



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

2006 State Report

Massachusetts

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The Honorable Mitt Romney
Governor
Office of the Governor
State House, Room 360
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Romney:

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

Massachusetts' Statistics

Since 2004, 4,495 citizens of Massachusetts have received the PVSA recognizing 3,781,706 hours of service.

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	30		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	123	2006	149	33	44	55	281
2004	136	2005	1,659	453	552	340	3,004
2003	29	2004	319	243	489	159	1,210
Total	318	Total	2,127	729	1,085	554	4,495

Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)					
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total
2006	1,633	23,564	32,071	184,273	245,599
2005	26,918	287,088	726,596	900,313	1,940,915
2004	28,327	21,984	12,381	1,532,500	1,595,192
Total	56,878	332,636	771,048	2,617,086	3,781,706

Award recipients in your state:

Milford Police Department's Explorer Post 29 (Milford, MA)

Certified by: Milford Police Explorers Programs



The Milford Exploring Program is an educational program designed to give youth between the ages of 14-21 a look inside a career in law enforcement. The youth members of Post 29 have dedicated hundreds of hours to raising awareness on crucial issues facing the community through the Explorers' KinderVision Program, KidCare Project, Gun Lock Safety program, and teen health pamphlet distribution. Several members of the program have gone on to careers in law enforcement. The Milford program has served as a role model to other Police Departments who have followed the Milford example and implemented a program within their own community. The Post has always

existed on the generosity of donations from the community and has proven its viability even when other programs in the community have ended due to financial limitations. The Milford Explorer Program is a shining example of how young people can be active, contributing members of the community and they were honored to receive the PVSA for their volunteer commitment.

Richard Salo (Beverly, MA)

Certified by: Beverly Hospital



Richard Salo of Beverly has volunteered at the Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester, Massachusetts, a part of Northeast Hospitals, for well over a decade. In February 2006, he was honored with the President's Lifetime of Service Award for his 18,500 hours of volunteer service. He volunteers at the hospital's information desk in the main lobby six days per week, coming in early every morning and leaving around lunch time. Richard tirelessly delivers mail and flowers, transports patients, gives patient information – whatever needs to be done he will do it or figure out who needs to do it. Richard always has a smile and a wonderful joke to start everyone's day. He is a dedicated and caring individual whose love for his community is what motivates him to work so selflessly.

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.