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TEAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

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Cheney Lake Parks	KS	<u>2</u>
Chicago Enviro Team	IL	<u>4</u> 4
Coastal Wetlands Enviro	LA	<u>4</u> 5
Cottageville Elemental	SC	<u>2</u> 2
Edenton Y37C	NC	<u>2</u> 1
LA State - NRCS	LA	<u>1</u>
LA State - RECD	LA	<u>1</u>
LA Team USDA	LA	<u>1</u>
RECD - MS	MS	<u>1</u>
Rosebud Team	SD	<u>-can't read</u>
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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	<u>95</u>
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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>
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ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY PERSONALITIES	<u>10</u>
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ABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THAT LEADERSHIP	<u>10</u>
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DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)	<u>9</u>
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RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER	<u>10</u>
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TEAM COMPLETES 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.

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

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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

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

8

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

7

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

7

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)

7

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER

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TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED
OBJECTIVES

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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 Corzelle 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>

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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

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

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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: 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

9

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

9

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

9

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)

9

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER

9

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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

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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

8

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

8

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

9

DIVERSITY OF TEAM (RACE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND)

9

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER

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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

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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	<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>

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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

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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
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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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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

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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>

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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,
Gwendolyn Moreland*

USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

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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 ^{tasks} indoors and outdoors.

Rina Hare
Floriculture
Chicago Park District

USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

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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>
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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
Glenview
Chicago Park District

USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

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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 ^{team (?)} 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.

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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

9

ABILITY OF TEAM TO FOCUS ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND
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9

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.

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 Hobbs

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>
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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;

Mr. Gary Gallik
Supervisor
Kennicott Park
4434 South Lake Park

SOUTH REGION OFFICE

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USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

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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

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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

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.

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 AmeriCorps 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.

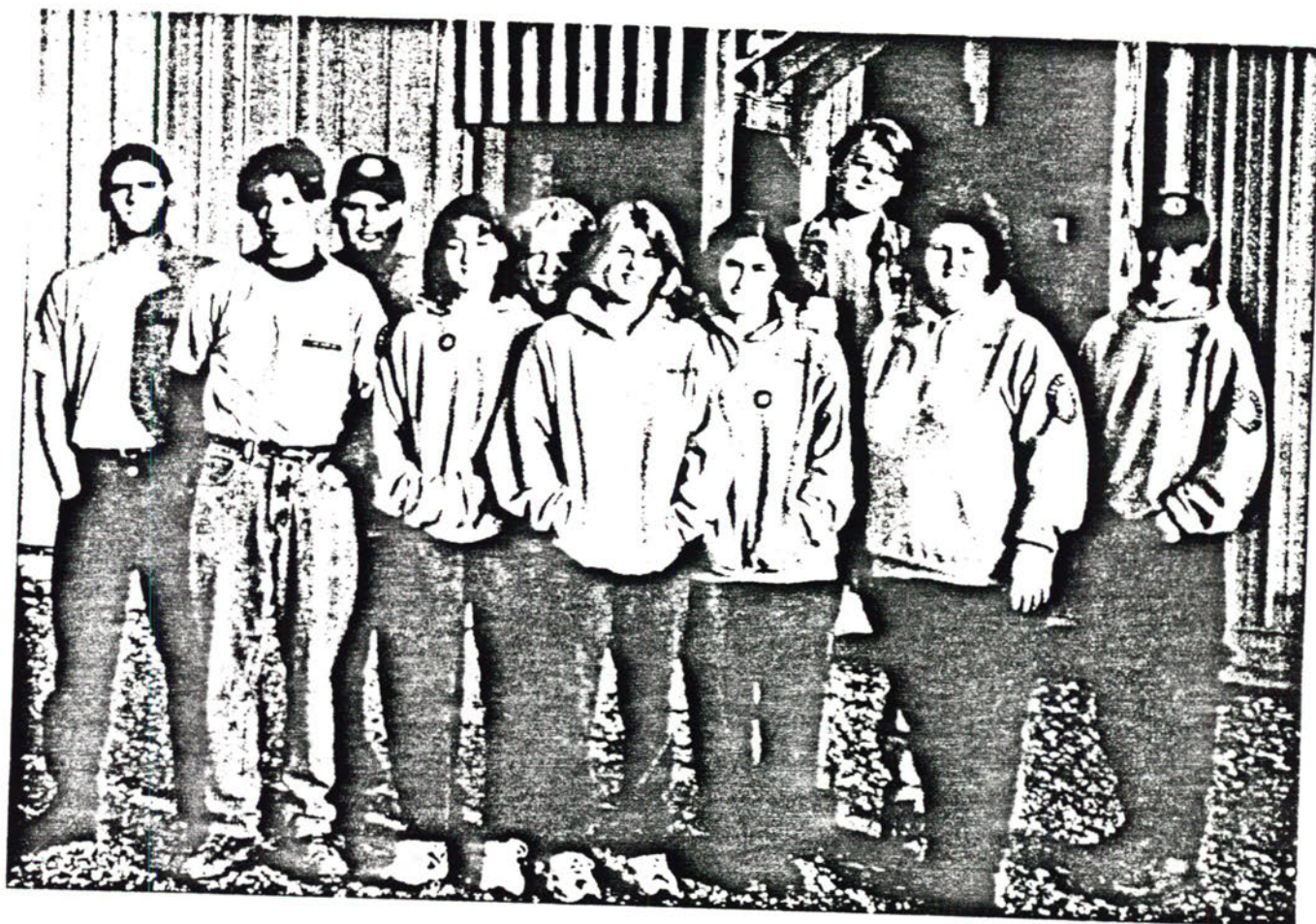
The Louisiana AmeriCorps Coastal Wetlands Environmental Team began service in November, 1995. Objectives were set to address vegetative needs for coastal environmental issues. Though aggressive objectives were set the team has performed well beyond expectations. The wetlands team has accomplished nearly 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 taskle, 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
PNC 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 AWARDTEAM NAME: North Carolina 37C

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

WORK LOCATION: EdentonSTATE: North CarolinaNOMINATED 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>

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this ^{team} ~~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 AWARDTEAM NAME: Louisiana Team U.S.D.A.

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

WORK LOCATION: LouisianaSTATE: LouisianaNOMINATED 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	<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>

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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

LOUISIANA TEAM USDA AMERICORPS

PROJECT DIRECTORS: BILLY R. MOORE AND RICHARD HOFFPAUIR

ENVIROMENTAL CORPS - LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS

ERIC J. ARABIE

JEAN' L. EYMARD

JEAN' P. GUIDRY

PENNY M. LeBOUEF

REBEKAH R. RICHOUX

TIFANY E. ARABIE

GARLAND GISCLAIR

CLAY M. HEBERT

NEAL A. LEDET

SUSAN K.C. TERREBONNE

DRY FIRE HYDRANT - NRCS

NANCY L. DYER

TOM. Y. MORTON

ROBIN L. TORRENCE

DONNA L. HAYDEL

JOHN TOM MURRAY

FARM*A*SYST - NRCS

IRVIN J. FEKETE

SANDRA M. SMITH

SUSAN D. MATTOX

RECD RBCDS PROJECT

DELORES DRUILHET

REBECCA MARCOTTE

LISA SHUFF

CARL O. COLLINS

DEMETRIS HOWARD

KIMBERLY KITTERLIN

ANDRE WASHINGTON

SHEILA LYONS

LINDA RIGSBY

THERESA SMITH

JESSICA DEAN

MARY HUFF

ROBERT TONN

ELLA WATKINS

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

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Lisa Huff
Rebecca Marcotte
● Delores Druehlhet
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>

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**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.

USDA AMERICORPS TEAM AWARD

TEAM NAME: Rosebud Americorps Project
ON A SEPARATE SHEET, LIST ALL INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER NAMES:
WORK LOCATION: Rosebud
STATE: South Dakota
NOMINATED BY: Team leader Clarence Perumal
Deputy leader Chame

(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:

COMPATIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS

8

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)

10

RESULTS OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER

9

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.

Diverse group of young individuals with one vision in mind to do a job and do it well. The first vision was never accomplished. The reservation was completed within a three month frame. The vision was to cut, level, and stock pile one million cords of firewood for the needy. This young team of individuals set aside all personal issues and focus on the job at hand and completed it in record time. This is considered a measurable accomplishment.

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, Shawnee 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>

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 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!