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COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

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

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: 130
(Recruitment took place in conjunction with AmeriCorps member)

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED: 125

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

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>

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 Mazzucchelli
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>

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.

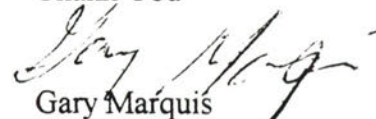
I have been to many meetings in Caribou and when I get up to ask for volunteers to do work on the trails I usually will get between 10 and 20 at a time. All of the departments have commented on the great job that the Americorps program has had on the community.

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.

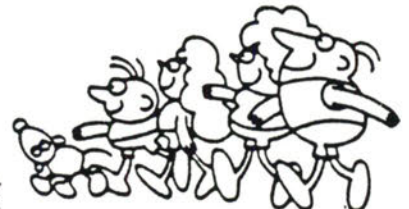
In recognition of the hard work that the Americorps program has done for the city of Caribou, they had to signs made up that have the Americorps logo on it. Both signs are out on the trails entering the Caribou area.

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	<u>9</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>9</u>

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED	<u>18</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>116</u>

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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>

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 Kindk, President
STATE: South Dakota
NOMINATED BY: David Steffan, NRCS Americorps Site Supervisor

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 9
- WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM INTO COMMUNITY 10
- SUSTAINABILITY OF PROGRAM AFTER AMERICORPS 8

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED 12
- NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED 216

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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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>

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>

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

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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	<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>10</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>10</u>
NUMBER OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH USDA AMERICORPS PROJECTS	<u>10</u>
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED STATEWIDE	<u>10</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	<u>10</u>
NUMBER OF JOINT AGENCY SERVICE PROJECTS COMPLETED	<u>10</u>
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES COMPLETED FOR STATE	<u>10</u>

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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

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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 Hoffpauer
Holly Martien

(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

~~100%~~ 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 RECD

NAME OF STATE LEADERS Richard Hoffmann

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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 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 897
- TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED 7603
- NUMBER OF JOINT AGENCY SERVICE PROJECTS COMPLETED
- PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES COMPLETED FOR STATE 75

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.

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:

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Jessica Dean
Andre Washington
Theresa Smith
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Rebecca Marcotte
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