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1. T/C <b>8IE</b>	2. FUND CODE <b>TZ</b>	3. UNIT CODE	4. VOUCHER NUMBER <b>13069</b>
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5. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION		6. BUDGET OBJECT CODE	7. HOURS/OR FUND CODE/UNIT CODE
A B C 23	D 4	E 6	2
1	23	4	2
<b>60481810090</b>		<b>2510</b>	<b>90 00</b>
11. PREPARED BY <b>R. DEMUNBRUN</b>		10. TOTAL ▶ <b>90 00</b>	
12. AUDITED/APPROVED BY		13. DATE	14. AGENCY CODE
15. UNIT CERTIFYING OFFICER CONTROL CODE (T/C 8IE Only) <b>JBERG</b>		16. UNIT CERTIFYING OFFICER SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
18. TITLE <b>DIRECTOR NATIONAL SERVICE</b>		17. DATE <b>6/16/96</b>	
20. REMARKS		19. PHONE (Area Code and Number) <b>(202) <del>557</del> 720-5746</b>	
		Check One ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> FTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMM	
21. T/C <b>8IR</b>	22. FUND CODE <b>UI</b>	23. UNIT CODE	24. BILL NUMBER <b>00456</b>
25. COLLECTIONS (INCOME)			
26. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION		27. BUDGET OBJECT CODE	28. FUND CODE/UNIT CODE
A B C 23	D 4	E 6	2
1	23	4	2
1	23	4	2
<b>1 60175</b>		<b>2510</b>	<b>90 00</b>
32. PREPARED BY <i>[Signature]</i>		31. TOTAL ▶ <b>90 00</b>	
33. APPROVED BY <i>[Signature]</i>		34. DATE <b>6-26-96</b>	35. AGENCY CODE <b>16</b>
37. REMARKS <b>Awards for Dee DiStiore 690-305/</b>		36. PHONE (Area Code and Number) <b>202-220-5982</b>	
		Check One ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> FTS <input type="checkbox"/> COMM	

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*Admin Office*

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*Office of National Sub*

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								1B. DATE <i>4-23-96</i>

CHECK ONE <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery Order	10. TO: (Seller) <i>Trophy Mart 7221 Little River Turnpike Annadale, VA 22003 Ph 703-750-9080/FAX-703-750-2352</i>	11. SHIP TO: (Consignee and Destination) <i>Joel Berg FG Box 1301, Rm 541A Wash DC 20250</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> INSIDE DELIVERY REQUESTED

12 LINE ITEM	13 ACT. CODE	14 DESCRIPTION	15 BUDGET OBJECT	16 ACC. LINE	17 QUANTITY	18 UNIT ISSUE	19 UNIT PRICE	20 AMOUNT
	<i>015/B26</i>							
		<i>1. 6x8x1/2 Quasar</i>					<i>105.00</i>	<i>102 50</i>
		<i>2. P1989 B lettering</i>					<i>50.45</i>	<i>50 45</i>
		<i>3. P1105 lettering</i>					<i>11.90</i>	<i>11 90</i>
		<i>4. P1987 B lettering</i>						<i>67 40</i>
		<i>5. P1120 B lettering</i>						<i>10 88</i>
		<i>6. P961 lettering</i>						<i>61 65</i>
		<i>7. P961 lettering</i>						<i>13 77</i>
		<i>8. P96 lettering</i>						<i>53 80</i>
		<i>For additional information, please contact:</i>						<i>14 28</i>
		<i>TECHNICAL CONTACT</i>						<i>111 60</i>
		<i>TELEPHONE NO.</i>						<i>58 31</i>
								<i>111 60</i>
								<i>38 10</i>
								<i>111 60</i>
								<i>58 39</i>

21 FOB POINT	22 DISCOUNT TERMS	25 Sub-Total ▶ <i>894 43</i>
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23 REQUIRED DELIVERY (Do not use ASAP)	23A NEGOTIATED DELIVERY	24 SHIP VIA	26 ESTIMATED FREIGHT <i>15.00</i>	27 TOTAL ▶
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28 ACC. LINE	29 ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION					30 DISTRIBUTION	31 AMOUNT
	A	B	C	D	E		
<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1 4 1 2</i>	<i>876.93</i>

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	SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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ABC 23 <b>60481810090</b>		D 4 E 6 <b>2510</b>	8 	11 <b>909 43</b>
11. PREPARED BY <b>RON DE MUNBRUN</b>			10. TOTAL ▶	<b>909 43</b>
12. AUDITED/APPROVED BY		13. DATE	14. AGENCY CODE	
15. UNIT CERTIFYING OFFICER CONTROL CODE (T/C 81E Only) <b>JBERG</b> <b>43217</b>		16. UNIT CERTIFYING OFFICER SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		17. DATE
18. TITLE <b>DIRECTOR NATIONAL SERVICE</b>		19. PHONE (Area Code and Number) <b>202 720 6350</b>		Check One ▶ FTS <input type="checkbox"/> COMM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20. REMARKS				
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25. TRANS. CODE		27. BUDGET OBJECT CODE	28. FUND CODE/ UNIT CODE	29. AMOUNT
ABC 23 <b>2 60175</b>		D 4 E 6 <b>2570</b>	2 2	11 <b>909 43</b>
32. PREPARED BY <i>[Signature]</i>			31. TOTAL ▶	<b>909 43</b>
33. APPROVED BY <i>[Signature]</i>		34. DATE <b>4-25-96</b>	35. AGENCY CODE <b>16</b>	36. PHONE (Area Code and Number) <b>202-720-5982</b>
37. REMARKS <b>Records for Dee DiFiore 690-3051</b>				

Trophy Mart  
 7221 Little River Turnpike  
 Annandale, VA 22003

703-750-9000  
 703-750-2352 - for

Number	Name	cost	
P1120B	8 x 10 Lapis	<sup>3,</sup> 50.80	Community ✓
P1989B	8 x 10 Roman gold	<sup>60.45</sup> 46.70	Manager ✓
P1987B	8 1/2 x 10 1/2	<sup>61.65</sup> 58.70	Special ✓
P1105	9 x 12 black onyx	<sup>67.40</sup> 64.20	member ✓
PK990 P961	<sup>10 1/2 x 13</sup> <del>11 x 15</del> (20 members)	<sup>111.60</sup> 162.30	team ✓
PK990	11 x 15 ( <del>20</del> members)	111.60 162.30	state
PK990	11 x 15 ( <del>20</del> members)	162.30	state
	glass award		project director

- 17¢ per letter

690-1131

Dep Chief of Staff

crystal base - 70425  
015/B26

6x8 2 uasar	1/2"	<del>\$</del> 105.00	letter included
7x9 "	-		↔
8x10	-		
1/2" or 3/4"		<u>\$17.50</u>	

max 6 lines

720-5982

P961: \$111.60 + <sup>39.10</sup> for lettering = 150.70

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# LOUISIANA - 9

USDA AMERICORPS STATE OF THE YEAR - 28

RECD TEAM - 8

OCTOBER 1995 - OCTOBER 1996 -  $\frac{23}{68} = 11.56$

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RICHARD HOFFPAUIR  
PROJECT DIRECTOR

DELORES DRUILHET	- 15	SHEILA LYONS	"
REBECCA MARCOTTE	15	LINDA RIGSBY	"
LISA SHUFF	9	THERESA SMITH	12
CARL O. COLLINS	13	JESSICA DEAN	"
DEMETRIS HOWARD	14	MARY HUFF	8
KIMBERLY KITTERLIN	17	ROBERT TONN	10
ANDRE WASHINGTON	<u>15</u>	ELLA WATKINS	<u>11</u>
	88 = 14.96		74 = 12.58

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# LOUISIANA



USDA AMERICORPS STATE OF THE YEAR - 28

NRCS TEAM - 8

OCTOBER 1995 - OCTOBER 1996 - 23

68 \$ 11.56

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BILLY R. MOORE - 12  
PROJECT DIRECTOR - 15  
  
ERIC J. ARABIE - 11  
  
JEAN' L. EYMARD 13  
  
JEAN' P. GUIDRY - 13  
  
PENNY M. LEBOUF - 14  
  
REBEKAH R. RICHOUX - 16  
  
NANCY L. DYER 11  
  
TOM Y. MORTON 11  
  
ROBIN L. TORRENCE 15  
  
SUSAN D. MATTOX 13

HOLLY MARTIEN - 12  
PROJECT DIRECTOR - 15  
  
TIFFANY E. ARABIE - 15  
  
GARLAND GISCLAIR - 15  
  
CLAY M. HEBERT 12  
  
NEAL A. LEDET 11  
  
SUSAN K. C. TERREBONNE 19  
  
DONNA L. HAYDEL 13  
  
JOHN TOM MURRAY 13  
  
IRVIN J. FEKETE 13  
  
SANDRA M. SMITH 13

134 = 22.78

141 = 23.97

58.31

P1105: \$67.40 +

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**ROSIE WATKINS** - 12

**USDA AMERICORPS** - 14

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR ~~AWARD~~** - 15

**OCTOBER 1995 - OCTOBER 1996** - 23

10.88

**CHICAGO**

7

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM**

23

**USDA AMERICORPS**

14

**TEAM OF THE YEAR**

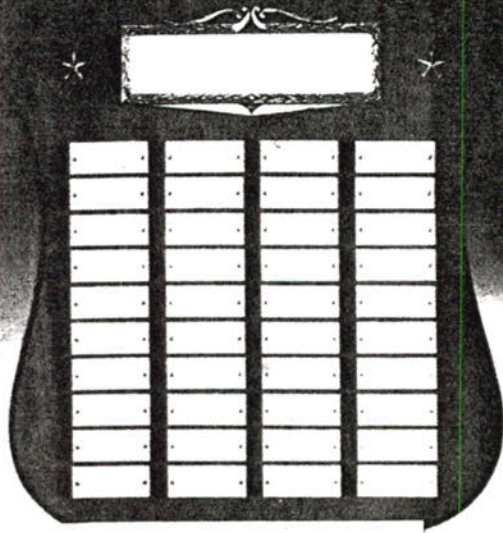
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**OCTOBER 1995 - OCTOBER 1996**

23

$80 \times 17 = 13.60$

# Perpetual Plaques



*Team*



\* P1312 14" x 20 \$229.70  
Antique bronze frame.  
36 screen printed shield plates.



*State*



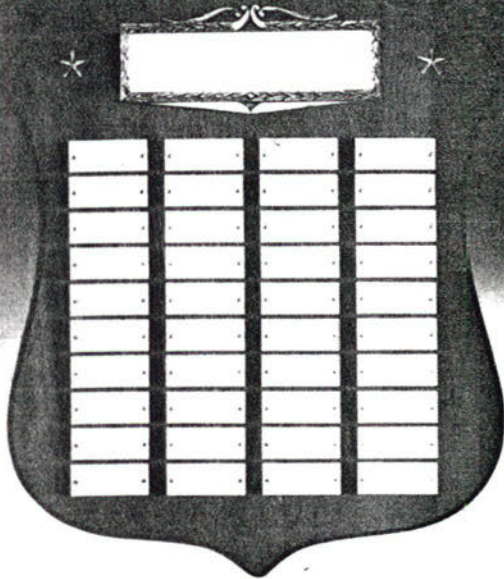
\* P1311 15" x 20 \$294.85  
Scroll plaque.  
40 scroll plates.  
Refer to page 26 for additional scroll plaques.

PHOTOCOPY  
PRESERVATION

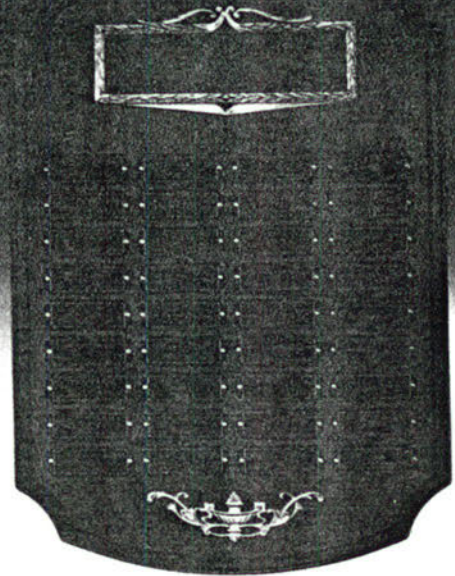
Solid American walnut with electroplated frames, cups and brass plates.

\* Perpetual plaques can often be customized to meet individual requirements. Prices will be quoted based on changes.

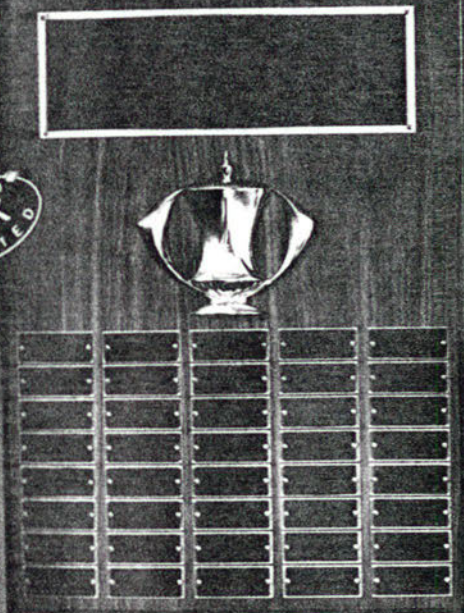
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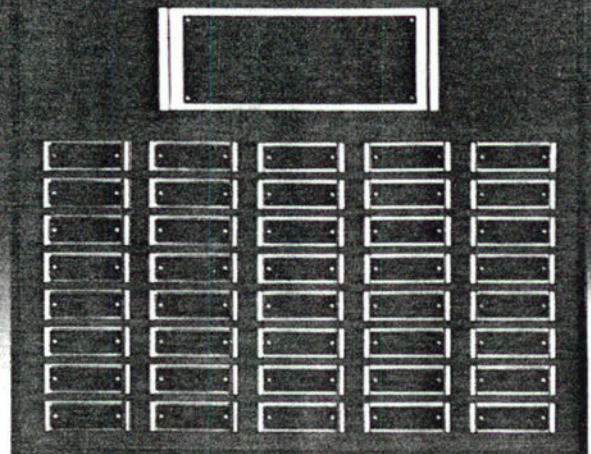
\* P224P 16" x 20 \$303.35  
Antique bronze frame.  
40 satin brass plates.



\* P1312 14" x 20 \$229.70  
Antique bronze frame.  
36 screen printed shield plates.



P1310 15" x 20" \$288.30  
24K gold plated cup.  
40 screen printed plates.



\* P1311 15" x 20 \$294.85  
Scroll plaque.  
40 scroll plates.  
Refer to page 26 for additional scroll plaques.

Solid American walnut with electroplated frames, cups and brass plates.

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JANICE ADAMS -11  
SAMMY BAUSLEY -12  
REGINA BUCKNER -13  
MICHAEL EAGAN -12  
NANCY JOHNSON -12  
RONALD MCCRARY -13  
ANGELA PARRISH -13  
MARKETIA SMITH -13  
KIRKLAND WILLIAMS -16  
JOHN WISE -8

$$123 = 20.91$$

AKEYA BELLAW -11  
GEORGE BOWEN -11  
LUCINDA BURROUGHS -16  
JACKIE JACKSON -13  
GLEEN KATOL -10  
AUNDRE MILLER -12  
SHITAL PATEL -11  
APRIL STOGNER -12  
VICKI WILLIAMS -13  
LENA WITHERSPOON -15

$$124 = 21.08$$

21.08  
20.91  
13.60

**BOWLING GREEN** 12  
**CHAMPION COMMUNITY** 17

**USDA AMERICORPS** 14

**COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR** 18

**OCTOBER 1995 - OCTOBER 1996** 23

$$\frac{23}{84} \times 17 = 14.28$$

**GARY L. FINE** 10

**USDA AMERICORPS** 14

**PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR** 23

**OCTOBER 1995 - OCTOBER 1996**  $\frac{23}{10} \times 10 = 11.90$

# GLASS ETCHED AWARDS

*Z*  
ADE CRYSTAL

OR CRYSTAL CLEAR GLASS IN  
DRAMATIC SHAPES PROVIDE A  
SPECIAL ELEGANCE TO AWARD  
PROGRAMS. ETCHING IS DONE  
ON THE BACK SIDE IN DEEP ETCH.

*Handwritten:* Best



# GLASS ETCHED AWARDS

*Z*

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ADP  
Salesperson  
of the Year  
Presented to  
Ron Milner  
1994

THE  
EXEMPLARY  
Artie Lindsay  
June 1994

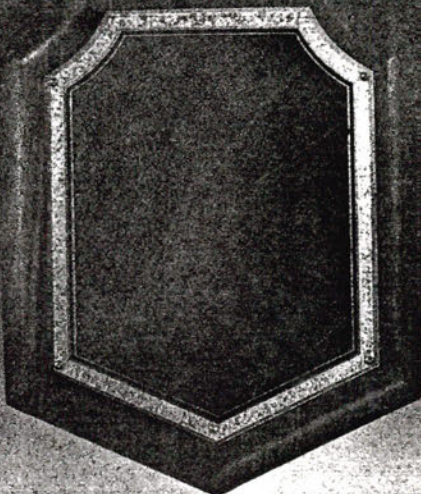
COMMUNITY  
S  
AWARD  
Thomas Rogers  
Outstanding Service  
Award 1994



For Outstanding Efforts You  
have accepted the challenge to  
soar above the world and to  
overcome barriers to success  
that would have caused others  
to falter and fail. You have  
been decisive where others  
have hesitated. You are  
recognized as a leader for your  
effort. Truly, you are an  
inspiration...like the  
Majestic Eagle.

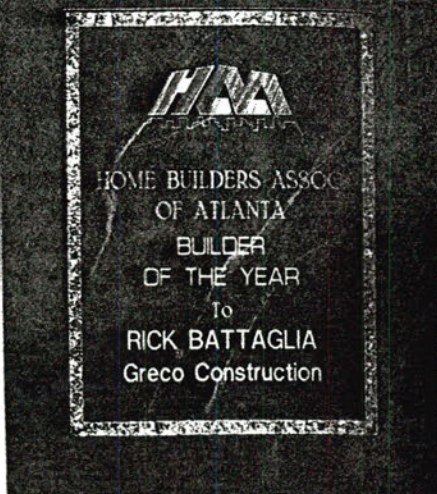
# Gemstone Collection

**NEW**  
Handrubbed Walnut Board



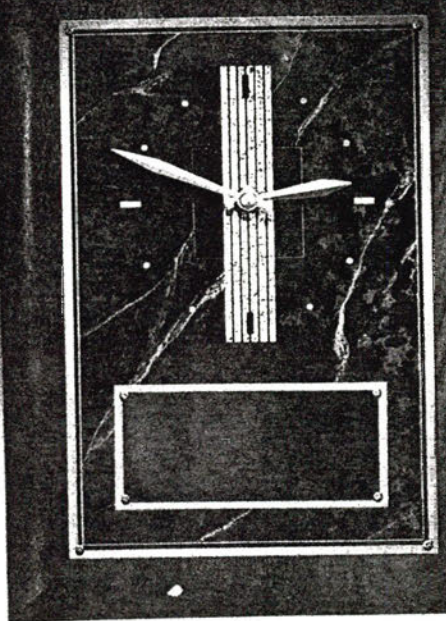
**Black Onyx**

- P4126C 7½" x 9" \$49.50
- P4126B 8½" x 10½" \$59.50



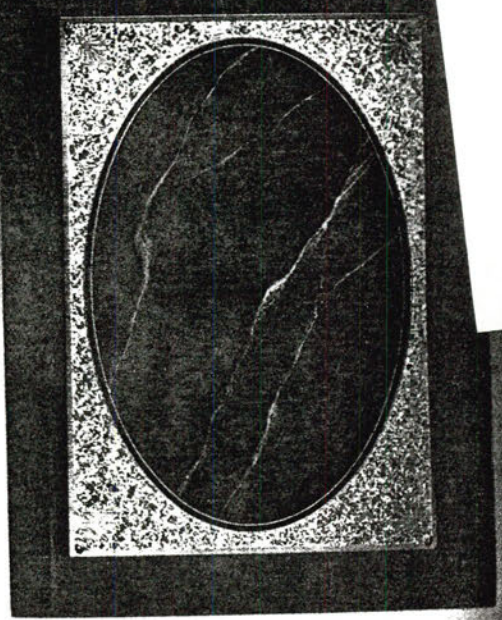
**Black Onyx**

- P1104B 8" x 10" \$50.80
- P1104A 9" x 12" \$64.20



**Black Onyx**

- \* P1107 9" x 12" \$99.90



**Black Onyx**

- P1105 9" x 12" \$64.20

*Members*

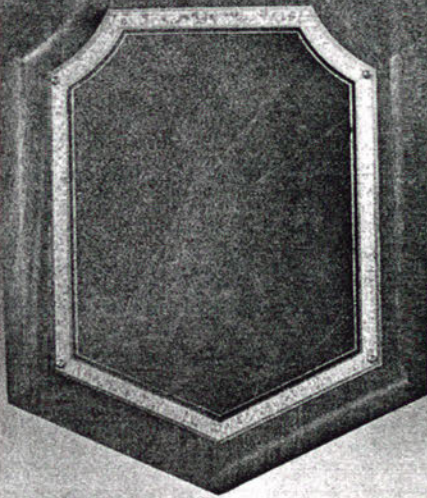
PHOTOCOPY  
PRESERVATION

Hand rubbed American walnut enriched with crystalline gemstone brass.

\* All our quartz clocks have battery operated movements and carry a lifetime guarantee.

# Gemstone Collection

**NEW**  
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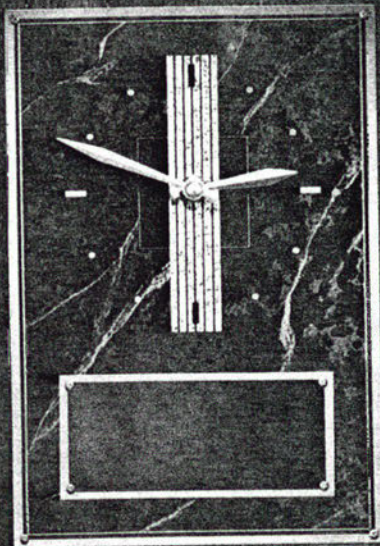
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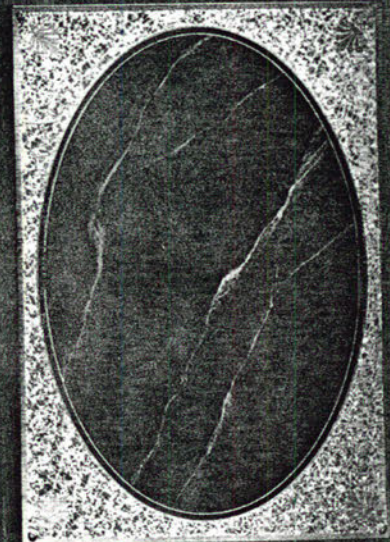
Black Onyx

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Black Onyx

\* P1107 9" x 12" \$99.90



Black Onyx


P1105 9" x 12" \$64.20

Hand rubbed American walnut enriched with crystalline gemstone brass.

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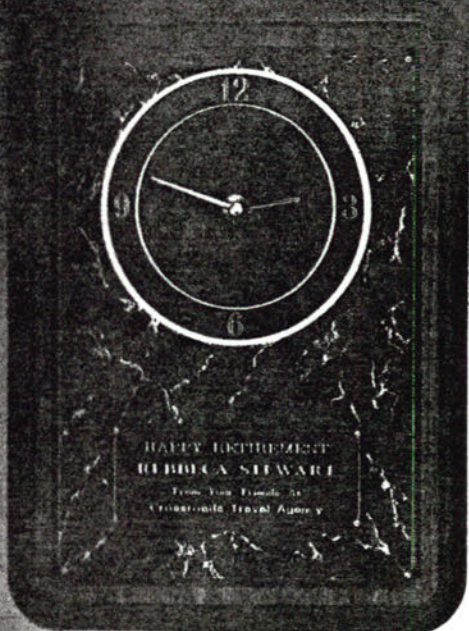
P1987C 7" x 9" \$42.65  
P1987B 8½" x 10½" \$58.70




P1983 11" x 15" \$113.50

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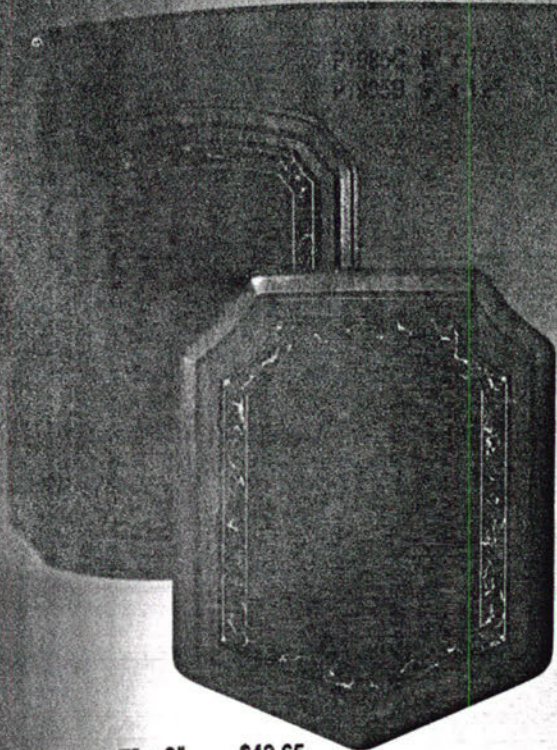


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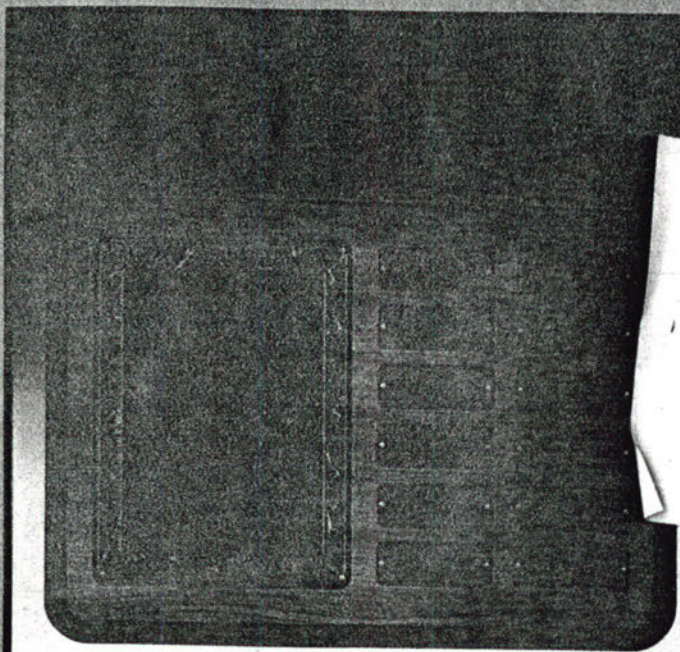


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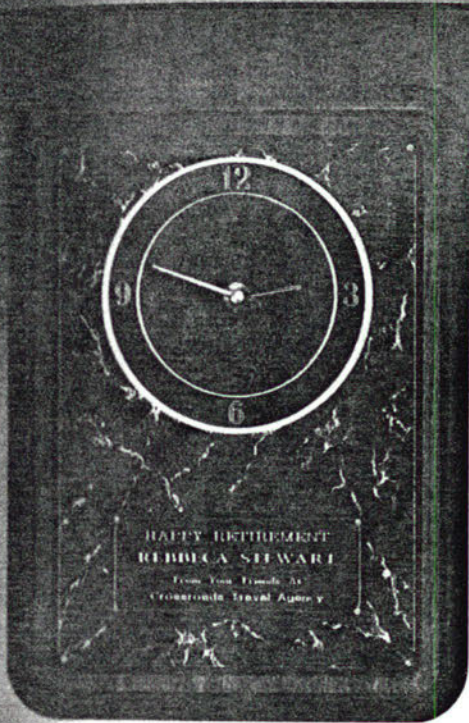


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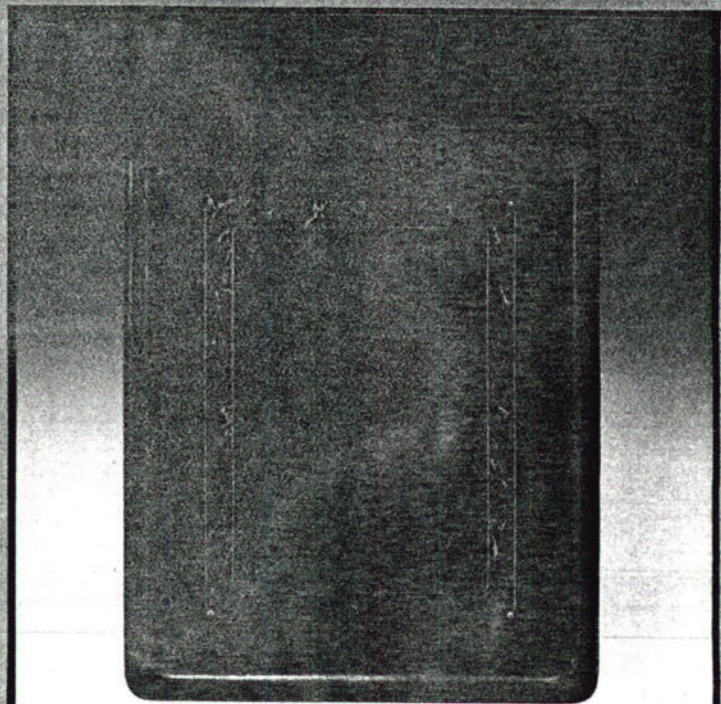


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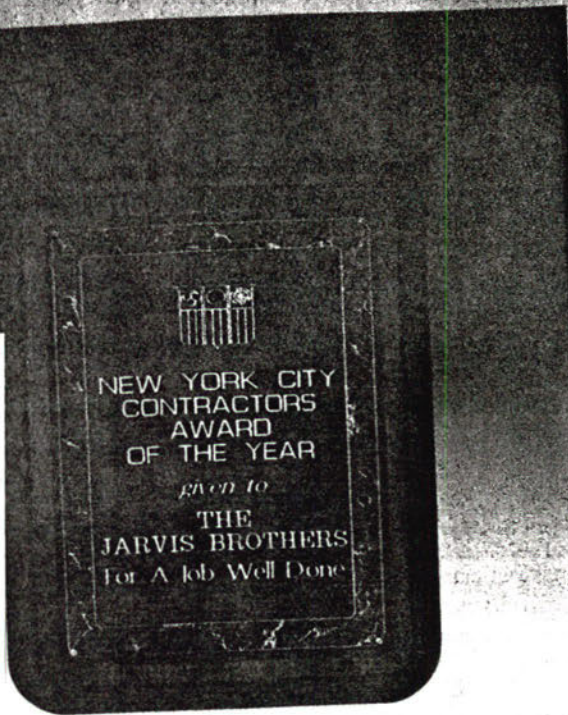
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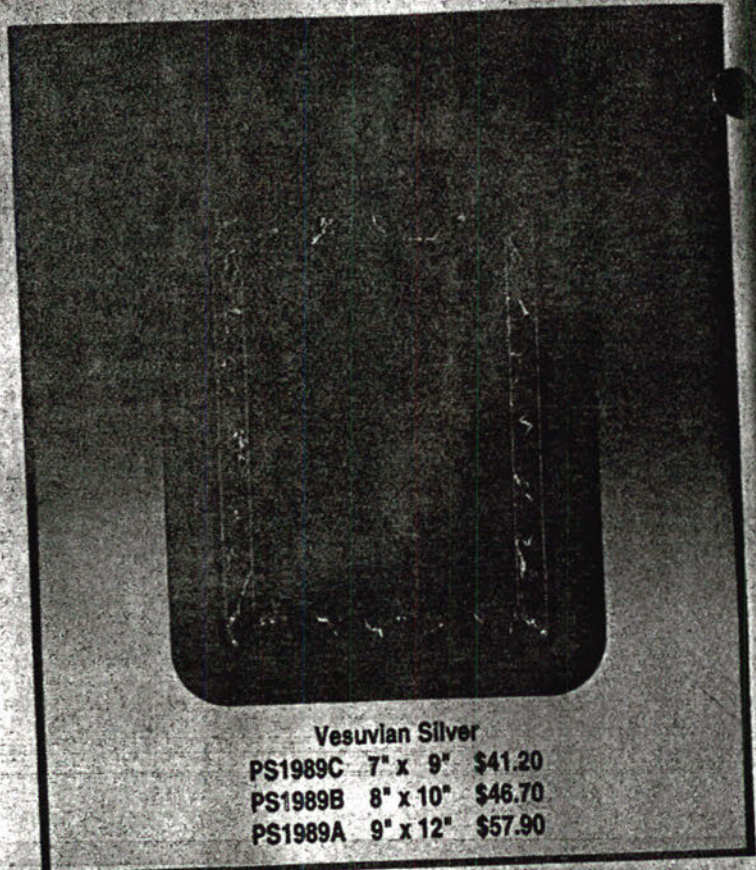
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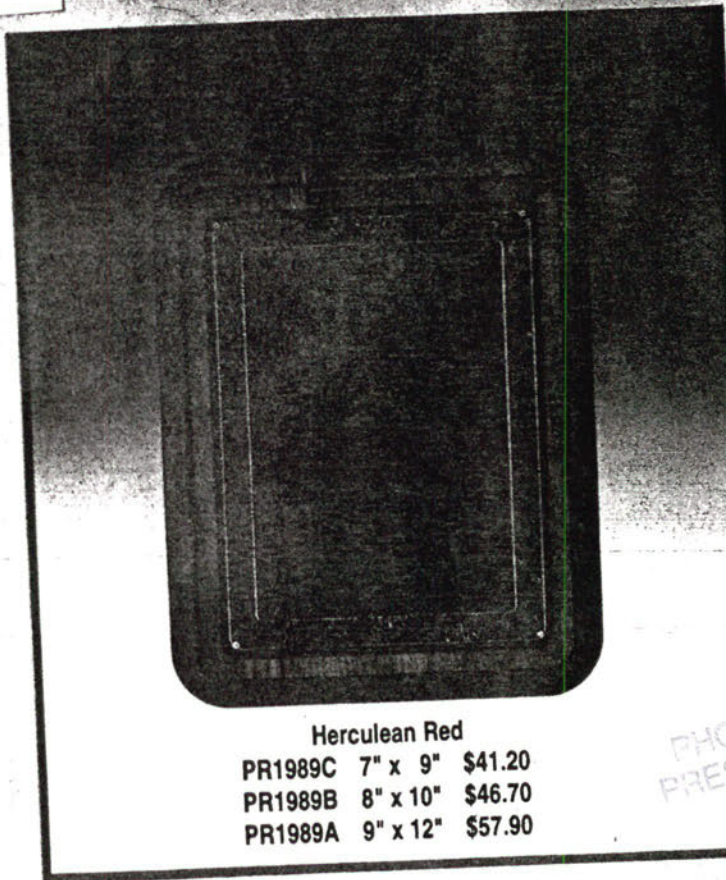


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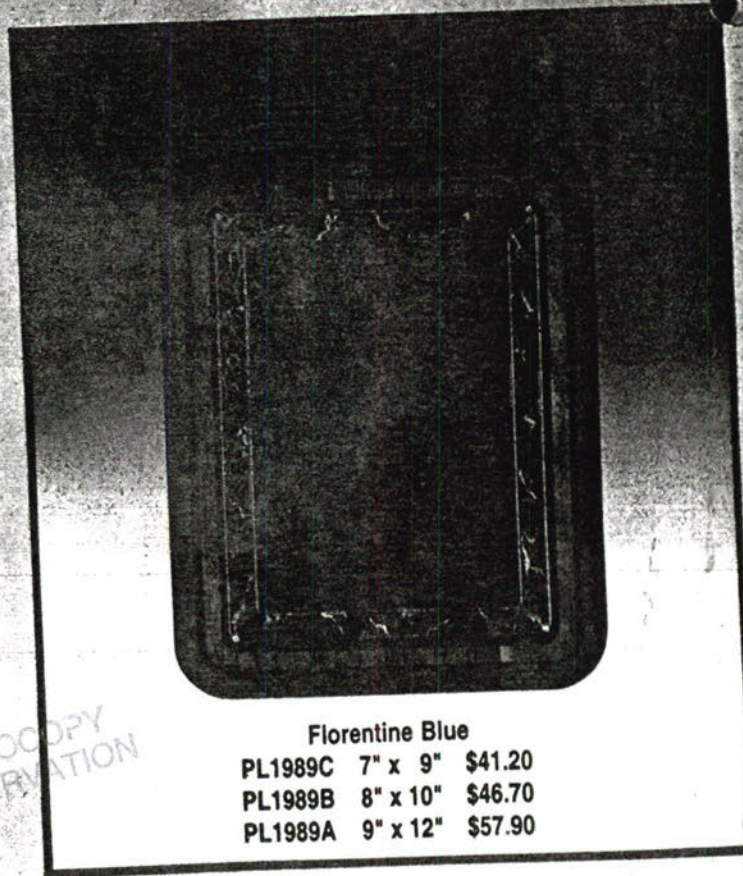
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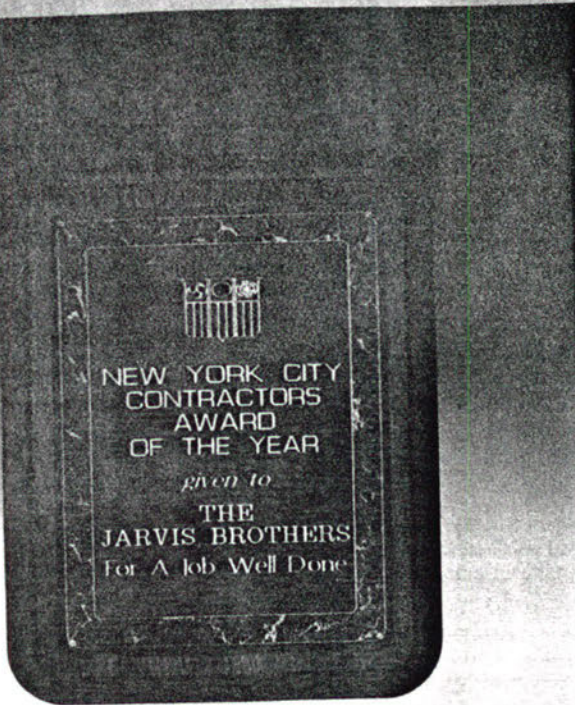


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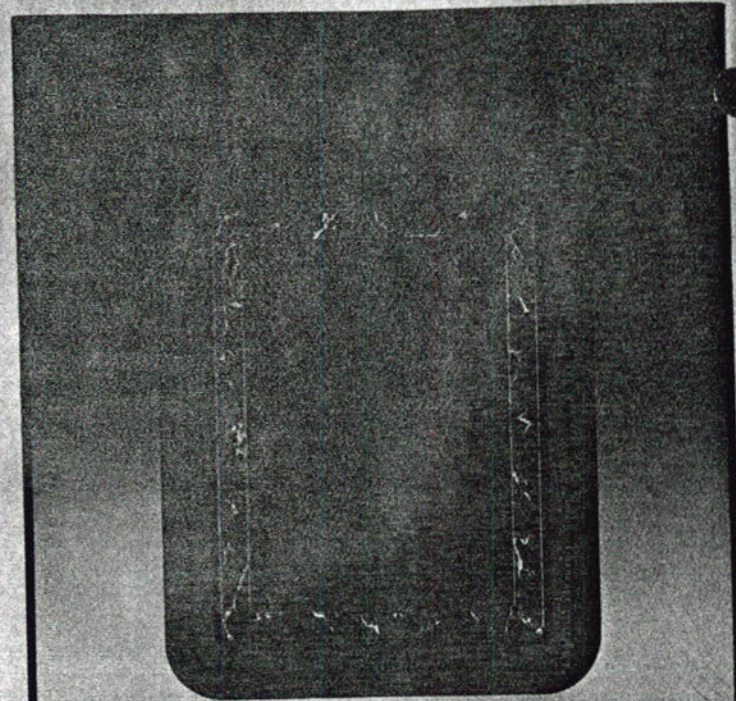
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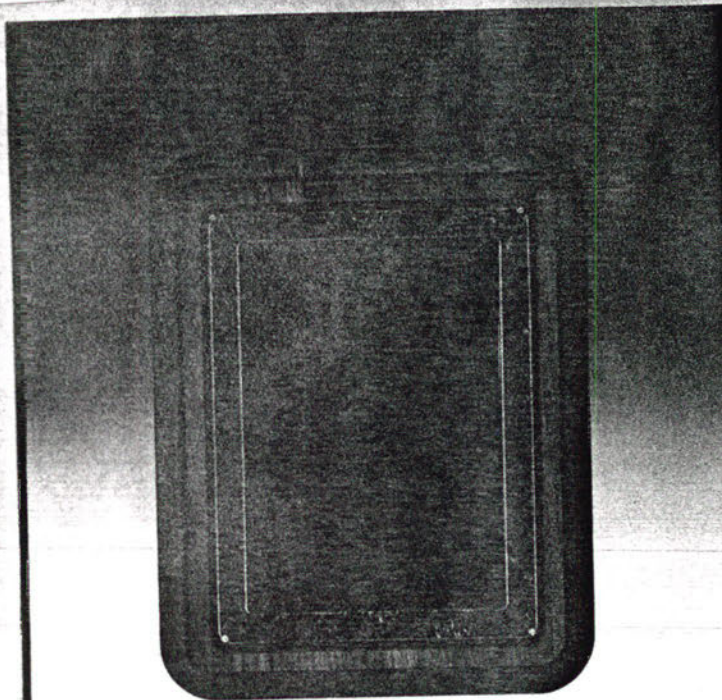
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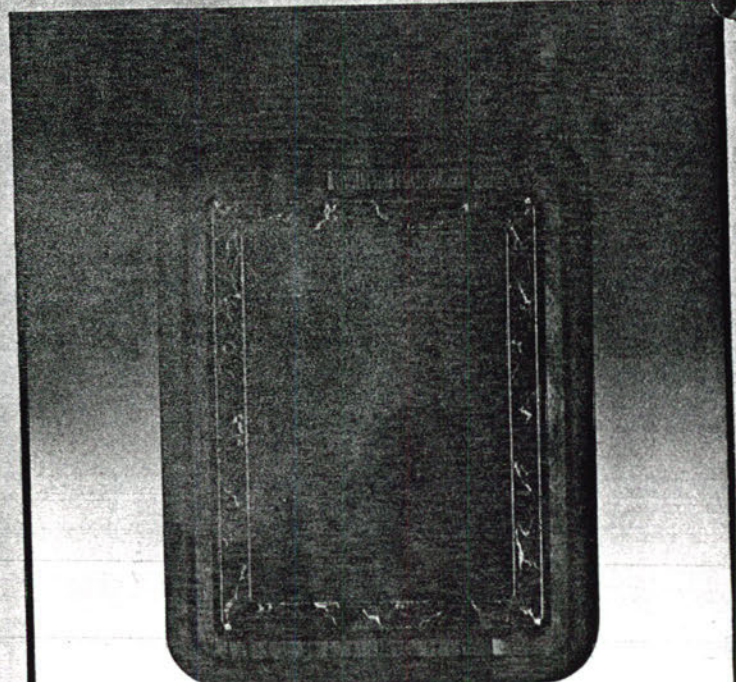
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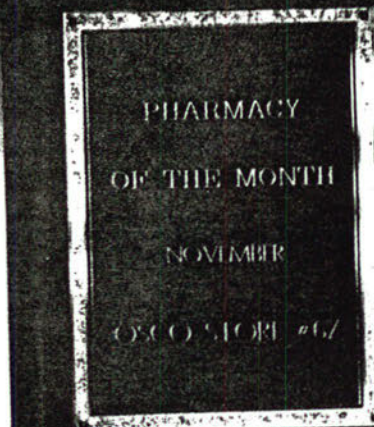
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**Rosso Verona**

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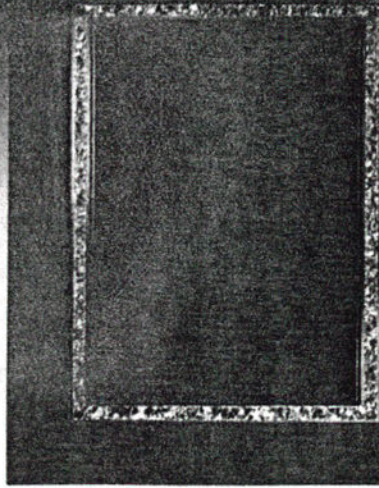


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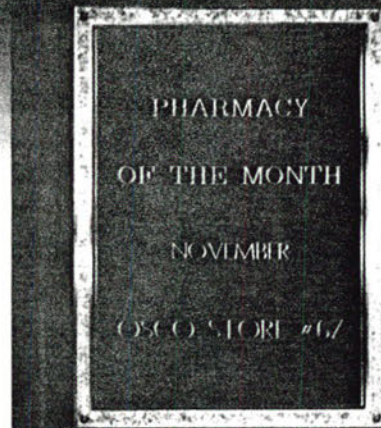
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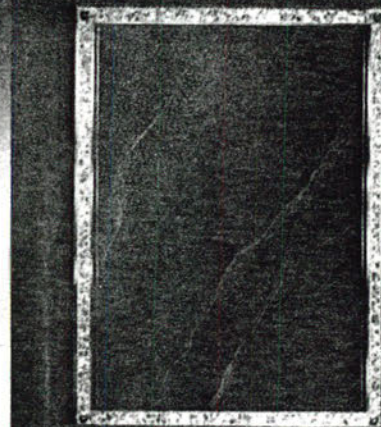
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TO: Joel Berg, USDA Director of National Service

FROM: Jim Coyle, RHCDS AmeriCorps Coordinator

SUBJECT: **End-of-Year Awards and Certificates**

This is to request your input as to what you would like to see implemented in the field regarding end-of-year "documents" and to apprise you of RECD's wants and needs in this area.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The RECD anticipates that 3 documents should be developed and used to certify and provide record for aspects of every AmeriCorps members' service:

- o a "Certificate of AmeriCorps Service" similar to a diploma/suitable for framing, etc.;
- o a "details" document listing the standard details of the Members service such as location, supervisor name and telephone numbers, dates of service, etc. (the CNS' "Member Exit Form" and End of Term of Service" OMR forms sort of meet this need in a cumbersome way); and
- o an evaluation form of some sort detailing each member's performance.

In addition, we feel that some sort of USDA and/or RECD special award for exemplary service should be developed for a limited number of AmeriCorps members. A separate-but-related issue is whether or not there should also be an award for some of the Feds, particularly the regional facilitators, who have performed exceptionally. Can we give them an award or recognition separate and distinct from the normal annual evaluation? And if so, should we?

#### **DETAILS FORM & EVALUATION**

The RECD is not enamored with the idea of using the aforementioned CNS OMR forms as a details document. Rather, we would prefer to see one USDA-wide form developed (or adapted), ideally on one 2-sided piece of paper, that would provide details and adequate space for an end-of-service evaluation.

#### **DEPARTMENT-LEVEL**

RECD feels that wherever possible, standardized forms should be developed either by the Office of National Service for use by all

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agencies, or by the agencies in concert with each other so that each document would contain standardized data elements. The special award certificate, which would recognize exemplary service carried out for a given agency, might lend itself to more of an agency-specific format, if only to emphasize its differentiation from the Departmental-level certificate of service.

#### **CNS**

Does the CNS have any guidelines and/or requirements on this? Particularly, do they have any designs for the certificates and documents that they either would want us to use or that we could mimic at our option?

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN SUPPORT**

In the event that we decide to develop documents at the Department level, what resources (if any) are at our disposal? Can the same folks that did our brochure be charged with one or more of the proposed documents?

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USDA/AmeriCorps Member Finalist For Governor's  
Community Service Award

USDA/AmeriCorps member Kristin Korutz received a Governor's certificate for being one of five finalist in the AmeriCorps category for the Governor's Community Service Award. Kristin was nominated for her outstanding service in ground water risk assessment and education. She and the other finalists had the privilege of attending a reception given by the Governor on May 15 at his mansion.

Kristin is one of fourteen USDA/AmeriCorps members who visits farmers and uses a Farmstead Assessment (Farm\*A\*Syst) questionnaire to draw attention to the potential for contamination of the farmstead's ground water. Based in the NRCS Sandusky Field Office she covers all of Sanilac and St. Clair, and parts of Macomb and Lapeer Counties. As of May 15, she had completed seventy assessments with farm families and had introduced the program to over 90,000 people. Many farmers have since decided to make changes to their risky practices.

Her achievements are all the more remarkable because she is not a native of Michigan and does not come from a farm background. She has had to attend scores of meetings and visit many farms to obtain a first hand knowledge of farm life. "Most of the information I had on farming," she said, "came from the classroom. I was a Soil Science major."

She has found her work with farmers to be very satisfying. "The farmers were very receptive to my suggestions. And farmers are very concerned about the environment; you just have to keep them updated with the latest practices," she advised.

Kristin is very happy about her AmeriCorps experience. She insisted, "It has improved my public speaking and leadership abilities." She would recommend the AmeriCorps experience for every young person. The twenty-three year old Pennsylvania State University graduate intends to continue graduate study in Soil Science at Michigan State University in the Fall.

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Revised submission to the Weekly and Monthly Report from the Northeastern Area  
Contact: Jill Cherpack (610) 649-3057 or Al Steele (304) 285-1586

**Partners Who Lead Americorps Team Receive Minnesota Public Service Award**

Leadership provided to Americorps members who completed successful projects in Minnesota has earned a Forest Service Northeastern Area employee and four partners an award from Partnership Minnesota, an organization that fosters interagency cooperation. The award recognizes outstanding examples of innovative governmental and civic cooperative efforts, and highlights individuals who work well in partnerships. Sharing the award with the Forest Service are the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Conservation Corps, the Central Minnesota Initiative Fund which conducts community and economic development projects, the Wesmin RC&D, and the Southeastern Minnesota Forest Resource Center which is dedicated to environmental education. The award will be presented by Duane Benson, head of the Minnesota Business Partnership, on May 8 at the Hubert Humphrey Center in Minneapolis. The Minnesota Business Partnership consists of 103 chief executive officers of Minnesota's leading corporations who work with policymakers to create jobs.

Americorps projects that led to the achievement of this award are as follows.

- For the Southeastern Minnesota Forest Resource Center, members conducted a marketing communications campaign to increase community awareness of the center. They also organized a conference to help Minnesota organizations plan and manage tourism.
- For the Wesmin RC&D, members conducted a river clean-up and a forestry project to encourage Conservation Reserve Program enrollees to install riparian buffers and windbreaks with fast-growing, merchantable timber. The forestry project will soften the economic impact of the Conservation Reserve Program's declining acreage levels. It also resulted in the Wesmin RC&D receiving a grant of \$250 thousand from the McKnight Foundation to continue the effort by developing a growers cooperative.
- For the Central Minnesota Initiative Fund, the East Central Regional Development Commission, and the Mille Lacs Community Development Corps, members planned and conducted an effort to assess and report on barriers to sustainable development in central Minnesota. As a result, a Sustainable Communities Project was established to implement the report's findings.

Assistance provided by the Forest Service to the Americorps members included leadership, guidance, technical forestry and natural resources information, and introduction to contacts and partners in the communities served.

Katherine - One award went to each of the above organizations.  
The Americorps Members of our Rural Development Team were:  
Jennifer Melbye, Jon KOLSTAD, Carlos Cervantes, Darren Jablonsky, Robert Gore, Andrea Athenas, Julie Smith, Todd Johnson, and Brandon HOWARD.  
I am also sending you a fact sheet from the Sustainable Communities Project. This project was started based on work done by American Mallee Kaiteran Tahurangi work for it as contract...

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### USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Richard Hoffpauir  
 WORK LOCATION: Marksville  
 STATE: Louisiana  
 NOMINATED BY: Linda Rigsby

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 85%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

PROJECT DIRECTOR ENSURED ALL FORMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS WERE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 10

PROJECT DIRECTOR ENSURED MANAGERS AND MEMBERS WERE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT CHANGES AND REQUIREMENTS 10

RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Richard Hoffpauir is an energetic and responsible supervisor. He is always available to help his AmeriCorps Team members and direct their efforts in productive ways. He helps coordinate training sessions and Cluster meetings and encourages his members to give their very best for AmeriCorps, their communities and their country.

**USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Richard Hoffbauer  
WORK LOCATION: Marksville  
STATE: Louisiana  
NOMINATED BY: Ellen Watkins

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 10

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**USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Richard Hoffpauir  
 WORK LOCATION: Marksville  
 STATE: Louisiana  
 NOMINATED BY: Jessica Renee' Dean

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

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- RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 9-10

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*I nominate Richard Hoffpauir in the sense that I'm aware he is constantly busy and trying to improve all of our programs in every manner. He always informs all employees of what needs to be done or what is going to be done to improve. all around he does more than whats required.*

### USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Holly Martien

WORK LOCATION: Alexandria,

STATE: Louisiana

NOMINATED BY: Sandra Smith and Susan Mattox

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

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March 15, 1996

To Whom It May Concern:

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, the word *efficacious* means "producing or capable of producing the desired effect; to be effective." We, AmeriCorps team members Susan Mattox and Sandra Smith, are convinced that Holly Martien truly epitomizes this term. Her unending support and tireless enthusiasm shown to each and every AmeriCorps member have been an inspiration throughout our term of service.

Turning to Holly for help with different problems that have arisen is an experience to be treasured for she turns each "problem" as we see it into a challenge to be faced with confidence. Holly does not give us pat answers or a simple, "I don't know," but digs until she finds an answer that will produce an acceptable solution.

We believe Holly Martien is deserving of much praise, and any award given to her will only serve to spur her on to greater service and higher goals for herself and the AmeriCorps program. Therefore, we do wholeheartedly support and endorse Holly Martien for the USDA Project Director or the Year Award.

  
Susan Mattox

  
Sandra Smith

Holly Martien lives and breaths AmeriCorps. Her involvement, commitment, and dedication is the very reason Team USDA AmeriCorps in Louisiana is a success. She works many hours on her own time making sure quarterly reports are comprehensive and on time, all the administration work is complete, and seeing that the members are focused on their objectives.

I concur with Susan and Sandra's assessment of Holly, and endorse the nomination.



Billy R. Moore  
Assistant State Conservationist/P

### USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: LeRoy Tull

WORK LOCATION: Stillwater, Oklahoma

STATE: Oklahoma

NOMINATED BY: Greg Allen, Karen Branson, Arnold Hamilton & Jim Shearhart  
(Oklahoma Project Managers) and AmeriCorps Members

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 10

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We, the project managers and team members of the USDA-NRCS AmeriCorps Environment Corps of Oklahoma would like to nominate LeRoy Tull, Project Director, for the USDA Project Director of the Year Award.

First and foremost on LeRoy's list on contributions to our program is his enthusiasm. With the uncertainties we faced in Oklahoma with the beginning of our program and through the losses of members, LeRoy has always encouraged everyone to forge ahead with positive attitudes. He always has an upbeat message to share with members and managers alike, and he is always in control, professional and positive when problems arise.

Secondly, LeRoy proved his dedication to our programs and stood in support of AmeriCorps when others may have been brushing it aside. He truly understood the Department's commitment to AmeriCorps and tried to convey this to others at our state, regional and national level. He has also "gone to bat" for our teams (who are now each down to four members instead of five) to fight for replacement members. Through the budget shortfalls at the national, regional and state level, we feel LeRoy tried to hold ground for AmeriCorps, even though he may have been the only one. It has had a positive effect on members and sets a good example, even though we were not allowed replacements. It has lifted the members' pride in AmeriCorps to know that someone is out there fighting for them and the program to which they have dedicated themselves.

LeRoy is always timely in getting out information about the program, changes and quarterly and other reports, and has always offered his assistance to project managers in understanding and completing them. He was also patient with project managers through the changes in quarterly reporting, but, at the same time, he made sure we were able to complete them on time.

In Oklahoma, our USDA-NRCS teams have been fortunate to be able to participate in projects and events sponsored by the Oklahoma Community Services Commission. LeRoy's ability to coordinate swearing-in ceremonies and training sessions with our State AmeriCorps group has let us meet members and supervisors from non-USDA AmeriCorps programs, as well as VISTA and Learn and Serve. This has helped further the members' sense of national identity with AmeriCorps and community service.

Another accomplishment that Project Managers can especially appreciate is that LeRoy has kept our program up and moving and even building momentum while being an outstanding USDA-NRCS employee in his other duties. As Assistant State Conservationist, he is in charge of not only special initiatives, but also Strategic Planning and Safety. In this capacity, he is asked to serve as Acting State Conservationist on numerous occasions. However, LeRoy is still able to keep focus on AmeriCorps, to check in with project managers and members, answer questions, resolve problems and inform about opportunities.

While attending Facilitative Leadership training in Washington, D.C., project managers and team members alike were able to see the level of competence our state leader has. We felt it was obvious his peers from other states respect him for his accomplishments and strides with our program. It is under his leadership that our state's projects have gained recognition nationwide.

The Oklahoma project managers and members are proud to be a part of AmeriCorps and of the work we are accomplishing. LeRoy also allows us to have additional pride in our projects, our agency and our state.

### USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Lloyd Wilhelm  
 WORK LOCATION: Aztec New Mexico  
 STATE: New Mexico  
 NOMINATED BY: John Thomas

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

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### USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

I would like to nominate Lloyd Wiehelm as the project director of the year award. Lloyd served the AmeriCorps program as the Four Corners Facilitator. Lloyd works for the Farm Service Agency in support of AmeriCorps members located with RECD, NRCS, and Forest Service, in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. Lloyd truly implemented the spirit of Team USDA as we entered into the first year of the AmeriCorps program. We all shared information and data as we received it from our Agencies. Lloyd coordinated this information and disseminated it to all the State Contacts and AmeriCorps members. We had a leg up on the AmeriCorps program due to the extraordinary efforts to promote the AmeriCorps program by Lloyd Wiehelm.

Lloyd led the effort to implement a joint AmeriCorps training meeting for the 4 corners area which included the four States listed above. Lloyd acquired the meeting facilities, arranged for most of the speakers, and laid the ground work for two successful training meetings for 1995 and 1996. In my view point, Lloyd's interest in the AmeriCorps program is substantial in that the FSA did not have an AmeriCorps program in 1995. Lloyd had requested an AmeriCorps program for the Farm Services Agency, for 1996 and almost succeeded in getting it approved.

Lloyd responded in a very positive manner in an effort to resolve problems that were encountered with the administration of the AmeriCorps program. If we had difficulty in obtaining forms, Lloyd would obtain them for us. If we had trouble obtaining health insurance for our members or child care assistance, Lloyd was invaluable in resolving those problems. It is my viewpoint that the productivity of the 4 corners members was enhanced due to the oversight of the AmeriCorps program by Lloyd. The New Mexico State Staff and AmeriCorps members give a resounding thanks for the assistance provided by Lloyd Wiehelm to promote our AmeriCorps program!

Lloyd was an inspiration as he always had a positive attitude even at times when it appeared that the AmeriCorps program was under attack, and perhaps not be funded for future projects. It is my viewpoint that Lloyd Wiehelm had earned the award "USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD", for his hours of dedication, to promote the AmeriCorps program while serving as the FSA Four Corners Facilitator.

  
JOHN THOMAS JR.  
Rural Development Coordinator/New Mexico State AmeriCorps Contact

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Daw, B. Kevin	MN	_____
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Fine, Gary	LA	<u>3</u>
Martin, Rick	KS	<u>5</u>
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Nipper, Steve	LA	_____
Norwood, Bruce	LA	_____
Oliver, Bettye	MS	_____
Reid, Janice	NJ	<u>1</u>
Steffen, Dave	SD	_____

To: Billy Moore

From: USDA AMERICORPS

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**USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**MANAGER'S NAME:** Margaret Basco

**WORK LOCATION:** Project Celebration, Inc. Many

**STATE:** Louisiana

**NOMINATED BY:** Linda Rigsby

(Complete the following information)

**PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED** 100%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

<b>MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION</b>	<u>10</u>
<b>MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS</b>	<u>10</u>
<b>MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS</b>	<u>10</u>
<b>MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS</b>	<u>10</u>
<b>MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES</b>	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Margaret Basco is the perfect supervisor. She allows her AmeriCorps member the freedom to pursue her objectives, while also allowing and encouraging her to become involved in other community projects. This allows for much personal growth for the member and a great advantage for the programs and community goals which are furthered by this added energy. Through Mrs. Basco's generous nature and optimistic attitude, Sabine Parish and Project Celebration are truly enriched.

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## USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: Mr. Jeffery Beverly  
 WORK LOCATION: St. Mary Community Action Agency, Inc  
 STATE: Franklin, Louisiana  
 NOMINATED BY: Mrs. Almetra J. Franklin

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS	<u>10</u>
MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS	<u>10</u>
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# USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**MANAGER'S NAME:** B. Kevin Daw, NRCS Area Conservationist  
**WORK LOCATION:** Duluth  
**STATE:** Minnesota  
**NOMINATED BY:** Julie Smith, NRCS AmeriCorps Member

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 60%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION 10
- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS 10
- MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 10
- MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS 10
- MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 10

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Kevin deserves this award for his direction and supervision given through the AmeriCorps Program. Kevin saw the need for project assistance for Laurentian RC&D Council and was able to supply an AmeriCorps Member for this assistance. He has guided AmeriCorps Member, Julie Smith, to people and resources for Julie to "Get Things Done" for Laurentian RC&D Council. Kevin has also allowed Julie to take leadership roles in project decision-making. Through Kevin's guidance and trust in Julie's work, Julie has been able to develop her leadership skills and key relationships in the community. Julie says "this AmeriCorps experience has greatly aided her career development".

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## USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**MANAGER'S NAME:** Steve Edwards  
**WORK LOCATION:** Walterboro  
**STATE:** South Carolina  
**NOMINATED BY:** Dwayne Mangum

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

75  
so far

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS	<u>10</u>
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Steve approached his collateral assignment as coordinator of the Walterboro Americorps Team in a positive manner. He began net-working with our normal partners first, e.g. Conservation Districts, RC&D Council Members, then branched out to include a variety of state and local governments as well as numerous conservation minded organizations which included The Charleston Museum, Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He made preliminary visits with the potential sponsors and guided the process very thoroughly from inception to project completion as well as follow up. I was very pleased to be associated with the Americorps group because of the excellent projects they were working on as well as their reputation they have gained as a group that gets things done. This, I believe, can be contributed to a large degree to Steve's management of the program.

USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: Steve Edwards  
WORK LOCATION: Walterboro  
STATE: South Carolina  
NOMINATED BY: Walterboro Americorps

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION 10
- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS 10
- MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 10
- MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS 10
- MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 10

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To: Joel Berg, Director, USDA Office of National Service  
From: The Lowcountry (Walterboro) USDA NRCS Americorps  
Subject: USDA Manager of the Year Award Nomination

Dear Mr. Berg,

The Lowcountry Americorps Team in Walterboro, South Carolina proudly nominates Steve Edwards for Manager of the Year. Steve personifies the Americorps spirit. Our secret pet name for Steve is "CAPTAIN AMERICORPS!" His positive attitude and commitment to conservation has had a tremendous influence on us all. Steve has given much of his personal time and has gone out of his way to broaden our career opportunities.

Steve has worked very hard to insure that all of our projects run smoothly and has worked in the field with us on a majority of our projects. On several occasions he has cooked his famous "shrimp boil" dinner for sponsors and other important individuals. These special occasions allow us to promote; Americorps, DNR and NRSC.

Steve Edwards is highly respected in our field and has extensive contacts with other conservationists throughout the state. His influence and coordinating expertise has enabled us to be enormously productive.

In a "nutshell" we love Steve and believe that he would make a fine recipient for this prestigious award. He deserves it!

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Duffy

*Kimberly A. Duffy*

Doug Mclean

*Doug McLean*

Erik N. Greene

*Erik N. Greene*

Merideth Mauldin

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## USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: Gary L. Fine  
WORK LOCATION: Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center  
STATE: Louisiana  
NOMINATED BY: Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Environmental Team

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 80 %

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS	<u>10</u>
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MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

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Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

We, the USDA, NRCS AmeriCorps team would like to nominate our Plant Materials manager for Manager of the Year. His insights of the immense environmental needs of the area and his vegetative solutions to coastal erosion, we feel, shows his deep concern. He knows that something can be done to slow down the erosion of our wetlands and barrier islands. Some agencies talk solutions, we attempt solutions through his dedicated guidance.

The team knows that he took a chance in applying for this AmeriCorps team. The ten of us put three times the wear and tear on the facility. Our use of their gear, tools, and machinery causes faster breakdown than without us here. He knew there would be individuals with personal problems which he would have to deal with. Supervising ten young adults, most between eighteen and twenty, without previous work experience, work ethics, and with different backgrounds and personalities could be a hassle. But, he went for it because he saw needs and weighed the alternatives. We deeply appreciate the chance he gave all of us to grow personally, broaden our skills, and work for our own education and toward our future. He has instilled, through the work, an awareness of our environment and its needs in each one of us. We are each, in our own way, making a difference in ourselves, our community, and the outlook for the future.

AmeriCorps member, Jean Guidry, stated "Gary is a tough, but fair man." All the members know this to be very accurate. He is very firm in his expectations of our work. If we need a little push, he provides it and guides us to the objective with the greatest efficiency of our time and materials. If a situation changes, he and we adjust to it. We are not expected to do the impossible. He expects and accepts our best work, whether it's the best anyone else could have done or not. If we give a project our all, then he tells us that's acceptable and all anyone can do or expect from themselves. His supervision and training instills in each of us the desire to do this in everything that we do. We never undertake a job without him telling us what to expect and how to accomplish the task. Sometimes his schedule lets him come with us. We know before we leave that we are going to be successful. Sometimes, we go out without him. On these occasions, he is on our minds and in our actions. Our respect for his leadership grows with each project. When we have problems with a job or occasionally with each other he settles them fairly. By looking at what caused the situation he leads us to the solution. If a problem comes up concerning an objective that we cannot reasonably solve because of other circumstances, like the fire in La Branch, or sponsors not being prepared, then we simply back off and find a new objective or other work for the time allotted in our schedule. Typically, we see a need and find a way to meet that need; then we go after it to get the job done. We run short on time, not activity.

The members awareness as to where they stand individually as citizens has been instilled in us simply by observance in his manner. He is truly an encouragement to us all. We now see our roles in society through him. We know that when we finish our season of service we will have gained personal growth, citizen responsibility, and a personal code of ethics which we will carry throughout our lives. Rebekah said, "I can't say enough good things about Mr. Gary, he's been an encouragement for me to finish school." He is a leader and a friend. The community will have benefited by the empowerment we gave it to solve problems. Truly with Gary's management and the teams work we are "**getting things done**"!

## USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: RICK MARTIN  
WORK LOCATION: KANOPOLIS LAKE  
STATE: KS  
NOMINATED BY: JIM MEISENHEIMER

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 95

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS	<u>9</u>
MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS	<u>10</u>
MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS	<u>9</u>
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USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD NARRATIVE (KANSAS):

Rick Martin is the Park Manager for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kanopolis State Park. He supervises the AmeriCorps team located at the park. The team is serving to restore the park facilities and wildlife areas following the devastating 1993 and 1995 Midwest floods.

Rick is nominated for the manager of the year award because he has provided exceptional supervision to the AmeriCorps team. Members problems are identified early and corrective actions are taken immediately to resolve the problems. Examples of immediate steps to help members includes: quickly identifying a mentally challenged member and the means to accommodate the member's needs, ascertaining that a member was being harassed while off duty causing her to miss days of service and not perform well, dealing with a member who had lost his driver's license due to a third drunk while driving offense, and working with two members who initially did not get along.

Martin has volunteered his park staff and facilities several times as a resource to be used in holding USDA-AmeriCorps meetings for special events involving all the Kansas USDA teams. He and his staff have donated food and resources to help accommodate the USDA team's needs while at the park.

Rick has taken a very personal interest in helping his members while serving at the park and also away from the park.

He has made a special effort to accommodate the specific needs of a non-citizen member of the Kanopolis team.

The Kanopolis team has, as a result of Mr. Martin's leadership, received special equipment operation safety training.

The Kanopolis team has, with Mr. Martin's leadership, completed in excess of 95 of the team's goals for the restoration of the park facilities and wildlife area.

## USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: Kathy Mazzuchelli  
WORK LOCATION: Caribou Recreation Department  
STATE: Maine  
NOMINATED BY: Gary Marquis AmeriCorps Member

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

45%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS	<u>10</u>
MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS	<u>10</u>
MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS	<u>10</u>
MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

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# Caribou Parks & Recreation Department

59 BENNETT DRIVE  
CARIBOU, MAINE 04736  
(207)493-4224 / 498-3954 FAX

## USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

03-15-96

Dear Joel;

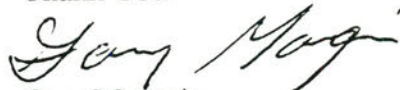
I am nominating Kathy Mazzuchelli as a candidate for the manager of the year award. I feel that Kathy has done a great job as a manager for the Americorps program. Because of her hard work she has been able to help myself in doing the best job that I can for Americorps. This is our second year in the Americorps program. All throughout the State I constantly hear high praise for Kathy, and I have heard that our program in Caribou has generated a lot of volunteers and other programs have worked with us because of the simple reason that Kathy is involved in a lot of the programs in the Caribou area. She has personally helped me in achieving the community objectives that she set out for me. Kathy has also given me a great place to work and grow. She has given me a computer, telephone, office space, and a vehicle when needed.

Kathy has also let me do my own thinking and she also let me change some things that have made my job more efficient and effective.

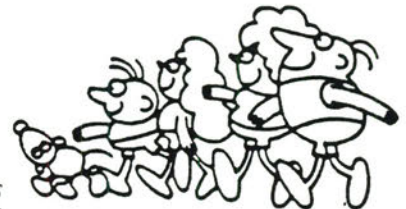
Some of the other things that Kathy has done for the Americorps program and myself. Is she has spent many days working overtime for the program while she has her own job to do. Kathy has also sent me on trips to further educate myself in the field of trails and water quality workshops, these expenses have come out of her own budget.

I understand that you will have a lot of candidates for these awards. but I feel that you should seriously consider Kathy Mazzuchelli as the manager of the year award. If you have any questions please feel free to call me anytime; 207-493-4224

Thank You



Gary Marquis  
Trails Coordinator  
Americorps Member



### USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: Steve Nipper

WORK LOCATION: Monroe

STATE: Louisiana

NOMINATED BY: Sandra Smith/Susan Mattox

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION 10
- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS 10
- MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 10
- MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS 10
- MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 10

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UNITED  
STATES  
DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE

March 15, 1996

To whom it may concern:

Susan Mattox and Sandra Smith would like to take this opportunity to nominate Steve Nipper for the USDA Manager of the Year Award. We feel Steve Nipper has been an exemplary manager for the U.S.D.A. Farm\*A\*Syst program carried on in Monroe, Louisiana.

The excitement he generates from his enthusiasm is contagious. He radiates a passion of support for the Agriculture Community here in Northeast Louisiana that is a challenge to anyone who works with him. We respectfully refer to Steve as 'The Nipper Man', for he will indeed nip at our heels if we are not doing our best possible work. We have yet to see him come into our office and not rattle off a list of promising new ideas. He never once gave up on the program, always a constant source of support and encouragement.

Our favorite Nipper Man story goes like this:

We had spent a couple of days riding around Northeast Louisiana with Steve meeting different people we would be working with in the coming months. Steve could not help but talk endlessly about the different conservation practices he saw in use as we passed field after field. Susan, who has a double major in Sociology and Psychology, (not at all interested in farm practices! OK!) is about to nod off in the back seat when Sandra makes a totally unnecessary comment about the color of soil we are passing. Steve then precedes to wheel the car around into the field, enthusiastically scooping up large clumps of mud, and proceeds to dump equal portions into our hands. We then received a brief (thankfully) explanation of the soil in the area, while standing there admiring the mud so appallingly placed in such a ceremonious fashion into our manicured hands. Sandra will never forget the look of incredulous astonishment on Susan's face, or the completely unaware manner in which Steve proceeded to explain the relative merits of Sharkey Clay soil in East Carroll Parish.

Steve Nipper is what all organizations need to accomplish great goals and to inspire dedicated followers.

### USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: Bruce Norwood  
 WORK LOCATION: Bastrop County Office  
 STATE: Louisiana  
 NOMINATED BY: Ellen Watkins

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 10

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION 10

MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS 10

MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 10

MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS 10

MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 10

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## USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: Bettye W. Oliver  
 WORK LOCATION: State Office of USDA-RECD  
 STATE: Mississippi  
 NOMINATED BY: MS USDA -RECD\*AmeriCorps Team

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS	<u>10</u>
MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS	<u>10</u>
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**MANAGERS NAME:** Bettye W. Oliver  
**WORK LOCATION:** State Office/ USDA-RECD  
**STATE:** Mississippi  
**NOMINATED BY:** Mississippi USDA-RECD\* AmeriCorps Team Members

Bettye W. Oliver should truly be awarded for her efforts as USDA Project Manager. She exemplifies the greatest leadership abilities that can move any team forward. Bettye Oliver is very caring, honest, fair, committed, and willing to go that extra mile to make sure the job gets done. She is the epitome of all Project Managers.

Oliver exemplifies a perfect 10, when supervising her Mississippi AmeriCorps Team. Although, members are scattered throughout the State, she always finds time to make sure everyone is performing their specified duties. She always finds the time to call her team members to find out how they are doing, and what they are doing. If there is ever a problem, she goes to the root to find out the cause, and iron out the differences. Oliver has worked with all twelve members on a one on one basis to help them succeed at what ever they were doing.

One purpose of AmeriCorps is to promote active citizenship amongst members. Oliver has made sure that her members develop and improve their citizen skills by encouraging them to go that extra mile, when serving their communities. Oliver enforces the ethic of AmeriCorps, which is getting things done, opportunity, responsibility, and most of all community. She encourages members to seek out their goals, and she occasionally helps them implement them. Oliver has often made site visits and physically participated in hard labor alongside members.

Bettye Oliver is a very *democratic leader*. She never tries to force her members to perform their services, but encourages them to *get things done*. If members need a pat on the back, she always extends her helping hand. She listens attentively, as if all things matter. Her smile encourages the members to smile too. Her enthusiasm and pride in her AmeriCorps team is enough to make anyone feel the same way. Bettye W. Oliver is the motivating force behind her Mississippi- AmeriCorps Team and together they *get things done!*

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To: Joel Berg From: Irene Lieberman  
 Dept./Agency: USDA Phone #: (908) 246-1171 X162  
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USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: Janice Reid, site manager  
 WORK LOCATION: Freehold, N.J., natural Resources Cons. Serv  
 STATE: New Jersey  
 NOMINATED BY: Irene Lieberman

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

50% of year

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION 9
- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS 10
- MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 9
- MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS 9
- MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 9

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*Janice Reid is a highly-organized, motivating supervisor. Her team of 5 Americorps members are enthusiastic about their projects because they are integrally involved in planning and decision-making. Janice holds regular team meetings and is always aware of the activities and needs of each member.*

*Janice is a great resource to the entire Americorps program, keeping eyes and ears open to all possibilities for future planning. Her balance of supervisory and technical skills makes her a fine site manager.*

### USDA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MANAGER'S NAME: DAVE STEFFEN  
 WORK LOCATION: Burke  
 STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA  
 NOMINATED BY: ROSEBUD AMERICORP Team

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 30%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION 9
- MANAGER PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TASKS 9
- MANAGER RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 9
- MANAGER DEVOTED TIME TO HELP MEMBER(S) DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CITIZEN SKILLS 9
- MANAGER ASSISTED MEMBER(S) WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 9

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**INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>06</u> <u>75</u>		<u>RATING</u>
Bailey, Ray	TX - 100 hno	39	★	<u>4</u>
Black, Charlene	NM - 2000	40		<u>    </u>
Druilhet, Delores	LA 816	40		<u>    </u>
Hines, Lisa	KY 100	39	✓	<u>    </u>
Kitterlin, Kimberly	LA 666	40		<u>    </u>
Moore, Lita	AR - 100	40		<u>    </u>
Nokes, Milton	KS - 114	40	✓	<u>3</u>
Reaves, Dorothy	MS 160	40		<u>    </u>
Richards, Chanel	MS 95	40	✓	<u>1</u>
Rigsby, Linda	LA 380	40		<u>    </u>
<del>Sitting Bear, John</del>	<del>SD 0</del>	<del>38</del>		<u>    </u>
<del>Smith, Julie</del>	<del>MN 160</del>	<del>40</del>		<u>    </u>
Terrebonne, Susan	LA 70	39	✓	<u>2</u>
Watkins, Ella	LA 160	40		<u>    </u>
Watkins, Rosie	GA 290	40		<u>5</u>
Witherspoon, Lena	IL 100	40		<u>    </u>
<del>Witt, Karla</del>	<del>SD - 0</del>	<del>40</del>		<u>    </u>

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**INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD**

MEMBER'S NAME: Ray Bailey III (Trey)

WORK LOCATION: City of Luling

STATE: Texas

NOMINATED BY: Linda S. Moore

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>100 or more</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>-</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>75%</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>9</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10+</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

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Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

## INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER NOMINATION Luling, Texas

Ray Bailey III (Trey) became our AmeriCorps volunteer in Luling on October 1, 1995. He has been the catalyst to bring together other volunteers, the City, the Chamber of Commerce and the merchants to realize the fulfillment of longterm plans for downtown revitalization in Luling.

Our initial application was for two volunteers, with one working with youth activities and one downtown revitalization. When only one position was approved, we chose to focus first on revitalization with a secondary emphasis on youth activities. (See Revised objectives - November 1995.)

Luling leaders have long wanted to beautify the downtown Davis Street area with antique street lamps to attract more tourists from the busy highways that intersect the 5 block area. Trey researched the availability of lamps; worked with the City and a contractor to develop plans for underground utilities and brick islands; and presented the plans to the City, the merchants and the general public. He then mounted a PR campaign through the Chamber of Commerce to seek donors of 20 lights and benches to be installed on brick islands. Within a matter of weeks, the program was over-subscribed.

Through December 1995, Trey worked with city crews every weekend except Christmas to install the underground electric lines. He coordinated the contracting of brick islands, and personally drove the 120 mile round-trips to get the lights and benches; making several trips with his own vehicle and trailer. Interested investors started to take notice of the empty historic buildings. Trey was available to provide data to prospective buyers and tenants. A year ago, about 50% of the 5-block area was vacant. Now, only two buildings remain available. Renovations of building fronts have taken place all along Davis, and the enthusiasm has spread to include the Pierce Street business area as well. A dedication ceremony, with donors, dignitaries and the school band, is planned for March 30, 1996 - all coordinated by Trey.

Luling's sales taxes have started going up - and were up almost 35% in the most recent month over the same month last year.

Trey has also secured plans, advertised for bids and supervised the build-out of a Chamber of Commerce office and visitor center in the Oil Museum on Davis Street.

He has worked with the youth activities volunteer board to create a plan whereby the City would hire a parks and recreation director in the new fiscal year starting April of 1996. He also secured a \$600 donation from the Lions Club for the program.

He has successfully held the first merchants association organizational meeting, with 19 merchants present.

Whenever hands or leadership are needed, Trey is there. He has provided the follow-through support that volunteers have needed to realize their goals.

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### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Charlene Black  
WORK LOCATION: Deming New Mexico  
STATE: New Mexico  
NOMINATED BY: John Thomas

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE &  
BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS

2000

199

NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN  
SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)

\_\_\_\_\_

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

\* This member just started in January 1996

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On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF  
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS

10

MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH  
A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION

10

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"

10

MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS

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To: Billy Moore

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**INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD**

MEMBER'S NAME: Delores J. Druilhet  
 WORK LOCATION: St. Mary Community Action Agency  
 STATE: Louisiana  
 NOMINATED BY: Mrs. Almetra Franklin

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>816</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>0</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>90%</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>10</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

In the short time Delores Druilhet has been with the St. Mary Community Action Agency, she has proven herself an asset to our Housing Department.

As a member of the Housing Department team, she acts as Emergency Shelter Clerk, assists in screening clients for utility assistance, homeless and homeless prevention, writes grants for funding of different projects and assists with commodity distribution.

A very pleasant person, she greets all of our clients with a smile and immediately stops what she is doing to offer them assistance. She completes all tasks assigned to her in a timely manner and never hesitates to offer assistance to her co-workers. Also, Ms. Druilhet accepts additional responsibilities cheerfully and willingly.

Ms. Druilhet is dedicated to the improvement of our parish. To this end, she has donated over 800 hours to various community projects, as she realizes change can only come about when one gives unselfishly of one's time so others might become empowered to help themselves.

Ms. Druilhet exhibits the qualities all Americorp members should have. At St. Mary Community Action Agency, we feel that you cannot find a more outstanding representative of the Americorp ethic than Delores Druilhet. She, indeed, "Gets Things Done."

INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Lisa Hines

WORK LOCATION: Operation PRIDE  
Bowling Green Champion Community

STATE: KENTUCKY

NOMINATED BY: Louis F. Elliott, KY Program Manager

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY ABOVE  
AND BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS: 100

NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO  
BEHAVIOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED: 110

\* Member demonstrated a high degree of  
interpersonal skill in working with others: 10

\* Member was able to carry out assigned tasks  
with a minimum of supervision: 10

\* Member has demonstrated a strong "Ethic of  
Service": 10

\* Member has served as an outstanding  
representative for USDA and AmeriCorps: 9

\* On a scale between 1 and 10, with 1 being low and 10 high.

Lisa began her service by having to relocate from the secure and comfortable surroundings of her family and friends in Louisville, Kentucky, to the site of her host, "Operation Pride", in Bowling Green, Kentucky. It appeared at first that Lisa would be unable to accept the offer and serve as an AmeriCorps member because she was unable to locate housing in a price range that was within her means. However, with the help of her site supervisor, Kathie Curtis, a rental unit was located that she could afford.

Lisa's objection for the "Year of Service" was to organize 120 volunteers to assist in implementing "Neighborhood Pride" projects. Her term is approximately 60% complete and she has already exceeded her goal by accomplishing 110% of her stated objective.

Lisa has totally organized a Spring Clean-Up project which consists of the following three phases:

- o PHASE I: Trash Pick-up  
Picking up litter, removal of tires, furniture and appliances
- o PHASE II: Cutting Brush and Overgrowth  
Cutting brush and overgrowth and trimming trees.
- o PHASE III: Repair Affair  
Repair the exteriors of owner occupied houses only; such as painting, porch stabilizing and repair, roof repairs, windows, etc.

This has been a very time-consuming task for Lisa which has involved a lot of night meetings, etc. Listed below are some of the reasons why I think Lisa deserves this award:

- o One Community Service Member (Lisa) has organized 100 volunteers to participate in this Spring Clean-Up;
- o Gathered a broad-base of support from business to provide donations and supplies;
- o Arranged with homeowners for the above mentioned repairs;
- o Has initiated a sense of PRIDE by making the community citizens responsible for their community appearance;
- o Promoted the AmeriCorps program through the news media (see attached).

## Individual AmeriCorps Member Award

Member's Name : Kimberly Kitterlin

Work Location : Jonesville RHS, RECD, LA

State : Louisiana

Nominated by : Richard Hoffpauir

# of hours donated	<u>666</u>
# times member engaged in super hero behavior	<u>          </u>
% of objective accomplished	<u>90%</u>

1-10

- Member demonstrated a high degree of interpersonal skills in working with others 10
- Member was able to carry out assigned tasks with a minimum of supervision. 10
- Member has demonstrated a strong "Ethic of service" 10
- Member has served as an outstanding representative for USRA + AmeriCorps 10

### Narrative:

Kim is the only returning member from our first year of RECD AmeriCorps service. Kim has served as a role model for members of the highly successful TEAM USRA concept in LA. Her efforts have ranged from promoting & implementing outreach efforts related to RECD

programs, to working with the elderly in relation to Council on Aging activities, to youth in the DARE project. Kim's "bulldog" approach to virtually everything she attempts has proved to be her trademark for success. Her future goal to become an attorney should have attorneys in Louisiana already preparing for many "hard fought battles".

## INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: LITA MOORE

WORK LOCATION: MID-DELTA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

STATE: ARKANSAS

NOMINATED BY: MARGARET M. STAUB

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>100hr</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>          </u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>45%</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>10</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

The Senior Citizens' Centers have been little more than a place where our older citizens have come to eat, have a little conversation, and, perhaps a little nap. Through Ms. Moore's efforts the centers are now livelier, the minds and hands are more engaged, and there seems a new atmosphere whenever one walks into the Senior Citizen Centers. The questionnaire above asked if she'd saved any lives. Perhaps not literally, but her efforts have certainly improved their quality of life.

## INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: MILTON NOKES

WORK LOCATION: TOPEKA

STATE: KS

NOMINATED BY: JIM MEISENHEIMER

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>114</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>-</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>95</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>10</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

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INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD NARRATIVE (KANSAS):

Milton Nokes is a member of the Topeka Aquatic Stream Habitat Restoration Team and is nominated for the individual AmeriCorps member award. Milton has donated numerous hours of community service beyond his normal AmeriCorps service. He has provided significant leadership to his AmeriCorps team members in the area of community service.

Milton has been a key factor in his team's accomplishments exceeding 95 percent of their goals.

Milton has demonstrated a high degree of capability in working with his fellow team members and other USDA and non-USDA team members. He played a key role in developing and presenting a 5-hour program for all Kansas USDA-AmeriCorps members on conflict resolution.

Among the community activities that Milton engaged in are: visiting with elderly patients at the Shawnee Mental Health Agency, meeting with over 10 male members of the Topeka Presbyterian Long Term Care facility, communicating and formulating plans for the exchange with the members of the Bridges Across the Heartland AmeriCorps team, leading the team in its service with the, "The Names Project AIDS Quilt Memorial."

During his service with the Names Project, Milton had to deal with a group of citizens (Rev. Phelps) that expressed dissenting opinions of the moral issues regarding AIDS.

Milton has effectively demonstrated a very strong "ethic of service" as evidenced by his willingness to provide extra effort and his significant extra community service activities. He has been an outstanding representative of USDA and AmeriCorps.

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Dorothy Reaves  
 WORK LOCATION: Greenwood Area Office NRCS  
 STATE: Mississippi  
 NOMINATED BY: James E. Johnson

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>160</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>-</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>100</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>10</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

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Dorothy has served the Americorp Program well by organizing and implementing a newspaper recycling program and by involving local citizens, governmental officials and private corporation in a joint effort to develop jobs and carry out the mission of the project. Dorothy also works with "At Risk Students" to help them become better, more productive citizens. We strongly support and recommend Dorothy Reaves for this award.

James Johnson  
Area Conservationist  
NRCS

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

Members Name: Chanel Richards  
 Work Location: Canton, Mississippi (Charles Bannerman Family  
 Development Center in Flora, MS)  
 State: Mississippi  
 Nominated By: Bettye W. Oliver, USDA-RECD/AmeriCorps State  
 Contact

Number of Hours Donated to Community Above and  
 Beyond Required Service Hours 95

Percentage of Objectives Accomplished 85%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and  
 10 high, answer the following questions:

Member demonstrated a high degree of interpersonal  
 skills in working with others 10

Member was able to carry out assigned tasks  
 with a minimum of supervision 10

Member has demonstrated a strong "ethic of service" 10

Member has served as an outstanding representative  
 for USDA and Americorps 10

Chanel Richards is a second term member and has demonstrated tremendous growth. During her first term of service, she was very timid and reserved. I have observed her as she took constructive criticism and made lemonade out of lemons.

Chanel emerged as the natural leader for the USDA-RECD Mississippi Team. She has chosen a pathway of self-confidence and high self-esteem. Chanel demonstrates a positive state of mind, recognizes and acknowledges the perspectives of others and participates in a unique way in improving the quality of life for others and in particular, the community where she serves. She has a keen sense of humor and has fun as she "gets things done" for Rural Mississippi!

Chanel needs very little supervision and is always eager to get things done in her service area as well as in the communities of her team members. She encourages her team to exercise responsibility in their respective communities and shares the AmeriCorps Opportunity (i.e., service and educational benefits at community gatherings. She serves as the liaison between USDA-RECD/AmeriCorps and the Mississippi Commission for Community and National Service.

Chanel, truly exemplifies the word, "service". Her accomplishments have reflected favorably upon her and her family and have brought distinct credit to USDA and AmeriCorps.

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Linda Rigsby

WORK LOCATION: Project Celebration, Inc.; Many, LA

STATE: Louisiana

NOMINATED BY: Margaret Basco

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS 380

NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) —

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS 10

MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 10

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 10

MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Linda works tirelessly on not only her AmeriCorps objectives, but also on anything that needs to be done regarding our many programs, projects and assignments. She gives freely of herself, often enlisting the aid of her family and friends to offer their time and services for volunteer projects. She is a great asset to our agency, our community and AmeriCorps.

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Toher Sitting Bear

WORK LOCATION: R.D.T Forestry

STATE: S.D.

NOMINATED BY: Lester Leader Charge / Team Leader

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>NR</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>1</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>100%</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>9</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>9</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>9</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>9</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Helped haul wood late at night in subzero temp.  
 ASSISTED in various accident victim, uphill to waiting ambulance

## INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: JULIE SMITH  
WORK LOCATION: DULUTH  
STATE: MINNESOTA  
NOMINATED BY: B. KEVIN DAW

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>160</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>0</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>60%</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>10</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CAPRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

As a second term AmeriCorps member, Julie has demonstrated high personal initiative and a keen sense of service to the project and community. Julie is an outstanding example of how AmeriCorps is envisioned to serve society. She is a role model for other members and the program. Julie has been involved in several state-wide and multi-state programs to showcase and explain the AmeriCorps program. Julie has succeeded in involving a broad base of project supporters throughout northeast Minnesota resulting in highly satisfied sponsors and customers. AmeriCorps is a well respected contributor to regional needs thanks to the efforts of Julie Smith.

## INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Susan Terrebonne  
WORK LOCATION: Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center  
STATE: Louisiana  
NOMINATED BY: Gary Fine, Project Manager

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>70 +</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>          </u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>80</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>10</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>9</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Susan Terrebonne began her service with the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Environmental AmeriCorps Team in November, 1995. Susan applied and came on as a team member. I have recognized in Susan a devotion for coastal wetlands conservation issues and leadership qualities. I have given Susan responsibilities and charges that she did not pursue or ask for. She has readily accepted responsibility and demonstrated by actions that she would make a very effective team leader. Her energy and devotion to coastal conservation efforts and people are an excellent attribute for team leader. As a result of her unselfishness and dedication to the team Susan has been appointed team leader for the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Environmental Team. Susan has performed duties and responsibilities beyond expectations. Susan is very cooperative and she takes an active role to get things done on a daily basis. Though she started as a team member, she has gained the respect and devotion of the team members. Her enthusiasm has spread to the rest of the team. Susan takes an active roll to learn new skills and take on new challenges. She is very community minded and volunteers much of her own time to community issues.

Susan attended the Facilitative Leadership training that was sponsored by AmeriCorps. She has actively utilized many of the ideas and concepts addressed in the training. I feel this has facilitated team building and comradery among members.

Our work is very demanding requiring physical stamina. Working in the marsh is often harsh and requires a dedicated individual that truly believes in the efforts necessary to carry out our mission.

Susan has taken the initiative to carry out a letter writing campaign to promote USDA AmieriCorps and solicit partnerships and sponsorships that move the team to getting things done. She has organized and lead the team in visiting high schools. The team has visited five schools to date. Programs presented have been well received. This has led to request by teachers for the team to return to address a greater number of students.

We have an excellent team and Susan has been a driving influence to make the team as effective as it is. I am fortunate as the team supervisor to have an effective and motivated team leader such as Susan. I believe the devotion that Susan has demonstrated to AmeriCorps, the environmental team, and our goals deserves recognition.

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Ella Watkins  
 WORK LOCATION: Bastrop - RECP  
 STATE: Louisiana  
 NOMINATED BY: Ella Watkins

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS	<u>160</u>
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)	<u>0</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	<u>50%</u>

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>10</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

**Crisp/Dooly Enterprise Community**

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**INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD**

Member's Name: Rosie Watkins

Work Location: Crisp/Dooly Partnership, Inc., 118-B 12th Ave. E., Cordele, GA 31015  
(Site R-13B)

State: Georgia

Nominated By: Elton R. Shauf, Executive Director, Crisp/Dooly Partnership, Inc.

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE AND BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS 220

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100\*

\*Data to measure achievement of one objective, related to percentage reduction of teen pregnancy, is not yet available. Rosie has exceeded all measurable objectives.

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS 10

MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 10

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 10

MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

One-page supporting narrative is attached.

Ms. Rosie Watkins is the only AmeriCorps Member involved in implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Crisp/Dooly Enterprise Community. Her mission is to work with other community organizations and volunteers to implement youth development activities described in the Strategic Plan. She has accomplished that mission in a superb manner. In less than 6 months, she has met objectives that were designed to be accomplished over a period twice that long.

Some of her most significant accomplishments are:

She conducted 11 workshops on teen pregnancy prevention and dropout prevention. Over 390 youth participated.

She is organizing a Teens Against Teen Pregnancy task force. To date, 33 teens from our two counties' high schools have volunteered to serve.

Over 60 adults of varied racial and socio-economic backgrounds have joined her family mentoring task force. School officials have helped her identify youth who will benefit from the mentors' efforts.

With the assistance of other AmeriCorps Members in Georgia, she conducted youth rallies in all our counties' high schools and middle schools. The focus was on making right choices. Topics discussed included dropout prevention, pregnancy prevention, and AIDS prevention. During the rallies, she reached over 2900 students. I received extensive positive feedback, largely unsolicited, from school administrators, faculty, parents of students, and students. During these rallies, Ms. Watkins demonstrated that to a far greater extent than most adults, Ms. Watkins gains and holds the attention of her youthful audiences.

One of the reasons youth respect Ms. Watkins and listen to her is that she has "been there." She grew up in a welfare family and was herself a welfare mother. She determined to escape this cycle of dependency and did so. A key component of her message to youth is, in effect, "I overcame obstacles, I made it, and so can you."

Another reason for her success is that Ms. Watkins has boundless energy and expends most of it helping others. For example, in her "spare time" last December, she organized a Christmas celebration that provided boxes of food and an evening's entertainment for over 70 needy families.

Rosie Watkins is one of the most effective community servants I have known. She is a truly outstanding ambassador for the Enterprise Community program, the USDA and the AmeriCorps. I strongly recommend her service be recognized with an Individual AmeriCorps Member Award.

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: LENA WITHERSPOON

WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK

STATE: ILLINOIS

NOMINATED BY: LATHROP HOMES

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS 100

NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) 0

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS : 10

MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 10

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 10

MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

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Ms Lena Witherspoon is the liaison for Lathrop Homes and The Chicago Environmental Action Team. She has gone the extra mile in every aspect of her duties. I appreciate everything that she has done in helping us get the apartments ready for occupants of Lathrop Homes.

Sincerely

James Clark

*James Clark*

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: LENA WITHERSPOON

WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK

STATE: ILLINOIS

NOMINATED BY: JANE ADDAMS CONFERENCE

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) \_\_\_\_\_

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>10</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>10</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

*Ms. Witherspoon is amiable, knowledgeable, able to impart her knowledge, and a dedicated and tireless worker. She encourages people by her example and her enthusiasm to care for and improve the environment. She has worked alongside the a group of women at Henry Horner Homes (a public housing development) to establish a community garden/park. The women are members of the Jane Addams West Side Green Belt and deeply appreciate Ms. Witherspoon's contribution.*

*Sincerely,*

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: LENA WITHERSPOON  
 WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
 STATE: ILLINOIS  
 NOMINATED BY: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS.. 10  
 MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 10  
 MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 10  
 MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

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*Lena has consistently taken initiative in providing leadership to The Nature Conservancy's Mighty Acorns program. ~~She~~ Her strengths include an eagerness to learn new things, an ability to communicate effectively with adults and children, and a demonstrated ability to lead AmeriCorps team members. She is a very positive person to work with.*

## INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: LENA WITHERSPOON

WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK

STATE: ILLINOIS

NOMINATED BY: FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE &  
BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN  
SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) \_\_\_\_\_

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS	<u>7</u>
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION	<u>8</u>
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"	<u>8</u>
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS	<u>8</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Lena has been an organized and effective leader of the USDA AmeriCorps Program. Her environmental training + expertise allows young people to understand the connections in the natural world. She should be commended for her efforts in this area.

*Robert Hart*

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: LENA WITHERSPOON  
 WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
 STATE: ILLINOIS  
 NOMINATED BY: Garfield Park Conservatory

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS 10  
 MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 10  
 MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 10  
 MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

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*LENA Witherspoon demonstrates in words and action, skill interest and enthusiasm.*

3/29/96  
*Rimetta  
 Thornhurst  
 Chicago Park District*

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: LENA WITHERSPOON

WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK

STATE: ILLINOIS

NOMINATED BY: Chicago Academy Of Science

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE &  
BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN  
SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) \_\_\_\_\_

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF  
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS 8

MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH  
A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 10

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 10

MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

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## Individual Americorps Member Award

Member's Name: **LENA WITHERSPOON**  
Work Location: 4434 S. Lake Park  
State: Illinois  
Nominated by: The Nature Museum, Chicago Academy of Sciences

At the Nature Museum, Lena has shown adeptness at teaching science to children. She has shared her knowledge with her co-workers. She has assumed leadership roles in scheduling and training new volunteers to the program. She is an excellent role model for other volunteers as well as the children she teaches. Lena is enthusiastic about her work and passes on her spirit to the children with whom she works. She shows initiative in solving problems that arise during her shift and makes suggestions as to how we can improve our programs and training procedure.

Lena is a valued member of the Visitor Programs team.

INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: LENA WITHERSPOON
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK
STATE: ILLINOIS
NOMINATED BY: CARZELLA PRITCHETT

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS 100
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) 0
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS 10
MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 10
MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 10
MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

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LENA HAS SHOWN REMARKABLE SKILLS IN LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT HER TERM OF SERVICE, SHE IS THE LEASON FOR THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, LATHROP HOMES, FELLOWSHIP HOUSE, ASSISTANT LEASON FOR CAS, AND OFTEN ACTS IN MY PLACE WHEN I'M OUT OF THE OFFICE. SHE IS DEPENDABLE, TRUSTWERTHY, AND PROFESSIONAL.

Carzella C. Pritchett

P.S. I CAN NOT EXPRESS ALL OF THE MANY WAYS THAT LENA HAS HELP THE PROGRAM AND MANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

### INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Karlen Witt

WORK LOCATION: Rosebud

STATE: South Dakota

NOMINATED BY: Team leader, Clarence P. ...

(Complete the following information)

NUMBER OF HOURS DONATED TO COMMUNITY ABOVE & BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS 11/2

NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) 1/1

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 20%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

MEMBER DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS 10

MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 10

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 10

MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

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Team member Karlen Witt is outgoing, adaptable, a quick learner and able to work with little supervision. Show good work ethic, friendly, open to new ideas and considerate to others.

Team member Karlen Witt puts others first volunteers for new projects and goes the extra mile to over see projects completed.

joined AmeriCorps to improve herself, and our environment.

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TEAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

<u>SITE NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>RATING</u>
Cheney Lake Parks	KS	_____
Chicago Enviro Team	IL	<u>5</u>
Coastal Wetlands Enviro	LA	_____
Cottageville Elemental	SC	<u>2</u>
Edenton Y37C	NC	<u>3</u>
LA State - NRCS	LA	_____
LA State - RECD	LA	_____
LA Team USDA	LA	<u>4</u>
RECD - MS	MS	_____
Rosebud Team	SD	_____
Topeka Aquatic Habitate	KS	_____
Walterboro	SC	<u>1</u>

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: CHENEY LAKE PARKS & WILDLIFE ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS TEAM

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: CHENEY LAKE

STATE: KS

NOMINATED BY: JIM MEISENHEIMER

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 95

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS 9

ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND  
NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES 10

ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP  
AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP 10

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND) 9

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER 10

TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED  
OBJECTIVES 10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

USDA-AMERICORPS ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS TEAM AWARD NARRATIVE  
(KANSAS) :

The Cheney Lake Parks and Wildlife Area Restoration Team serves to help restore the high use Cheney Lake recreation and wildlife area to it's functional use as it existed prior to the devastating 1993 and 1995 Midwest floods.

The team serves with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, a partner State agency. The Cheney Lake team is nominated for the outstanding team award in the "environmental corps" category because they have fully focused on their park and wildlife area restoration goals and have achieved in excess of 95 percent of their project. The team has been involved in restoration of picnicking and camping facilities plus fish and wildlife areas as well as extra community service activities. In addition to restoring facilities the team has cleaned up and removed large amounts of debris left behind by the flood. The team has functioned well under the leadership of the designated team leader.

The team possesses significant diversity with gender, age and social and religious background. While not ideally compatible initially, the team matured quickly and became a very compatible and effective unit.

The forte of this team is its ability to Get Things Done and provide community service above and beyond the needs of Cheney State Park and Wildlife Area. Their service beyond the call to duty began with their first day of service. Member Kari Hacker suffered the first USDA-AmeriCorps injury, while doing extra community service, shortly after the members were sworn in. Shana Martin co-presented the conflict resolution class to USDA/AmeriCorps members. The team has been exemplary in its various extra community service activities which include service with: Wichita Veterans' Administration Hospital, Hutchinson Hadley Day Care Center, Wichita Children's Home, Wichita Catholic Adult Day Care Center, Dillon Nature Center, Kansas Health and Safety Extension Corps, and making sausage for a community feed in the nearby town of Pretty Prairie.

When called upon for help, the team is there. When a grass fire began in Cheney State Park and threatened much of the park including a sail boat winter storage area with nearly a 100 boats, members joined volunteers from nearby communities in putting it out.

### USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
 ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
 WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
 STATE: ILLINOIS  
 NOMINATED BY: NRCS, JAMES B. JOHNSON

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED *To date* 75%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS 9
- ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES 10
- ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP 9
- DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND) 8
- RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER 9
- TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 9

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRUDENT, AND CREATIVE IN A SENCE OF TAKING CHARGE IN ANY SITUATION, THEY ARE VERY DEPENDABLE AND HARD WORKING,

SINCERELY,  
JAMES B. JOHNSON

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CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

LIST OF MEMBERS

1. JANICE ADAMS
2. AKEYA BELLAW
3. SAMMY BAUSLEY
4. GEORGE BOWEN
5. REGINA BUCKNER
6. LUCINDA BURROUGHS
7. MICHAEL EAGAN
8. JACKIE JACKSON
9. NANCY JOHNSON
10. GLEEN KATOL
11. RONALD McCRARY
12. AUNDRE MILLER
13. ANGELA PARRISH
14. SHITAL PATEL
15. MARKETIA SMITH
16. APRIL STOGNER
17. KIRKLAND WILLIAMS
18. VICKI WILLIAMS
19. JOHN WISE
20. LENA WITHERSPOON

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*Caryella Prokhorov - Team Leader*

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: LINCOLN PARK BOAT CLUB

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>8</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>7</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>7</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>7</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>8</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>8</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

The USDA/AmeriCorps Chicago Environmental Action Team assisted the Lincoln Park Boat Club in a community outreach program -- now called Open Boats -- in which team members first learned boating and rescue skills in canoes and kayaks and then taught children to paddle. Two hundred children from Chicago's inner city learned boating from the team.

The program took place in the summer of 1995; at that time it was an unnamed pilot project. Half a dozen groups initially appeared to take part, but only the USDA/AmeriCorps team stayed with the program; the others quickly dropped out. The USDA/AmeriCorps team came regularly for their training and soon achieved expertise in boating skills. They then served ably as instructors and lifeguards to the children who came after.

The program was highly successful, largely due to the USDA/AmeriCorps contribution. This year it has a name and will be four times larger. The USDA/AmeriCorps people will have full charge of a new mobile project in which they will transport a trailer load of boats to parks on the city's south side, and they will teach children to paddle there.

The fact that we achieved 100 percent of our objective was effectively a given; it wasn't even that difficult. I must give special credit to Mike Thomas, the team liaison, and to Corzella Pritchett, project coordinator. I consider them well proven, and I have total confidence in putting them fully in charge of the new mobile project.

*Tom Hall*

Tom Hall  
Director: Open Boats

Note: Where I gave the team a low score on Diversity, it was because the people I worked with were all African-American males. That was only because the women on the AmeriCorps team were unable to swim.

### USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
 ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
 WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
 STATE: ILLINOIS  
 NOMINATED BY: THE CHRIST WAY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>10</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.



**The Christ Way Missionary Baptist Church**

1210 East 62nd Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637  
Reverend Consuella York, Founder  
Reverend John R. York, Pastor  
PHONE (312) 363-9563/667-7607  
FAX (312) 493-9028

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March 29, 1996

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter comes to you on behalf of USDA Americorp.

Not only has this organization been very cooperative whenever called upon to assist the Church, but they have been thorough in completing the duties assigned to them. They have worked with us on several occasions and we have been completely satisfied with their performance.

Because of their helpfulness in assisting us to complete the tasks given to them, we look forward to working with them again.

I will be happy to furnish any additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

*Rev. John R. York*  
Rev. John R. York

/c

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK

STATE: ILLINOIS

NOMINATED BY: CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>9</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>9</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>9</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>9</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>9</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>9</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

## Individual Americorps Member Award

Team Name: **The Environmental Action Team**  
Work Location: 4434 S. Lake Park  
State: Illinois  
Nominated by: The Nature Museum, Chicago Academy of Sciences

The team members of Americorps greatly contribute to the functioning of the Nature Museum. Without their contributions, the number of children we could serve would be significantly lowered. The team members easily adjust their schedules to ours and have become valued members of our team. They are able to schedule and organize themselves independently, and after training, are able to work with a minimum of supervision. The Americorps team seem to get along well with each other and never fight over who will teach which program. They demonstrate a high level of cooperation.

On several occasions, when the museum has been short staffed, team members have stayed for extra hours in order to provide assistance beyond their normal tasks. In addition, members have helped staff a booth at a volunteer fair and have written articles for our volunteer newsletter. The entire team has shown enthusiasm and commitment for the goals and efforts of the museum.

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

100%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>8</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>8</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>9</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>9</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>8</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>8</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

The Chicago Environmental Action Team has exhibited exemplary service in our River bank Restoration Projects. They provided a great deal of support for this project and contributed much needed physical and technical assistance. They should be highly commended for their excellent service!

*Robert A. A.*

USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S, LAKE PARK
STATE: ILLINOIS
NOMINATED BY: MARY PERRY ( 600 N. LATROBE)

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS 10
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES 10
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP 10
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND) 10
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

When I work with the environmental action team I was very please with their work. they was very sincere about what they were doing I would call on them anytime.

Mary perry

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

(Complete the following information)

### PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

100%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS

10

ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES

10

ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP

10

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)

10

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER

10

TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES

10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

It has been my pleasure to work with the USDA AMERICORPS/CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM. The team has been instrumental in the development of a number of greening projects: community and school gardens in the city of Chicago. Their work has been of the highest quality and all team members exemplify AMERICORPS' mission. Team members worked with my staff at 30 public schools last year providing assistance through Project Green Thumb, an Indoor Gardening School Project. Teachers commented that team members were knowledgeable and related well to their students. I highly recommend the Chicago Environmental Action Team for the USDA AMERICORPS Team Award.

*Ronald C. Wolford*

Ronald C. Wolford  
Extension Educator  
Urban Gardening

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: JANE ADDAMS CONFERENCE

(Complete the following information)

### PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>10</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

*I find the team to be knowledgeable, hard-working, cooperative, generous with its time. The team is always responsive when called upon. It reaches out to assure us of its continuing availability. The team was instrumental in helping us develop a community garden/park in Henry Horner Homes, a public housing development. This team inspires others to be stewards of the environment.*

*Sincerely,  
Keweenaw Moreland*

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: LINCOLN PARK CONSERVATORY

(Complete the following information)

### PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>8</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

The U.S. D. A AMERICORPS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP is an energetic spirited trained supportive team. The members have generously assisted the Chicago Park District Conservatory staff to complete various assignments <sup>tasks</sup> indoors and outdoors.

Pina Hare  
Floriculture  
Chicago Park District

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY

(Complete the following information)

### PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>8</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

The U.S.D.A. Americorps Environmental action group is an energetic, spirited, trained supportive team. The members have generously assisted the Chicago Park District Conservatory staff to complete various assignments & tasks indoors and outdoors.

*Rimattan*  
Conservatory  
Chicago Park District

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: The Nature Conservancy

(Complete the following information)

### PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>8</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>8</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>9</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>Don't know enough about this</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>9</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this <sup>team (?)</sup> member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

In my work with this team, I have found the members and team leader to be accessible and responsive to our program needs, as well as our program participants. Carzella Pittchet, Lena Witherspoon and Jackie Jackson all provide the kind of leadership and organizational structure needed for this team to play a crucial role with the Mighty Acorns program. Because of AmeriCorps, Mighty Acorns is able to reach thousands of children each year with important experiences in exploring and caring for nature.

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: URBAN RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>9</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>9</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>9</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

The Chicago Environmental Action Team is an important asset to community building & environmental development in Chicago. The Team provides assistance to a wide-range of community groups doing natural resource projects ranging from community garden creation to wetlands restoration. They respond quickly and efficiently. They never say no - they always say "how can we help?" They're the greatest!

Karen Hobb  
Urban Resources Part.

USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK

STATE: ILLINOIS

NOMINATED BY: CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT ( KENNICOTT PARK )

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>10</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.



March 18, 1996

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Ms Carzella Pritchard and the Chicago Environmental Action Team for the USDA Americorps Team Award.

Ms. Pritchard and her "team" have established themselves as a valuable part of Kennicott Park as well as the surrounding communities of North Kenwood -Oakland and Hyde Park. Their contributions have been endless, completing tasks with a team spirit that is a model for any organization. They have extended their manpower, mobilizing to at a moments notice to turn the most difficult pressing situations into another problem solved. Ms. Pritchards' team has been the perfect example of the level that can be achieved by the well organized, courteous, hard working people that make up The Chicago Environmental Action Team. For these reasons I believe Ms. Carzella Pritchard and her Team should not only be nominated, but should be awarded the USDA Americorps Team Award.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Gallik", is written over a large, stylized oval flourish.

Mr. Gary Gallik  
Supervisor  
Kennicott Park  
4434 South Lake Park

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## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: THE CHICAGO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: 4434 S. LAKE PARK  
STATE: ILLINOIS  
NOMINATED BY: LATHROP HOMES

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 10

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS 10

ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES 10

ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP 10

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND) 10

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER 10

TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

The Chicago Environmental Action Team has displayed a rare quality persistence and determination during every task that they were assigned here at Lathrop Homes. During our partnership they have provided us with the additional help needed to complete many repairs on numerous apartments. I appreciate all of their efforts, and would like to recommend them for this team award.

Sincerely

James Clark  
*James Clark*

# USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: AmeriCorps  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: Cottageville Elementary School  
STATE: South Carolina  
NOMINATED BY: John E. Cobb

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>10</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

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# Cottageville Elementary School

P.O. BOX 208  
Cottageville, S.C. 29435  
803-835-5716

Daniel D. Green  
Principal

John E. Cobb  
Administrative Assistant

Donna Haynes  
Secretary

Jackie Davis  
Attendance Clerk

March 31, 1996


Dear USDA AmericCorps Taskforce,

I am writing to nominate the team of AmeriCorps workers who helped us on our Outdoor Learning Center. The finished product that we have as a result of their efforts is impeccable. Their work and craftsmanship have breathed new life into a project that was snailing along. The team, under the leadership of Sherell Stevens, was friendly, courteous, professional and quite effective. The work done was to our needs and every suggestion made by the team added characteristics to our Eagle Trail. Every minute at our school was spent working diligently. Thanks to the manpower and experience of this team, Cottageville Elementary School has a trail complete with two amphitheaters, recycling bin, outdoor classroom, and many new options for future additions.

To cap off a wonderful finish, the team returned to our school to tell the students about AmeriCorps and their involvement. At the end of this visit they helped us build our recycling bin, discussed the purpose of the bin, and assisted in starting this learning station. I can not think of a more competent team to receive this award.

The members of the AmeriCorps Team are as follows:  
Sherell Stevens (Team Leader)  
Doug McLean  
Meredith Mauldin  
Erik Greene

Yours truly,

  
John E. Cobb

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Environmental Team  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:  
WORK LOCATION: Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center  
STATE: Louisiana  
NOMINATED BY: Gary Fine, Team Supervisor

Site Code X22A

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 80 %

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>8</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>9</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>8</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>7</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

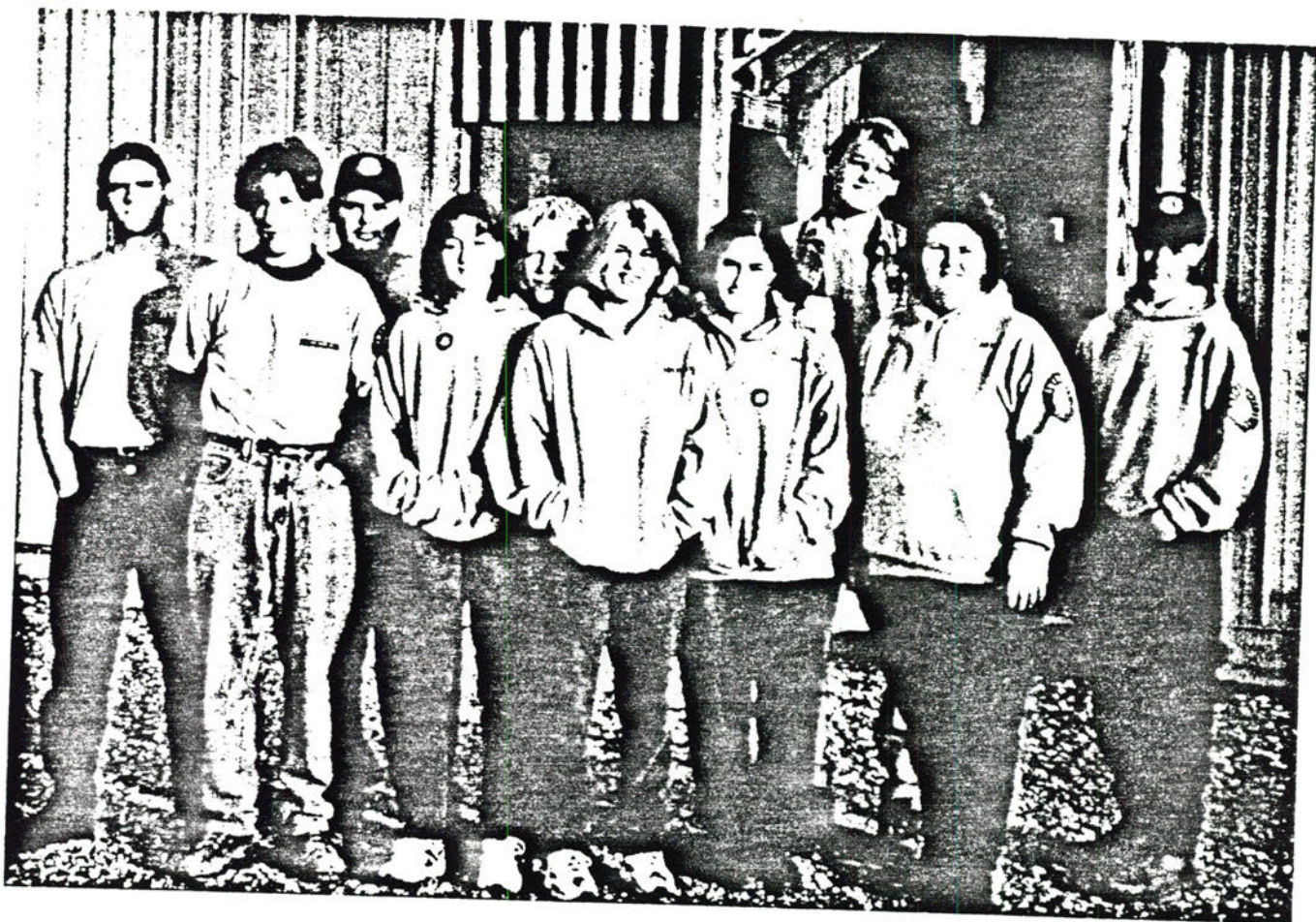
The Louisiana AmeriCorps Coastal Wetlands Environmental Team began service in November, 1995. Objectives were set to address vegetative needs for coastal environmental issues. Though aggressive objectives were set the team has performed well beyond expectations. The wetlands team has accomplished nearly half of the objectives set for the program in just over four months of service. Several additional objectives have been set and completed since the team was formed. The ten member team has made an impact on our coastal communities in their short time of existence. AmeriCorps was unknown to most when we started. Residents and community leaders have seen the work performed by the wetlands team. Many have stopped by work sites to express their appreciation for the teams efforts. This team continually strives to do more.

The wetlands team began with differing attitudes, and expectations. Most of the members began not with a notion of serving communities and contributing to our nations welfare but rather that this is just a job with a paycheck. The team now demonstrates pride, confidence, and a sense of accomplishment that positively impacts our communities. The members have truly become a team that exemplifies USDA AmeriCorps.

Vegetative projects associated with coastal wetlands are generally harsh and difficult environments to work. The team members are often working in mucks literally waist deep, or areas infested with biting, swarming insects. The work is laborous, and dirty requiring stamina and strong will. The team members show up each day, perform work necessary to accomplish tasks and never complain. The team exhibits positive and can do attitudes no matter how hard or harsh the work assignment. They show pride in their work and always strive for more challenging projects. They are now showing initiative to take responsibility to carry out tasks on their own. I have confidence in their abilities to carry out tasks with little supervision. This reflects individual pride and confidence in their work.

The team has written their own newsletter which they call "AmeriCorps Team Talk". They have visited five high schools to date. The school visits have drawn further interest by teachers which are requesting additional visits to their classes. The team has assisted the Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center by propagating over 20,000 plants for study and stabilization projects. The team assisted one local community by placing over 1500 discarded christmas trees for shoreline stabilization. The team has cut and cleared approximately three acres of weedy tree species for swamp creation and demonstration plantings. These are just some of the efforts above and beyond identified objectives. The team continues to solicit more activities for which they can tackle, and be challenged. This team truly exemplifies the mission of "getting things done". I am proud to be associated with the wetlands environmental team and I sincerely feel their efforts and accomplishments deserve recognition. USDA AmeriCorps and Louisiana can take proud in the individuals and accomplishments of the Louisiana wetlands environmental team.

Dan Fine  
PMC Manager  
Team Supervisor



Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Environmental Corps: Eric Arabie, Tiffany Arabie, Andy Chiasson, Garland Gisclair, Jean Guidry, Clay Hebert, Penny LeBoeuf, Neal Ledet, Rebekah Richoux, and Susan Terrebonne.

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: North Carolina 37C

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: Edenton

STATE: North Carolina

NOMINATED BY: Rodney W. Johnson

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 50%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>9</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>10</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>9</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>8</u>

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Please provide a short narrative explaining why this <sup>team</sup> ~~member~~ merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

## AWARD NOMINATION

North Carolina 37C

Team Members: *Sherri Midgette, Fred Measmer,  
Joan Mansfield and David Bateman*

This team has cooperated and gotten more work done than ever expected. They have actually bonded like a family and their visions are real and creative. Good work attitudes have been present even when labor is hard and repetitive. Great ideas come forth on building bridges, creating signs, and initiating community service activities such as giving blood and organizing tree planting days.

Four team members gave blood as a group. Video, color slides and pictures have been taken at all times by the team to document each project activity. The team adapts well to additional project sites and works well with other staff at project sites. The diversity of this group accurately represents the population of the area. The team leader has the respect of other team members and uses skills learned in the Facilitative Leadership Workshop to resolve conflict and obtain input from entire team.

This team has been a great pleasure to work with and has done some outstanding work thus far.

### USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: Louisiana Team U.S.D.A.

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: Louisiana

STATE: Louisiana

NOMINATED BY: Sandra Smith Susan Mattox

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS 10

ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES 10

ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP 10

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND) 10

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER 10

TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 10

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UNITED  
STATES  
DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE

Re: USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

March 14, 1996


We love to pat ourselves on the back when deserved, and Team U.S.D.A AmeriCorps is a great place to start. We respectfully submit our comrades, Louisiana Team U.S.D.A. AmeriCorps, to receive a Team Award. We have never been so honored or more proud to be a part of such a team effort.

I don't believe that any one of us singularly desires or deserves the recognition for the great strides we have been able to accomplish as a team. We are an eclectic group, consisting of a wide range of ages, nationalities, socioeconomic groups, and political preferences. Get us together and we merge as an eclectic group we are all proud to be a part of, Team U.S.D.A. AmeriCorps.

The team consists of ten members working to restore Louisiana's coastal wetlands, five members working to coordinate the installation of 35 dry fire hydrants per parish across Louisiana, three members working to increase awareness of and reduce the risk of groundwater pollution, six members working in Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities and Champion Communities to strengthen and promote growth and development, and eight members working in RECD offices implementing outreach and community service activities in conjunction with the local offices.

Sincerely,

  
Sandra Smith  
AmeriCorps member

  
Susan Mattox  
AmeriCorps member

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LOUISIANA TEAM USDA AMERICORPS

PROJECT DIRECTORS: BILLY R. MOORE AND RICHARD HOFFPAUIR

Holly

ENVIROMENTAL CORPS - LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS

ERIC J. ARABIE

TIFANY E. ARABIE

JEAN' L. EYMARD

GARLAND GISCLAIR

JEAN' P. GUIDRY

CLAY M. HEBERT

PENNY M. LeBOUEF

NEAL A. LEDET

REBEKAH R. RICHOUX

SUSAN K.C. TERREBONNE

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DRY FIRE HYDRANT - NRCS

NANCY L. DYER

DONNA L. HAYDEL

TOM. Y. MORTON

JOHN TOM MURRAY

ROBIN L. TORRENCE

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FARM\*A\*SYST - NRCS

IRVIN J. FEKETE

SUSAN D. MATTOX

SANDRA M. SMITH

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RECD RBCDS PROJECT

DELORES DRUILHET

SHEILA LYONS

REBECCA MARCOTTE

LINDA RIGSBY

LISA SHUFF

THERESA SMITH

CARL O. COLLINS

JESSICA DEAN

DEMETRIS HOWARD

MARY HUFF

KIMBERLY KITTERLIN

ROBERT TONN

ANDRE WASHINGTON

ELLA WATKINS

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## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: Louisiana USDA - RECD

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: Marksville

STATE: Louisiana

NOMINATED BY: Linda Rigsby

(Complete the following information)

### PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>10</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

The RECD - USDA Louisiana Team is a dedicated group of individuals. Although working on various and diverse projects around the state, they remain a close and organized group, due to the many Team meetings and training sessions. They hold regular cluster meetings which also helps enable them to learn more about each others projects and offer support when needed.

### USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: Team USDA - Louisiana

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: Louisiana

NOMINATED BY: Ella Watkins

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 10

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS 10

ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES 10

ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP 10

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND) 10

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER 10

TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES 10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Lisa Huff  
Rebecca Marcotte

Delores Druilhet

Jessica Dean

Robert Jones

Sheila Lyons

Carl Collins

Kimberly Kitterlin

Ella Watkins

Mary Huff

Linda Rigby

Demetrius Howard

Andre Washington

Theresa Smith

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: USDA-RECD/ AmeriCorps Team ---Mississippi

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: Chanel Richards and Fanya Johnson

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 80

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>10</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

**MISSISSIPPI  
USDA-RECD\*AMERICORPS TEAM**

**Team Members**

**Location**

Charlet Meredith  
Fanya Johnson

Hinds County RECD  
Jackson, MS

La'Donna James

City of Edwards  
Edwards, MS

Chanel Richards  
Annie Rattler

Madison County  
Human Resource Agency  
Canton, MS

Brenda Joyner

Madison County RECD  
Canton, MS

Nobelle Bishop

Natchez-Adams County  
Economic Development  
Authority  
Natchez, MS

Daphne Covington

Adams County RECD  
Natchez, MS

Gwen Moore  
Ethel James

Alcorn Cooperative  
Extension Service  
Alcorn State University-  
serving Claiborne and  
Jefferson County  
Lorman, MS

Yvonne Bee  
Rogers Robinson

Mid-Delta Empowerment  
Zone Alliance-serving  
Bolivar, Holmes,  
Humphreys, Leflore,  
Sunflower, and Washington  
County  
Greenville, MS

**TEAM NAME: Mississippi USDA/RECD\*AmeriCorps Team**

The Mississippi AmeriCorps\*USDA-Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) Team should win the Team Award. This team represents the spirit of AmeriCorps by promoting opportunity, responsibility, community, and they get things done. The team represents diversified ages, educational backgrounds, gender, and races. They are more than leaders, and are great followers. They have gone above and beyond their call of duty to get things done for Mississippi. In doing so, members have made many out of pocket donations in order to fulfill their objectives and rescue their communities. The following information will help to explain why this team deserves this award.

USDA/RECD AmeriCorps Members engaged 130 volunteers in over 1,400 hours of renovating a dilapidated community center, environmental, and recreational projects. Members have held rural housing fairs in which they have educated 25 residents on the different sources of RECD rural housing loans and grants, and other agencies that sponsor housing assistance. They have repaired an elderly woman's home, in which they helped to receive a repair grant to remove safety hazards. One member tutors 7 elementary school students with self-esteem, behavior, and academic problems. Another member is tutoring 44 junior high and high school students.

Members located in the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) have helped 42 volunteers become a certified board of community educators regarding the EZ/EC initiative by setting up train the trainers workshops totaling 640 volunteer hours. They are also helping Welfare mothers become self-sufficient. In a different perspective, one member is promoting economic development by increasing a database from 265 to 1,062 retirees inquiring about relocation to her community. She recruited 3 of 30 volunteers that have helped in recruiting the retirees. Other members have held after school environmental enrichment programs. And another member has recruited approximately 110 parents into an after school program for parents of at-risk youth to help them deal with children more effectively.

In addition, these Mississippi USDA-RECD Team Members volunteer in several other organizations besides AmeriCorps, which is a sign of great citizenship. The above stated accomplishments represents why this team deserves the Team Award for the priceless service they have provided for the love of their communities.



Rosebud AmeriCorps Team

Clarence Poorman, Team Leader  
Lester Leader Charge, Team Leader  
John Sitting Bear, Team Member  
Richard Traverise, Team Member  
Emily White Hat, Team Member  
Dale Whiting, Team Member  
Kevin Boyd, Team Member  
Karla Witt, Team Member  
Kevin Boyd, Team Member  
Melvin Staples, Team Member

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: TOPEKA AQUATIC HABITAT RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: TOPEKA/SHAWNEE COUNTY

STATE: KS

NOMINATED BY: JIM MEISENHEIMER

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 95

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS 10

ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND  
NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES 10

ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP  
AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP 10

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND) 9

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER 10

TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED  
OBJECTIVES 10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

USDA AMERICORPS RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM AWARD NARRATIVE  
(KANSAS):

The Topeka Aquatic Habitat Stream Restoration Team is nominated for the USDA AmeriCorps team award in the rural development category because of the success it has had in accomplishing a diverse set of objectives for both rural and urban project settings. The team is working jointly with the City of Topeka, and the Shawnee, Wabaunsee, and Osage County Conservation Districts to restore high quality aquatic stream habitat in the three county area.

The team is assisting the Shawnee, Wabaunsee and Osage County nonpoint source pollution prevention efforts by implementing projects that reduce stream channel bank erosion and enhance riparian corridor habitat in the three county area.

The team is a diverse gender, age, and social background group.

The team rotates it's team leadership responsibility between all the members and have functioned well with that method of team operation.

Team accomplishments have exceeded their project goals. The team has worked with the city of Topeka and Shawnee County Conservation District's nonpoint source pollution prevention manager to mark over 1200 storm drains with "No Dumping - Drains to the River". This team has developed a public service announcement presentation with slides and has convinced the Topeka area movie theaters to show them prior to movie previews. It is estimated the message will be communicated to over 200,000 movie goers of all ages in the Topeka area.

The team has developed an effective slide presentation that demonstrates what the team is accomplishing. This slide presentation is used as an example of how stream habitat can be restored and how a group like AmeriCorps can accomplish the task.

Examples of their service includes: speaking to students about the environment and helping the disadvantaged. Examples of helping the disadvantaged include: weatherizing homes for the elderly; helped the Salvation Army, Topeka Rescue Mission, and Red Cross; assisted physically disabled and impaired children, painted at a Ronald McDonald's house, helped at the Topeka Battered Women's shelter. Other agency beneficiaries of the team's community service include: Helping Hands Humane Society, Topeka Day Care Association, Wildcare, Cornerstone Agency, Shwane County Health Agency, and the Presbyterian Manor.

The Topeka team is truly one that "get things done."

## USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: Walterboro Americorps Team

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:

WORK LOCATION: Walterboro

STATE: South Carolina

NOMINATED BY: Dwayne Mangum

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

75  
so far

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS	<u>10</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>9</u>
ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>10</u>
RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10+</u>
TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED OBJECTIVES	<u>10</u>

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The Walterboro Americorps Team exemplified what the National Community Service Program is all about. The 4 members of the team were very dedicated and eager to learn new things about the projects they worked on. In Charleston County the team accomplished 2 highly visible projects. One was a water management study for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Drayton Hall on historic property, and the other was development of an educational brochure for Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission. In Berkeley County, which I also cover, they completed a nature trail for the Berkeley County School District. The trail is in a wetland area next to a new high school being constructed. This unique project was a requirement of a wetland mitigation agreement.

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Members of the Walterboro Americorps Team are: Sherell Stevens, Meridith Mauldin, Eric Green, Douglas McLean, and Kimberly Duffy.

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In all 3 projects, I have been impressed by their creativity, ingenuity and ability to work with very little supervision and guidance. They also have represented Americorps very well to the sponsors and general public by their positive attitudes and pleasing personalities. I would recommend them to anyone!

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COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>RATING</u>
Bowling Green Champion Comm.	KY	<u>5</u>
Brownsville	PA	<u>          </u>
Caribou	ME	<u>3</u>
City of Hays	KS	<u>4</u>
Morehouse Parish	LA	<u>          </u>
Roseud Sioux Tribe	SD	<u>          </u>
Sabine Parish	LA	<u>1</u>
St. Mary Parish	LA	<u>2</u>

AMERICORPS COMMUNITY AWARD

COMMUNITY NAME: Bowling Green Champion Community

NAME OF  
COMMUNITY LEADER: Kathie Curtis

STATE: KENTUCKY

NOMINATED BY: Louis F. Elliott, KY Program Manager

* RESOURCES PROVIDED:	9
* MARKETING PROGRAM TO SPREAD SUCCESS OF PROGRAM:	10
* WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY:	10
* SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS:	10

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED: (Recruitment took place in conjunction with AmeriCorps member)	130
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NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED:	125
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\* On a scale between 1 and 10, with 1 being low and 10 high.

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Ms. Curtis basically initiated OPERATION P.R.I.D.E. for the Bowling Green community to assist the people (local residents) to improve their own community in both physical appearance and also to establish a sense of pride and self esteem. Attached is a copy of the pamphlet that is distributed to interested individuals that explains the mission of Operation P.R.I.D.E.

I have nominated Ms. Curtis for this award for the following reasons:

- o She assisted the USDA/RECD AmeriCorps member, Lisa Hines, in locating affordable housing in the Bowling Green area. Without her assistance Lisa probably could not have served.
- o From the very beginning she has made Lisa welcome in the community and created an atmosphere in which Lisa, in just six short months, feels a part of the community. She introduced her to local public officials and made sure an introduction to the community was properly portrayed through the newspaper. (See attached)
- o Ms. Curtis always introduces Lisa as an AmeriCorps member providing community service to Bowling Green.
- o As her day to day supervisor, Ms. Curtis provides Lisa with overall supervision but gives her almost complete freedom to organize, implement and achieve her objective.
- o Ms. Curtis is also an individual that contributes many volunteer (unpaid hours) to her community.

I recommend that the Champion Community of Bowling Green, Kentucky be considered for this award because they did not see themselves as losers when they applied as an Enterprise Community but were not selected. Rather they have moved forward with implementing portions of their strategy plan and the USDA/RECD AmeriCorps member Lisa Hines is doing an excellent job.

### COMMUNITY AWARD

COMMUNITY NAME: Brownsville, PA  
 NAME OF COMMUNITY LEADER: Norma, Ryan  
 STATE: Pennsylvania  
 NOMINATED BY: Fayette County Americorps Team

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

RESOURCES PROVIDED	<u>10</u>
MARKETING PROGRAM TO SPREAD SUCCESS OF PROGRAM	<u>7</u>
WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY	<u>10</u>
SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS	<u>7</u>

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED	<u>20</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>100</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Norma is a member of the Brownsville Area Revitalization Committee, she is a full-time volunteer in the community. She has welcomed our AmeriCorps Team from day 1, and provided assistance, resources and direction in most of our projects. She enlists community members in volunteer projects and serves as the positive backbone to the community.

## COMMUNITY AWARD

COMMUNITY NAME: Caribou  
NAME OF COMMUNITY LEADER: Kathy Mazzuchelli  
STATE: Maine  
NOMINATED BY: Gary Marquis Americorps member

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

RESOURCES PROVIDED	<u>10</u>
MARKETING PROGRAM TO SPREAD SUCCESS OF PROGRAM	<u>8</u>
WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY	<u>10</u>
SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED	<u>90</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>800</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

# Caribou Parks & Recreation Department

59 BENNETT DRIVE  
CARIBOU, MAINE 04736

(207)493-4224 / 498-3954 FAX      **USDA COMMUNITY AWARD**

03-15-96

Dear Joel;

I am nominating the community of Caribou for the community award. The City of Caribou has done wonders for its people. They have allowed me to use all their resources in performing my job the best that I can.

I have been to many meetings in Caribou and when I get up to ask for volunteers to do work on the trails I usually will get between 10 and 20 at a time. All of the departments have commented on the great job that the Americorps program has had on the community.

The City of Caribou is recognized from Kittery to Fort Kent as the place to go for recreation, snowmobiling and most of all to live.

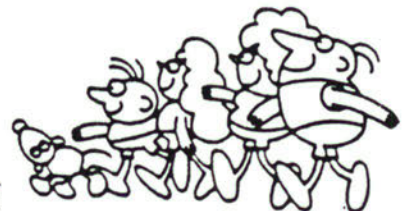
In recognition of the hard work that the Americorps program has done for the city of Caribou, they had to signs made up that have the Americorps logo on it. Both signs are out on the trails entering the Caribou area.

I feel very strongly that the City of Caribou be seriously considered for the award. The citizens of Caribou have opened their doors to the Americorps program, and they feel that the program has done an invaluable job for their community. Once the program is done the citizens have agreed to continue the work that the program started. Thank you for your time, if you have any questions please feel free and call 207-493-4224.

Thank You



Gary Marquis  
Trails Coordinator  
Americorps Member



## COMMUNITY AWARD

COMMUNITY NAME: CITY OF HAYS/FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY  
 NAME OF COMMUNITY LEADER: SHARON LEIKAM, MAYOR OF HAYS  
EDWARD HAMMOND, PRESIDENT, FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY  
 STATE: KS  
 NOMINATED BY: JIM MEISENHEIMER

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

RESOURCES PROVIDED	9
MARKETING PROGRAM TO SPREAD SUCCESS OF PROGRAM	10
WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY	10
SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS	9

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED	18
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	116

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

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COMMUNITY AWARD NARRATIVE (KANSAS):

The community encompassing the City of Hays and Fort Hays State University is nominated for the community award because of the way they have accepted and worked with the Big Creek AmeriCorps team.

The City and the University community have provided equipment and materials for use in clearing debris out of Big Creek and for the installation of stream habitat restoration features

The Hays city newspaper and the University student paper have published several articles publicizing and applauding the AmeriCorps members and the program.

The restoration of the Big Creek stream and public use corridor has raised the level of community service awareness in Hays and even the surrounding rural communities. As a result of this awareness and example provided by the AmeriCorps team this project is expected to be sustained and the public use area utilized by the community for many years. Additional community service projects are already being spawned by their example.

Over 18 volunteers representing 116 hours of volunteer community service have occurred in the community as a result of the AmeriCorps members and their willingness to provide community service. Community service areas include: environment, museums, Fort Hays State University facilities, high school students, senior citizens, children, and physically and mentally challenged citizens.

Service to mentally challenged citizens in the community is exemplified by their painting of the Association for Retarded Citizens' (ARC) thrift shop. Members of the ARC were so pleased with the service of the members that they presented each member with a certificate, a banner signed by all of the ARC members, and an oversized thank you card delivered to the AmeriCorps Members.

Acceptance and appreciation of the service to the community at large and the museums in particular is reflected in the comments of Fick Fossil and History Museum Curator, Nancy Baalman. Ms. Baalman writes, "...The quality of the work and the professional attitude of the team members reflects well upon the AmeriCorps project...AmeriCorps has helped shape the future of the community by assisting in the preservation of the past."

### COMMUNITY AWARD

COMMUNITY NAME: Morehouse, Parish  
 NAME OF COMMUNITY LEADER: Clarence Hawkins - Mayor  
 STATE: Louisiana  
 NOMINATED BY: Ella Watkins

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

RESOURCES PROVIDED	<u>10</u>
MARKETING PROGRAM TO SPREAD SUCCESS OF PROGRAM	<u>10</u>
WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY	<u>10</u>
SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED	<u>2</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>    </u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

### COMMUNITY AWARD

COMMUNITY NAME: Rosebud Sioux Tribe  
 NAME OF COMMUNITY LEADER: William Kindle, President  
 STATE: South Dakota  
 NOMINATED BY: David Steffen, NRCS AmeriCorps Site Supervisor

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

RESOURCES PROVIDED	<u>9</u>
MARKETING PROGRAM TO SPREAD SUCCESS OF PROGRAM	<u>7</u>
WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY	<u>10</u>
SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS	<u>8</u>

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED	<u>12</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>216</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Representatives of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Administrative Office, Tribal Land Enterprise, Water Resources, Natural Resources, and Forestry Departments in addition to Sinte Gleska University and the Bureau of Indian Affairs formed an advisory committee for the Rosebud AmeriCorps Team. The members of this advisory committee helped select the AmeriCorps team members, developed the objectives and action items for the team, and are currently providing assistance in the implementation of the AmeriCorps projects. Committee members assisted with the location of facilities for the AmeriCorps team, provided the publicity for the recruitment of applicants for the team. Forty eight applications were reviewed and most of the applicants were interviewed by the advisory committee during the selection process.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe, through the representatives on the advisory committee have made the Rosebud AmeriCorps Project a success in the community. The Tribal Council, through their Land and Natural Committee, is supporting the individual projects being accomplished on the Rosebud Reservation in South Central South Dakota. This support truly enhances the success and ease of operating the total project.

## COMMUNITY AWARD

**COMMUNITY NAME:** Sabine Parish  
**NAME OF COMMUNITY LEADER:** Margaret Basco  
**STATE:** Louisiana  
**NOMINATED BY:** Linda Rigsby

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

RESOURCES PROVIDED	<u>10</u>
MARKETING PROGRAM TO SPREAD SUCCESS OF PROGRAM	<u>10</u>
WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY	<u>10</u>
SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS	<u>10</u>

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED	<u>237</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>3,816</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Sabine Parish is a rural community which is seeing new growth through the tourism industry. The residents are becoming more aware of the necessity of change and the positive aspects of growth. They actively seek ways to enrich the community for the incoming tourists as well as for the residents themselves. They see the need to improve all community services and facilities for the betterment of all. Through the efforts of Mrs. Margaret Basco, they are learning to cooperate among themselves to bring about these changes.

### COMMUNITY AWARD

COMMUNITY NAME: St. Mary Parish

NAME OF COMMUNITY LEADER: St. Mary Community Action Agency/Almetra Franklin

STATE: Louisiana

NOMINATED BY: Almetra J. Franklin

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

RESOURCES PROVIDED	<u>10</u>
MARKETING PROGRAM TO SPREAD SUCCESS OF PROGRAM	<u>10</u>
WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY	<u>10</u>
SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS	<u>8</u>

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED	<u>520</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>2,080</u>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Somewhere in the fabric of our nation is a golden thread which represents the American dream of "homeownership". Unfortunately many Americans are unable to make that dream a reality. In St. Mary Parish we are fortunate to have someone with a vision of helping our residents reach the goal of homeownership. That someone is Jeffery Beverly.

Mr. Beverly has an overwhelming desire to be of assistance in an innovative manner to the low-income population of our parish. As such an individual, he inspires those around him to take notice of the needs of the community and after doing so to set out to do something about meeting those needs.

Jeffery Beverly merits the USDA Manager of the Year Award because of his efforts to help the AmeriCorps program to be successful in St. Mary Parish. His long time involvement in community service warrants great attention. His commitment to providing affordable housing to his community is never failing. The dedication to assisting the AmeriCorps member under his supervision with community service projects above and beyond stated objectives is outstanding.

As a USDA AmeriCorps Manager he has done an excellent job of instilling in member the importance of giving back to the community. The supervision given by Mr. Beverly has been more than adequate providing the member with exceptional skills in dealing with citizens and solving problems. Under such leadership, AmeriCorps members must flourish and the AmeriCorps vision of getting things done is a reality.

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STATE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

STATE

RATING

Illinois

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Kansas

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Louisiana

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### STATE AWARD

STATE NAME: ILLINOIS

NAME OF STATE LEADERS: THOMAS W. CHRISTENSEN (ST. CONSERVATIONIST)  
LUE A. WALTERS (ASST. ST. CONSERVATIONIST)  
JAMES R. JOHNSON

(If more names, use separate sheet of paper)

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- CLUSTER MEETINGS HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS 10
- RESPONSIVE TO MEMBER PROBLEMS 10
- WORKS WITH STATE COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE 10
- ACTIVELY SEEKS PRESS COVERAGE 10
- INVOLVEMENT WITH NON-USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS 10

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- NUMBER OF USDA AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER WITHIN THE STATE 10
- NUMBER OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS 10
- NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED STATEWIDE 10
- TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED 10
- NUMBER OF JOINT AGENCY SERVICE PROJECTS COMPLETED 10
- PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES COMPLETED FOR STATE 10

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The Illinois State Conservationist (Tom) has been supportive in every way possible. Lue, our Assistant St. Conservationist has visited many of sites in Chicago and encourages interaction between URP, Chicago Metro Urban & Community Assistance Office and the Americorps members. James, facilitates for all three Americorps teams within the state. He obtains information from NHO and makes sure that we have what we need to get the job done. Over all I work with a wonderful group of individuals that are supportive and helpful in every aspect of the Chicago Environmental Action Team.

Sincerely

## STATE AWARD

STATE NAME: KANSAS  
NAME OF STATE LEADERS: SEE ATTACHED LIST

(If more names, use separate sheet of paper)

NOMINATED BY: JIM MEISENHEIMER

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

CLUSTER MEETINGS HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS	<u>10</u>
RESPONSIVE TO MEMBER PROBLEMS	<u>10</u>
WORKS WITH STATE COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE	<u>10</u>
ACTIVELY SEEKS PRESS COVERAGE	<u>9</u>
INVOLVEMENT WITH NON-USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS	<u>10</u>

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF USDA AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER WITHIN THE STATE	<u>2</u>
NUMBER OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS	<u>20</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED STATEWIDE	<u>221</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>1560</u>
NUMBER OF JOINT AGENCY SERVICE PROJECTS COMPLETED	<u>23</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES COMPLETED FOR STATE	<u>95</u>

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ATTACHMENT TO  
STATE AWARD

NAME OF STATE LEADERS:

James N. Habiger, State Conservationist, NRCS, Salina, KS  
Delbert E. Prophet, ASTC (Programs), NRCS, Salina, KS  
Larry D. Miles, AmeriCorps Project Director, NRCS, Salina, KS  
Adrian Polansky, State Executive Director, FSA, Manhattan, KS  
Roger Lemmons, Program Specialist, FSA, Manhattan, KS  
Jim Meisenheimer, USDA/AmeriCorps Regional Facilitator, Salina, KS

## STATE AWARD NARRATIVE (KANSAS):

Kansas is nominated for the State Award because it has demonstrated a true USDA cooperative example in carrying out the USDA AmeriCorps program. Kansas program leaders have developed an attitude of cooperation throughout the program including cooperation by USDA and state and local agencies. The Kansas program staff has also provided significant leadership and assistance to the program nationally in efforts to get the program up and running. The Kansas USDA-AmeriCorps program has effectively demonstrated how to "get things done."

Cluster meetings are held regularly with Kansas USDA teams and non-USDA teams. Kansas USDA teams have clustered several times with the Bridges Across the Heartland AmeriCorps team, Kansas City, Missouri. USDA teams have clustered with the Kansas Health and Safety Extension Corps (KHSEC) team and jointly participated in a one-day farm safety instruction to 165 youngsters. USDA clustering involves extra community service projects and individual improvement training such as: defensive driving, CPR, first aid, sexual harassment, HIV/AIDS awareness, and conflict resolution.

Individual member needs are met through a variety of methods including acquiring government surplus clothing, boots, and equipment. The project facilitator visits each site frequently to make personal contact with each member to identify potential problems and observe team accomplishments.

The Project Director and Facilitator participate with the State Community Commission Director, the State Director for the Corporation for National Community Service, and non-USDA project managers in planning for joint community service projects and special emphasis activities.

The project facilitator has maintained continual contact with state and local newspapers and television media personnel in providing information and encouraging coverage of special events and general publicity of the program.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) have effectively cooperated to jointly manage and carry out the USDA-AmeriCorps program in Kansas. A joint management team has been set up to include NRCS, FSA, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), and the Shawnee County Conservation District. NRCS and FSA have cooperated jointly by providing a project director, project facilitator, common office space, travel support and support equipment.

Twenty separate State and local agencies have been involved in carrying out the USDA-AmeriCorps program in Kansas including State agencies, cities, and local conservation districts.

The AmeriCorps program in Kansas has effectively shown how partner agencies and groups can accomplish significant results working together.

### STATE AWARD

STATE NAME: Louisiana - Team USDA  
 NAME OF STATE LEADERS: Richard Hoffbauer  
Holly Martin

(If more names, use separate sheet of paper)  
 NOMINATED BY: Ellen Watkins

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- CLUSTER MEETINGS HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS ~~10~~ 10
- RESPONSIVE TO MEMBER PROBLEMS 10
- WORKS WITH STATE COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE 10
- ACTIVELY SEEKS PRESS COVERAGE 10
- INVOLVEMENT WITH NON-USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS 10

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- NUMBER OF USDA AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER WITHIN THE STATE 10
- NUMBER OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS 10
- NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED STATEWIDE 10
- TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED 10
- NUMBER OF JOINT AGENCY SERVICE PROJECTS COMPLETED 10
- PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES COMPLETED FOR STATE 10

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## STATE AWARD

STATE NAME: Louisiana RECDNAME OF STATE LEADERS Richard Hoffmann

(If more names, use separate sheet of paper)

NOMINATED BY: Linda Rigby

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

CLUSTER MEETINGS HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS 10RESPONSIVE TO MEMBER PROBLEMS 10WORKS WITH STATE COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE 10ACTIVELY SEEKS PRESS COVERAGE 10INVOLVEMENT WITH NON-USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS 10

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Louisiana is a great state to be an AmeriCorps Member in. It has provided me the opportunity to grow and to help my community, my state, and my country. Louisiana is called "the Dream State" and through my Louisiana AmeriCorps service, I am able to not only see my dreams come true, but to help others see theirs come true as well.

RECD USDA Team Louisiana

Project Director: Richard Hoffpauir

Members:

Kimberly Kitterlin  
Jessica Dean  
Andre Washington  
Theresa Smith  
Linda Rigsby  
Sheila Lyons  
Rebecca Marcotte  
Demetris Howard  
Carl Collins  
Robert Tonn  
Lisa Shuff  
Mary Huff  
Delores Druilhet  
Ella Watkins