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## Washington Celebrates Volunteer Recognition Week

Since the early days of our nation, volunteers have helped us through our greatest challenges and triumphs – patriots who fought for our founding ideals – and ordinary citizens who came to the aid of people in need. To recognize the countless acts of service performed by one of Washington’s most valuable assets – its volunteers – Governor Chris Gregoire proclaimed April 18-24 as Washington Volunteer Recognition Week. Gregoire said, *“I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and supporting those who volunteer and serve.”*

To celebrate Washington Volunteer Recognition Week, on April 19 the Sixth Annual Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards will be presented in a ceremony at the Executive Mansion honoring the contributions of 49 volunteers for their dedication and commitment to improve their communities through service.

On April 20, the Seattle Mariners are convening a hosted conversation on the importance of service and volunteerism. KIRO radio personality, Dave Ross, will serve as the moderator for this important dialogue. Panelists include Governor Chris Gregoire; Executive Director of the United Way of King County, Jon Fine; Pierce County Executive, Pat McCarthy; and three community volunteers and former AmeriCorps national service members. Pre-game ceremonies will include a special tribute to the distinguished volunteers. The ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out by 16-year old Nicole McGoff of Port Angeles, a recipient of the 2010 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award.

In addition to the pre-game ceremony, a volunteer bazaar will be located on the Main Concourse of the ballpark with information on how people can get involved in volunteering. Representatives from various non-profit groups will be on hand to answer questions about their organizations and to match individuals with volunteer opportunities.

Nominated by local Volunteer Centers; Citizen Corps Councils; Senior Corps; Learn and Serve; and AmeriCorps programs from across the state, the recipients of the 2010 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award are:

Antonia Alejo	Seattle
Jay Allison	Federal Way
Dani Archer	Puyallup
Urial Arias	Yakima
Michelle Baker	Seattle
Darlene Bessner	Mount Vernon
Brenda Bramwell	Issaquah
Sarah Broderick	Anacortes
Kathy Brown	Bremerton
Pam Brown	Naches
Thomas Buford	Seattle

Michelle Casey	Clinton
Dawnette Chadwick	Bellingham
Robert Cline	Ocean Park
Betty Crass	Montesano
Charlie Crass	Montesano
Veronica de Gier	Everett
Daniel Diamond	Bremerton
Mark Egnor	Tacoma
Carol Emond	Tacoma
Mary Flowers	Seattle
Abrehet Francis	Seattle
Sarah Giannobile	Tacoma
Hugh Gosselin	Kennewick
Lynne Greene	Yakima
Becky Hibbs	Lakewood
Nancy Hiller	Tacoma
Gene Ketzenberg	Ellensburg
David Leach	Vancouver
Sandy Leach	Vancouver
Donna Lowery	Olympia
Mike Marson	Port Townsend
Nicole McGoff	Port Angeles
Yiem Mean	Seattle
John Murphy	Lakewood
Judith Rigby	Spokane
Sharon Robinson	Ferndale
Mandy Rutherford	Auburn
Mazie Schlickeiser	Chehalis
Julie Schmitke	Kent
Louise Scollard	Mountlake Terrace
Ronda Sherwood	Bremerton
Jill Shrader	Kirkland
Virginia Sinclair	Burbank
Eleanor Tschimperle	Port Angeles
Julie Unruh	Seattle
Doyle Wenzel	Aberdeen
David Whitehead	Spokane
Kathy Wooley	Maple Valley

Bill Basl, Executive Director of the Washington Commission for National and Community Service, the sponsor of the event stated, *"We hope that Washington Volunteer Recognition Week will motivate others to volunteer their time and talent to help their fellow residents through the economic crisis."*

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact the Volunteer Centers of Washington <<http://www.volunteerwashington.org>> at (800) 865-8683 or the Washington Commission for National and Community Service at <<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/servewa>> or (360) 902-0656.