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Fairfax County Residents Nominated for Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards

Fairfax, VA – Just hours after the January 12 earthquake hit Haiti unexpectedly, organizations from around the world joined forces to begin the relief effort. Volunteers gathered much needed supplies, offered to fly onsite to help first-hand and recruited volunteers for more assistance. The power of volunteers also was reflected in our own neighborhoods during one of the harshest winters Northern Virginia has seen in decades. Volunteers assisted at emergency shelters, drove their vehicles to transport disaster workers and helped their neighbors shovel out their cars or walkways.

Whether we are responding to disasters, helping our neighbors in need, or building communities, volunteerism has become an American tradition. Volunteer Fairfax and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will honor this spirit of service at the 18th annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, Friday, April 23, at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, Va.

One hundred and forty-eight individuals and groups nominated will be honored for their work supporting such causes as mentoring children, the arts, environmental programs, job training, helping young mothers, animal rescue, homelessness and hunger. In Fairfax County, the following residents have been nominated for a Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award:

Alexandria

- J.K. Klimek volunteered at Audrey Moore RECenter, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Fancy Cats Springfield Team volunteered at Fancy Cats Rescue Team, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.

Annandale

- Ann Woodle volunteered at Alternative House, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- David Scull volunteered at the Audrey Moore RECenter, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Westminster Builder's Club volunteered with Northern Virginia Family Services, and are nominated for the Youth Volunteer Group award.



- Frank Palmer volunteered at FACETS, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Karen Ralph volunteered at FACETS, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Kathy Moore volunteered at Fairfax Families4Kids, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award and the Benchmark 250 award.
- Keith Peyton volunteered at the Audrey Moore RECenter, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award.
- Mark Weber volunteered at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Mary Kay Powers volunteered at the Audrey Moore RECenter, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Pui-Teng Howe volunteered at Homestretch, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award and the Benchmark 250 award.
- Robin Holmes volunteered at Alternative House, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Ted Ralph volunteered at FACETS, and is nominated for the Rising Star award and the Benchmark 250 award.

Arlington

- Patrick Rasche volunteered at Homestretch, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.

Burke

- Charlene Roaquin volunteered at Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.

Centreville and Clifton

- Barbara Levermann volunteered at the Cub Run RECenter, and is nominated for the Rising Star award.



- Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps volunteered at the H1N1 Clinics of Fairfax County, and are nominated for the Volunteer Program award.
- Lisa Erdeljon volunteered with the St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Youth Group, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Andrew Levy volunteered at the Citizen Corps, Red Cross, and Reston Interfaith, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Christina Knott volunteered at the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Colleen Wilson volunteered at the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Benchmark 100 award.
- Hina Hauck volunteered at the Cub Run RECenter, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Irene Cain volunteered at MVLE, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Our Neighbor's Child Volunteers are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Fairfax Alumna Chapter) volunteered with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Renee and Sean McGinnis volunteered at the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and are nominated for the Family Volunteer award.
- Robert Dutrow volunteered at the Cub Run RECenter, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Theodore Moriak, PhD volunteered at The Brain Foundation, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 500 award.
- Toora Arsala volunteered at Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, and is nominated for the Youth Benchmark 100 award.



Fairfax

- Barbara O'Donnell volunteered at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award.
- Carol Gordon volunteered at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Alpha Xi Delta Sorority (George Mason University Chapter) volunteered with Autism Speaks, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Cliff Diehl volunteered at the Fairfax County Public Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- David Rubando volunteered at Childhelp Children's Center, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award and the Benchmark 500 award.
- The Hofrichter Family volunteered with the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps, and are nominated for the Family Volunteer award.
- Judy Diehl volunteered at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Karen Murphy and Dorothy Rossi volunteered at the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Larry Steinman volunteered with the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award.
- Lynn Nutwell volunteered at the Infant and Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award.
- Nella Farley volunteered at FACETS, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award and the Benchmark 250 award.
- The Childhelp Children Center Volunteers are nominated for the Volunteer Program award.



- Nick Leoncavallo volunteered at the PHILLIPS Programs, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Pat Connell volunteered at The Northern Virginia Training Center, and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award.
- Patricia Pearson volunteered at Womenade, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Harrity & Harrity, LLP volunteered at Pathway Homes, Inc., and is nominated for the Corporate Volunteer Program award.
- Susan Duka volunteered at FACETS, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award.

Fairfax Station and Laurel Hill

- Annie Laib volunteered at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Benchmark 100 award.
- Arnold Rudakewych volunteered at the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Cathy Onufrychuk volunteered at the National MS Society, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Girl Scouts volunteered at Pathway Homes, Inc., and are nominated for the Youth Volunteer Group award.
- Priya Kulkarni volunteered at ASHA for Women and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Randy Dillon volunteered at the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Todd Leibbrand volunteered at BEST Kids, Inc., and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.

Falls Church

- Allan Gotschall volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.



- Lougenia Littlejohn Carnell volunteered at the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 hours and over award and Benchmark 250 award.
- Northern Virginia Family Services ESL Volunteers are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Naomi Project Volunteers are nominated for the Volunteer Program award.
- Homestretch Volunteers are nominated for the Volunteer Program award.
- Tony Ferraro volunteered at Northern Virginia Family Services, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 500 award.

Great Falls

- Fairfax Wings Chapter volunteered at Childhelp Children's Center of Virginia, and are nominated for the Youth Volunteer Group award.
- Karin Arnette volunteered at Homestretch, and is nominated for the Rising Star award and the Benchmark 250 award.
- Kathryn Baker volunteered at Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Inc., and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.

McLean

- Alan Ford volunteered at the Fairfax County Park Authority Invasive Management Area Program, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Angela Kolaras volunteered at Our Military Kids, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award.
- Excella Consulting volunteered at Homestretch, and is nominated for the Corporate Volunteer Program award.
- The Potomac School youth group volunteered at Alternative House, and are nominated for the Youth Volunteer Group award.
- Dien Tran volunteered at the Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award.



- Booz Allen Hamilton volunteered at Make the Connection, and is nominated for the Corporate Volunteer Program award.
- Jan Auerbach volunteered at the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award.
- McLean Local Heroes volunteered at the Falls Church/McLean Children's Center, and are nominated for the Youth Volunteer Group award.
- Janie Willner volunteered with McLean Local Heroes, and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award and Benchmark 100 award.
- Ernst & Young volunteered at PHILLIPS Programs, and is nominated for the Corporate Volunteer Group award.
- Zack Sanders volunteered at The McLean Community Center, and is nominated for the Rising Star award and the Benchmark 100 award.
- Zinaida Mandrusova volunteered at the Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award.

Mount Vernon

- Barb Williams volunteered at the Sherwood Regional Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Bev Morse volunteered at the Sherwood Regional Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Campbell "Cam" Gibson volunteered at the Volunteer Learning Program, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Emily Wilson volunteered at Childhelp Children's Center of Virginia, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Emma Montgomery volunteered at the Sherwood Regional Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.



- Erika Macias volunteered at the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Janet Jacobi volunteered at the Sherwood Regional Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Neil Burke volunteered at Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, and is nominated for the Youth Benchmark 100 award.
- Sheila Sheehan volunteered at the Sherwood Regional Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Susan Hitch volunteered at the Sherwood Regional Library, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 & Over award.

Oak Hill and Herndon

- Frank Saylor volunteered at Reston Interfaith, Inc., and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Grace Wolf volunteered at the Council for the Arts of Herndon, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Digital TV Volunteer Team volunteered at Volunteer Solutions-Area Agency on Aging, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Jennifer Peng volunteered at Pathway Homes, Inc., and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award.
- Heritage Fellowship Church volunteered at Reston Interfaith, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Karen Stacy volunteered at the Council for the Arts of Herndon, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Lisa Xander volunteered at the Herndon RECenter, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Luan Ngo volunteered at the Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award.



- Michele Bevington volunteered at the Cub Run RECenter, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Peg Menzel volunteered at Reston Interfaith, Inc., and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.

Reston

- Axel Alanis volunteered at Reston Interfaith, Inc., and is nominated for the Benchmark 100 award.
- Catherine Walter volunteered at Reston Interfaith, Inc., and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 500 award.
- Marlis McCollum volunteered at the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Mary Stine volunteered at MVLE, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Kiwanis Club of Tysons Corner volunteered at Our Daily Bread, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Richard Raines volunteered at the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award.
- Robin Smyers volunteered at the Reston Association, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award.
- Steve Le volunteered at Childhelp Children's Center of Virginia, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Sylvia Haefer-Rose volunteered at Reston Interfaith, Inc., and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award.
- Tamarind Johnson volunteered at Childhelp Children's Center of Virginia, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.

Springfield



- Ann Jaekle volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Benjamin McDowell volunteered at the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Betty Pelkey volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Bobbie Davidson volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Casey Kilcoyne volunteered at New Hope Housing, and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award.
- Evelyn Jackson volunteered at The Treasure Chest, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- The Treasure Chest Volunteers are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Hazel Poole volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- CSCI Human Resources Department volunteered with the March of Dimes, and are nominated for the Corporate Volunteer Program award.
- Jennie Hibbert volunteered at the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- John "Rex" Rexford volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award.
- Josephine De Meo volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Josephine Schoner volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Judson Carle volunteered at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award.
- Kenneth Rapert volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- Kevin Takeguchi volunteered at the Mott Computer Clubhouse of Brain Injury Services, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award.



- Junior League of Washington volunteered at Langley Residential Support Services, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award.
- Larry Lefbom volunteered at Bailey's Elementary School, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award and Benchmark 1000.
- Lorraine Engle volunteered at Alternative House, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Marcia Dake volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award.
- Mina Coulter volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award.
- Robert Bonner volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.
- William Brill volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award.
- Wilmer Chase volunteered at Greenspring, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award.

Vienna and Oakton

- Burt Sharp volunteered at the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award.
- Denise Dorn volunteered at the Fairfax County Public Library, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award and the Benchmark 250 award.
- Ibrahim Barsoum volunteered at OAR of Fairfax County, Inc., and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award.
- Kristin Hansen volunteered at Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under award.
- Myra Gondos volunteered at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award.
- Petre Sngireff volunteered at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Rising Star award.



- Ruth Benker volunteered at Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Inc., and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award.
- Simrun Soni volunteered at Shelter House, Inc., and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award and Benchmark 100.
- Suezette Steinhardt volunteered at Family PASS Fairfax, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over award.

“Volunteerism plays such an important role in the history of our nation. From the early days of barn raising and city street sweepers, volunteers have not only helped neighbor-to-neighbor, but also in community-building to benefit the greater good,” says Jeanne Sanders, executive director of Volunteer Fairfax. “The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards are a perfect opportunity to remember that we should not take our spirit of volunteerism and service for granted. There are only a handful of countries in the world where volunteering is a way of life. Thankfully, the volunteers who we honor this year exemplify the strong sense of volunteering that is done in this community day in and day out.”

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors serve as honorary chairs for the program and will present awards to Community Champions from every district along with other volunteer winners during the breakfast ceremony. Earl Stafford, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Stafford Foundation, will serve as the ceremony’s keynote speaker, and ABC7/WJLA-TV Anchor Cynné Simpson will emcee the program. Volunteer Fairfax will welcome more than 500 guests to the event. For more information about the nominees or to purchase tickets, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org.

Established in 1993, the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards serve as a community-wide celebration of volunteerism. The ceremony recognizes individuals, groups and organizations from Fairfax County whose dedicated efforts, in a wide array of realms, set them apart in the volunteer sector. Over the last 17 years, Volunteer Fairfax has recognized more than 1,800 individuals, families, civic groups and companies for their commitment to the community.

Volunteer Fairfax is building a better community through service. As a respected leader of community volunteerism for more than 35 years, Volunteer Fairfax connects individuals, youth, seniors, families and corporations to volunteer opportunities at more than 900 organizations in the metro area. The Center has worked with more than 50,000 volunteers since its inception and has helped give more than 500,000 hours of volunteer service back to the community through its programs such as VolunteerFest[®], Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day, the emergency response program and business services for corporate volunteers.

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