

2011 Volunteer Spirit Awards

The Volunteer Center of Sacramento (VCS) is proud to honor outstanding Sacramento region volunteers by presenting the 11th Annual Volunteer Spirit Awards.

The Volunteer Spirit Awards is Sacramento's largest volunteer recognition ceremony based solely on the volunteers who change and improve our community.

Volunteer Spirit Award nominations are open to individuals and groups who have performed exceptional volunteer service during the past year.

A panel of involved community leaders, independent of VCS, reviews and chooses a winner in each of the categories. All categories will be judged independently.

VCS will introduce and honor all nominees and award the winners at the Volunteer Spirit Awards luncheon on Friday, October 28, 2011.

Award Categories and Descriptions

Each of the following categories is designed to highlight the outstanding accomplishments of local volunteers who have exhibited significant hands-on volunteer time and talent provided to a specific field in support of a community cause. See Judging Criteria (on reverse side).

Volunteer of the Year (VOY)

- VOY Supporting Seniors
- VOY Supporting Children and Youth
- VOY Supporting Arts and Recreation
- VOY Supporting Health Care
- VOY Supporting Animals
- VOY Helping those Less Fortunate
- VOY Group (3+ Volunteers)
- VOY Supporting the Environment



Youth Volunteer of the Year – A youth volunteer who has contributed a minimum 25 hours of service before reaching 21 years of age. Presented by DOVIA and includes the \$500 Margaret Einspahr Memorial Scholarship.

Board Member of the Year – A volunteer who has made a significant contribution improving the standing of an organization in the community.

Civic Organization of the Year – Service or faith based organization that has made a significant contribution to the community.

Corporate Volunteerism – A corporation that has made a significant contribution to the community and/or offers an internal Employee Volunteerism Program.

Volunteer Coordinator of the Year – (Paid/Unpaid Position) Coordinator or Director for charitable, private nonprofit or public organization demonstrating effective volunteer management. Presented by DOVIA.

Heart of Gold – A volunteer who gives of themselves from the heart.

Problem Solver of the Year – A volunteer who has solved a significant problem within a non-profit or the community.

Salt of the Earth Volunteer – A volunteer whose dependability, reliability, and never-say-never attitude is critical to the organization.

Ray of Light Volunteer – A volunteer whose positive attitude brightens everyone's day.

Lifetime Achievement – A volunteer who has contributed a minimum of 10 years of service.

Eligibility

All nominee volunteer organizations must provide service for the community at large. Groups providing members-only services are not eligible. Service organizations must endorse nominations.

Volunteer service may have been performed on work-release time, without pay or for student course credit. Out-of-pocket expense reimbursement is permissible.

Volunteer service must have been performed in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer or El Dorado Counties. Nominated service work must have been performed between October 2010 and September 2011 (except for Lifetime Achievement).

VCS Staff and Board of Directors may not be nominated or serve as judges. The VCS judging panel and immediate family members are not eligible.

Nomination Process

The completed nomination form (on the reverse side or available online at www.volunteersac.org) and supporting documentation, must be received by VCS no later than **Friday, October 7, 2011.**

Mail to:

Volunteer Center of Sacramento
1300 Ethan Way, Suite 600
Sacramento, CA 95825



Please e-mail 3 pictures of your nominee to info@volunteersac.org by the deadline above. These will be shown at the ceremony.

- Three nominations allowed per category
- Individuals / groups may nominate themselves
- One complimentary luncheon pass will be awarded to each nominee, two complimentary passes will be awarded to Group Categories
- Additional tickets may be purchased for \$45 each
- Email info@volunteersac.org or call **(916) 567-3100** for more information

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11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa
1220 Arden Hills Lane
Sacramento, CA 95864

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Nomination Form (to submit online visit www.volunteersac.org)



October
28, 2011

Nomination Category: _____

Nominee Name (Individual or Group): _____

Nominee Mailing Address (for notification of nomination): _____

Nominee Phone (day): (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Organization(s) for which Nominee Volunteered: _____

Nominator Name & Title: _____

Nominating Organization: _____

Nominator Mailing Address: _____

Nominator Phone (day): (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Organization Director: _____

Attach a written statement, no less than one paragraph per question, no more than three pages in length, answering the questions below. Please also e-mail 3 pictures of your nominee to info@volunteersac.org by Friday, October 7, 2011.

Questions/Judging Criteria:

- 1. ACTIVITY:** What were the nominee's volunteer services?
- 2. NEED:** How was the nominee's service necessary to the organization and community? How did they help?
- 3. IMPACT:** How did the nominee's services improve or make a difference to the organization and community? Did the nominee accomplish desired results?
- 4. INGENUITY:** Did the nominee start a new program, solve problems, think outside the box or create activities?
- 5. TIME:** How many hours of service did the nominee volunteer? How many times a week, a month?
- 6. CHARACTER:** Describe how your nominee's volunteer spirit enhances your organization. Why has your organization nominated this volunteer?
- 7. Short Summary:** Please write 2-3 sentences that describe your volunteer and their accomplishments. This (or a portion of this) will be published in the program.

Ruler:

- Judges reserve the right to re-categorize nominations. All decisions are final.
- A maximum of four attachments of additional materials is allowed to accompany the nomination form.
- No videotapes, scrapbooks or binders are accepted.
- Judges may request additional information from nominees, nominators or agencies.
- Nomination forms and attachments become the property of the Volunteer Center of Sacramento.
- Nomination and support documents may be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or delivered to the VCS:

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