



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

2006 State Report

Alaska

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The Honorable Frank Murkowski
Governor
Governor's House
716 Calhoun Avenue
Juneau, AK 99801-1617

Dear Governor Murkowski:

We are pleased to provide you with this first Annual State Report presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The State Report provides a summary of your state's commitment to the President's Volunteer Service Award Program since its inception in 2004. The Council works in partnership with businesses, nonprofit groups, schools, and other organizations across the country to honor local volunteers with the Award. More than 16,000 organizations across the nation have recognized over 400,000 Americans with this honor.

Citizens of all ages and backgrounds are giving of their time and talents to improve lives and strengthen communities. In 2005, more than 65 million Americans volunteered to help their neighbors and communities through service. The President's Volunteer Service Award is one way we pay tribute to these volunteers.

The Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period.

Today, we challenge you to help advance this national volunteer recognition movement and celebrate the volunteer contributions of your residents especially during National Volunteer Week. I hope your office will join us in honoring your state's most valuable assets – volunteers.

Sincerely,

Kari Dunn
Executive Director

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD STATISTICS
October 1, 2004 – April 14, 2006

National Statistics

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	1,510		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	7,682	2006	36,163	18,554	28,093	11,090	93,900
2004	6,418	2005	73,851	37,847	55,972	32,197	199,867
2003	1,385	2004	38,686	26,436	34,040	11,538	110,700
Total	16,995	Total	148,700	82,837	118,105	54,825	404,467

Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)					
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total
2006	859,503	3,852,879	72,125,017	70,247,750	147,662,149
2005	2,074,400	6,990,129	31,029,401	79,432,771	119,526,701
2004	290,654	747,079	8,451,545	56,811,121	66,300,399
Total	3,224,557	11,590,087	111,605,963	207,068,642	333,489,249

Number of Awards in Presidential Priority Service Area				
	2006	2005	2004	Total
Youth Achievement	20,493	46,725	9,924	77,142
Parks and Open Space	4,033	4,175	515	8,723
Healthy Communities	70,115	88,442	32,186	190,743
Public Safety and Emergency Response	12,013	8,113	1,198	21,324

Alaska's Statistics

Since 2004, 471 citizens of Alaska have received the PVSA recognizing 564,700 hours of service.

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	5		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	31	2006	42	38	36	4	120
2004	21	2005	94	25	48	3	170
2003	2	2004	42	16	67	56	181
Total	59	Total	178	79	151	63	471

Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)					
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total
2006	756	11,045	38,403	962	55,482
2005	7,224	40,682	26,419	18,333	92,658
2004	-	-	140,113	276,447	416,560
Total	7,980	51,727	204,935	295,742	564,700

Award recipients in your state:

Dona Hill (Anchorage, AK)

Certified by: Catholic Social Services

Dona is a ten-year veteran volunteer for Catholic Social Services (CSS). She is a “hands on” volunteer whether potting flowers for a local Garden Party, painting a bedroom, or chairing an advisory board. In 2001, CSS established HUGSS (Helping Us Give School Supplies), a partnership with local agencies to provide school supplies and backpacks to children in need. It was Dona’s mission to ensure that every child received a new backpack even if it meant that she had to pay for the backpack. Dona recently adopted two duplexes that CSS renovated and are now transitional housing. She added the extras, like rugs, vases, and picture frames, to make them comfortable for families moving from homelessness. Dona is a selfless volunteer who doesn’t even want to keep track of her volunteer service hours. When she learns about a community problem, Dona will address it or find someone who can help. CSS can always count on her, because Dona is truly focused on improving the lives of the less fortunate.



Karl Wing (Anchorage, AK)

Certified by: Friends of ALASKA PYLI - Alaska Youth As Resources

Karl is a 2006 Heritage Christian High School graduate who has been active in community service in Anchorage since his sophomore year. For the third year, Karl will co-host the community wide student service recognition ceremony in April. Karl has championed the President’s Volunteer Service Award as the chairperson of the Anchorage Youth Advisory Commission, which advises the Mayor and the Anchorage Assembly, and as a student government senator at the University of Alaska. As a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Karl is very active on the community service committee and has worked to ensure that 16 members of the fraternity will receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award on April 22. This will be the single largest group of university students in Alaska ever to receive this Award. Karl also is an graduate of the Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute (PYLI) in Alaska and has acted as a peer student trainer in six PYLI community service leadership trainings which reached 200 high school students some of whom went on to achieve the President’s Volunteer Service Award. These young men have made the Award a significant recognition in their schools and in the Anchorage community.

How you can use the President’s Volunteer Service Award in your state:

- On your state’s website, promote your state’s President’s Volunteer Service Award winners, and include a link and banner for the President’s Volunteer Service Award.
- Issue a press release highlighting outstanding volunteers and encouraging others to volunteer and aspire to receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award. For a sample press release, please visit www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nw/tools.cfm
- Challenge local and state governmental offices to register as Certifying Organizations for the President’s Volunteer Service Award and issue 25 Awards by 2007 National Volunteer Week
- Encourage organizations (e.g., nonprofits and businesses) to sign up as Award partner organizations by distributing a special invitation during National Volunteer Week
- Whether or not you have a governor’s volunteer awards program, consider partnering with us to deliver a statewide volunteer recognition program modeled after the President’s Volunteer Service Award. For an example of a state’s volunteer award program, please visit <http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov/S/California/>
- Register your state as a Certifying Organization and start recognizing your volunteers with this Presidential recognition. For more details, please contact Tomme Beevas at 202-729-8018 or TBeevas@PointsofLight.org.

About the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation:

President George W. Bush established USA Freedom Corps in January of 2002, and he called on all Americans to serve a cause greater than themselves. One year later, he created the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation to help recognize the contributions of America’s volunteers. The Council strives to promote and recognize outstanding volunteer service and raise awareness of the many ways in which Americans can help meet the needs of individuals within their communities and around the world. The Council brings together leaders from business, entertainment, sports, education, government, nonprofits, and the media, each of whom has demonstrated a commitment to service and volunteering in his or her own life. For more information about the President’s Council and its members, please visit www.volunteer.gov.

