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Fairfax County Residents Nominated for Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards

In the midst of the current economic downturn, a handful of local citizens have infused the equivalent of **\$2.7 million** into local nonprofit organizations. This contribution was not the result of fundraising appeals, silent auctions or golf tournaments, but is the equivalent of 139,154 hours of volunteer service. On April 24, 2009, the Board of Supervisors and Volunteer Fairfax will recognize more than 100 individual and group volunteers for their accomplishments at the 17th annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, at a breakfast ceremony to be held at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church.

The 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

- Jane Barnes volunteered at the Fairfax County Park Authority, Greendale Golf Course, and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award. She was nominated by Sarah Harmon.
- Jodie Gonzalez volunteered at the Hayfield Elementary School, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Christopher Johnson.
- Janet Jacobi volunteered at the Fairfax County Library, Sherwood Regional Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by David Hanlon.
- Cindy Kohler volunteered at New Hope Housing, Inc., and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Laura Martin.
- Karen Latta volunteered at New Hope Housing, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. She was nominated by Chris Bramante.



- George Pataluna volunteered at The Fairfax County Park Authority, Greendale Golf Course, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award as well as the Benchmark 500 award. He was nominated by Sarah Harmon.
- Sheila Sheehan volunteered at the Fairfax County Library, Sherwood Regional Library, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by David Hanlon.
- Herb Wolff volunteered at the Fairfax County Adult ESOL, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 500 award. He was nominated by Carolyn Kulischek.

Annandale

- Rita McCarn volunteered at MVLE, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. She was nominated by Sabrina Gibson.
- Dennis Miller volunteered at Northern Virginia Family Services, and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award and the Benchmark 1,000 award. He was nominated by Monica Arispe.
- The Volunteers in Police Service Program volunteered for the Fairfax County Police Department, and are nominated for the Volunteer Program award. They were nominated by Second Lieutenant Karen Bonz.

Burke and Springfield

- Beth Clark volunteered at OAR of Fairfax County, Inc., and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. She was nominated by Fran Furman.
- Doris Crawford volunteered at Northern Virginia Training Center, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. She was nominated by Maureen Andretta.
- Marsha Dake volunteered at Greenspring and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award. She was nominated by Elke Martin.
- Patricia Gauthier volunteered at ECHO Inc., and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award and the Benchmark 1,000 award. She was nominated by Roger Eisinger.
- Deena Hunkler Sanks volunteered at Brain Injury Services, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Michelle Thyen.
- Nora Leng volunteered at Greenspring and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. She was nominated by Elke Martin.



- The Spring Hill RECenter Volunteer Program volunteered for the Fairfax County Park Authority, Spring Hill Rec Center and are nominated for the Volunteer Program award. They were nominated by Marcellous Cooper.
- Linda Martz volunteered at Greenspring and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. She was nominated by Elke Martin.
- Betty Pelkey volunteered at Greenspring and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. She was nominated by Elke Martin.
- Lisa Perry volunteered for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Washington D.C., and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award. She was nominated by Barbara Clarke.
- John "Rex" Rexford volunteered at Greenspring and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. He was nominated by Elke Martin.
- Crystal Ronan volunteered for the Fancy Cats Rescue Team and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award and the Benchmark 100 award. She was nominated by Therese Guerette.
- Josephine Schoner volunteered at Greenspring and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. She was nominated by Elke Martin.
- The Greenspring Knit & Crochet Group volunteered for the Northern Virginia Training Center, Shelter House, Walter Reed and many more are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Program award. They were nominated by Elke Martin.
- William Shaw volunteered at Greenspring and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. He was nominated by Elke Martin.
- Lynn Smith volunteered for the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award. She was nominated by John Pellegrin.
- Rana Sulliman volunteered at the Fairfax County Library, Pohick Regional Library and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award and the Benchmark 100 award. She was nominated by Maridee Haycock.

Centreville



- Carl Kachauskas volunteered at the Fairfax County Park Authority and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award. He was nominated by Deborah Lodato.
- Andrew Levy volunteered for the Citizen Corps Council and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award. He was nominated by Eva-Beth Levy.

Chantilly

- The Interact Club of Chantilly volunteered at Pathway Homes, Inc., and are nominated for the Youth Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Abigail Denecke.
- Annalisa Waybright volunteered for Brain Injury Services, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. She was nominated by Tomoko Taguchi.

Clifton

- The Living Savior Lutheran Church volunteered for NOVACO, Inc., and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Victoria Neeley.

Fairfax

- Alpha Phi Fraternity, Eta Lambda Chapter, volunteered for the Humane Society of Fairfax County, ARC of Northern Virginia, Best Buddies and Relay for Life and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Christina Begley.
- The Alpha Xi Delta, Iota Alpha Chapter, volunteered for the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter, the Fairfax Fire Department and INOVA Hospital and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Courtney Bailey.
- The Fancy Cats Rescue Team Volunteers volunteered for the Fancy Cats Recue Team and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Therese Guerette.
- Ruth Beacom volunteered for the Fairfax County Department of Family Services and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Ruth Reagan.
- Yena Hong volunteered for the Fairfax County Library, Pohick Regional Library and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award. She was nominated by Maridee Haycock.



- The Childhelp Children's Center of Virginia Volunteer Program volunteered for Childhelp and is nominated for the Volunteer Program award. They were nominated by Maggie Thorpe.
- Richard Nehrboss volunteered for the Fairfax County Department of Family Services and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. They were nominated by Laurie Eytel.
- Carol Saunders volunteered for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Molly Sauer.
- Rhonda Shoemaker volunteered for OAR of Fairfax County, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Fran Furman.
- Pam Spano volunteered for the Inova VNA Home Health and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Marion Hart.
- Katie Williams volunteered for Childhelp and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Nicholas Hudson.

Fairfax Station

- Jill Davidson volunteered for Fairfax Pets on Wheels and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Tracy Van Duston.
- Jean Gurman volunteered for the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and is nominated for the Rising Star award. She was nominated by Dana Chilbert.
- Jennie Hibbert volunteered for the Fairfax County Department of Family Services and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Laurie Eytel.
- Joan Kane volunteered for the Fairfax Library Foundation and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. She was nominated by Roberta Longworth.
- Ann Marlow volunteered for the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Linda Aikey.

Falls Church



- Sandra Arczynski volunteered for Bailey's Elementary School and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 1,000 award. She was nominated by Dawn Perez.
- Bill Latham volunteered for the Northern Virginia Aids Ministry and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award. He was nominated by Ann Granger.
- The Literacy Council Volunteer Librarians volunteered for the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Belle Penaranda.
- Pat Meyers volunteered for Northern Virginia Family Services and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Monica Arispe.
- Justin Miller volunteered for Northern Virginia CASH, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. He was nominated by Dai Nguyen.
- Stella Norman volunteered for the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Second Lieutenant Charise Thompson.
- Eli Resnik volunteered for Shelter House, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and Benchmark 250 award. He was nominated by Christin Durham.
- Ernie and Fran Watkins volunteered for the Fairfax County Park Authority, Pinecrest Golf Course, and are nominated for the Family Volunteer award. They are also both nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. They were nominated by Andy Elkins.

Great Falls

- Kathi Baker volunteered for the Fairfax Pets on Wheels and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Tracy Von Duston.
- Kathy McGillicuddy volunteered for Reston Interfaith and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Susan Stolpe.

Herndon

- The Allgaier Family volunteered at Reston Interfaith, and are nominated for the Family Volunteer award. They were nominated by Susan Stolpe.



- Oney Burton volunteered at MVLE, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. She was nominated by Sabrina Gibson.
- Vicky Dorman volunteered at Council for the Arts of Herndon, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Grace Wolf.
- Kim Hintzman volunteered at NOVACO, Inc., The Closet, and Holy Cross LC, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Victoria Neeley.
- Mary Ann Kurle volunteered at Childhelp, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Nicholas Hudson.
- Bill Melvin volunteered at Reston Interfaith, ESL Volunteers of Northern Virginia, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. He was nominated by Emily Dahlkamp.
- Old Dominion Cotillion volunteered at Shelter House, Inc., Kate Hanley Shelter, and are nominated for the Youth Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Kristen Lenz.
- Shaun Ranade volunteered at Uzmia Medical Dispensary in Kenya, Africa, and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award and Benchmark 100 award. He was nominated by David Jagels.
- Robert Searle volunteered at Vecinos Unidos - Neighbors United, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award. He was nominated by Tina Eckler.
- Karen Stacy volunteered at Council for the Arts of Herndon, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Grace Wolf.
- Grace Wolf volunteered at Council for the Arts of Herndon, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 award. She was nominated by Vicky Dorman.

Lorton

- Lisa and Shannon Bailey volunteered at Simple Changes, and are nominated for the Family Volunteer award. They were nominated by Jenny Spain.
- Atul Patel volunteered with Evercare Hospice, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. He was nominated by Tomoko Taguchi.

McLean

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- Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., volunteered at Northern Virginia Family Services, and are nominated for the Corporate Volunteer award. They were nominated by Monica Arispe.
- Deloitte LLP volunteered at Fairfax County Office of Partnerships (CASH), and are nominated for the Corporate Volunteer award. They were nominated by Emily Rothberg.
- Ernst & Young volunteered at Boy Scouts of America, Brookside, and are nominated for the Corporate Volunteer award. They were nominated by Amy Thompson.
- Excella Consulting volunteered at Homestretch, and are nominated for the Corporate Volunteer award. They were nominated by Christopher Fay.
- Greater McLean Republicans Women's Club volunteered at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Mariellen Combs.
- Angela Kolaras volunteered at Our Military Kids and Philoptochos Society, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award. She was nominated by Gail Kruzel.
- Zina Mandrusova volunteered at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 1,000 award. She was nominated by Mariellen Combs.
- Robert Rosenbaum, Sr., volunteered at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center, and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award. He was nominated by Mariellen Combs.
- Dien Ngoc Tran volunteered at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 1,000 award. He was nominated by Mariellen Combs.
- VAN Hotline Volunteers volunteered at Victim Assistance Network, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Sarah White.

Oakton

- Jean Bastien volunteered at Shepherd's Center of Oakton, Virginia, and is nominated for Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Marti Campo.



Reston

- Childhelp Washington Area Chapter volunteered at Childhelp Children's Center of Virginia, and are nominated for the Adult Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Maggie Thorpe.
- Sandy Amato volunteered at Vecinos Unidos - Neighbors United, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Tracy Eckler.
- Janet Drill volunteered at Vecinos Unidos - Neighbors United, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Tina Eckler.
- Len Forkas volunteered at Hopecam, Inc., and is nominated for the Rising Star award and the Benchmark 250 award. He was nominated by Lisa Martin.
- Michael Harrison volunteered at Reston Interfaith - Embry Rucker Shelter, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. He was nominated by Emily Dahlkamp.
- Christin Klaff volunteered at Childhelp, and is nominated for the Rising Star award and the Benchmark 500 award. She was nominated by Nicholas Hudson.
- Jonathan Kosarin volunteered at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. He was nominated by Christina Schnoor.
- Marliss McCollum volunteered at Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Laurie Eytel.
- Richard Raines volunteered at Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award. He was nominated by Second Lieutenant Charise.
- Barbara Sorenson volunteered at Vecinos Unidos - Neighbors United, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 1,000 award. She was nominated by Tina Eckler.
- Ivan Young volunteered at Reston Interfaith, Arts Council of Fairfax County, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award. He was nominated by Mandy Guernsey.

Vienna

- Ruth Benker volunteered at Fairfax Pets on Wheels, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Tracy Van Duston.



- Carla Bitterman volunteered at Northern Virginia Family Services, and is nominated for the Rising Star award. She was nominated by Michelle Reeves.
- Peggy Cauley volunteered at Haven for Northern Virginia, and is nominated for the Lifetime Achievement award and the Benchmark 500 award. She was nominated by Mary Smith.
- Marian Chirichella volunteered at Angles of Mercy Program and American Legion, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award. She was nominated by Jay Edwards.
- John Dapogny volunteered at Homestretch, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award and the Benchmark 500 award. He was nominated by Christopher Fay.
- Jay Edwards volunteered at Angels of Mercy Program and American Legion Post, and is nominated for the Benchmark 1,000 award. He was nominated by Marian Chirichella.
- Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) volunteered at Reston Interfaith, Langley Residential Support, and are nominated for the Volunteer Program award. They were nominated by Susan Stolpe.
- Donna Kris volunteered at Northern Virginia Family Services, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer award and the Benchmark 250 award. She was nominated by Teri Vito.
- Jeremy VanAlstyne volunteered at Childhelp, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 award. He was nominated by Nicholas Hudson.
- Jennifer Wyle volunteered at DC-Tysons KPMG Family for Literacy Initiative, and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer award. She was nominated by Jesse Cowan.

Woodbridge

- Carol Dickerson volunteered at John Marshall Library, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. She was nominated by Kathryn Alleman.

“While we are barraged with bad news with our economy, it’s comforting to know that there is a caring, compassionate segment of our community out there,” says Jeanne Sanders, executive director of Volunteer Fairfax. “Our local nonprofits have been inundated with requests for services and emergency assistance. These volunteers have stepped forward to ensure that our community’s social safety net does not break, and we are indebted to them for their time and talents.”



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors serve as honorary chairs for the program and will present awards to each of the Community Champions along with other volunteer winners during the breakfast ceremony. Kathleen Matthews, executive vice president of Global Communications and Public Affairs with Marriott International, will serve as the ceremony's keynote speaker, and ABC7/WJLA-TV Anchor Doug McKelway will emcee the program. More than 500 guests are expected at this event, scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, Virginia. 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 Awards honor individuals, groups, and organizations, which have given outstanding volunteer service through a broad range of activities and programs. Over the last 16 years, Volunteer Fairfax has recognized more than 1,600 individuals 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 34 years, Volunteer Fairfax connects individuals, youth, seniors, families and corporations to volunteer opportunities at more than 700 organizations in the Fairfax County 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[®], A Celebration of Giving and Sharing, the emergency response program, and business services for corporate volunteers.

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