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Individual AmeriCorps Member Award

Member's Name : Kimberly Kitterlin

Work Location : Jonesville RHC, RECD, LA

State : Louisiana

Nominated by : Richard Hoffmann

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

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- 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 + 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 USDA concept in LA. Her efforts have ranged from promoting & accomplishing outreach efforts related to RECD

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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 100hr

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

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 45%

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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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 Riggsby
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

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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: Tobias 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 HOURSNANUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN
SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life)1

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 OTHERS9MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH
A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION9

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE"

9MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE
FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS9

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Helped haul wood late at night in subzero temp.

Assisted in vehicle 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 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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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 70 +

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

PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 80

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 9

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.

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 160
NUMBER OF TIMES MEMBER ENGAGED IN
SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR (i.e. saved a life) 0
PERCENTAGE OF OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 50%

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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Crisp/Dooly Enterprise Community

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Cordele, Georgia 31010

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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 220
AND BEYOND REQUIRED SERVICE HOURS

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 10
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS

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

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF 10
SERVICE"

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

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 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. 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.

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

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Lena has consistently taken initiative in providing leadership to The Nature Conservancy's Mighty Acorns program. ~~She is~~ 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 7

MEMBER WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED TASKS WITH
A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION 8

MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED A STRONG "ETHIC OF SERVICE" 8

MEMBER HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE
FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 8

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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.

Blanche 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

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FOR USDA AND AMERICORPS 10

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

*3/29/96
Rimettan
Hornbush
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

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

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, TRUSTWORTHY, 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.

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INDIVIDUAL AMERICORPS MEMBER AWARD

MEMBER'S NAME: Harlan With
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) 11/2
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

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.

Team member Harlan With is outgoing, adaptable, a quick learner and able to work with little supervision. Shows good work ethic, friendly, open to new ideas and considerate to others.
Team member Harlan With puts others first, volunteers for new projects and goes the extra mile to over see project completion.
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	_____
Coastal Wetlands Enviro	LA	_____
Cottageville Elemental	SC	_____
Edenton Y37C	NC	_____
LA State - NRCS	LA	_____
LA State - RECD	LA	_____
LA Team USDA	LA	_____
RECD - MS	MS	_____
Rosebud Team	SD	_____
Topeka Aquatic Habitate	KS	_____
Walterboro	SC	_____

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 STOSNER
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

8

TEAM COMPLETES PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND STATED
OBJECTIVES

8

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 1985: 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 Consuela 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	<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 Project. 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!

[Signature]

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	<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> </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.

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

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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

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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,
Helen 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~~ ^{tasks} assignments indoors and outdoors.

Rina Harr
Floriculturist
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>
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
Honorary
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 ^{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 Pittcher, 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

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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

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

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
Urban Resources Dept.

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>

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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
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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

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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

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