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*Governor's
Volunteer Service
Awards*



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INDIVIDUALS



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Judi Armstrong

Walla Walla Veterans Home

Category: Healthcare

Walla Walla

Judi Armstrong has volunteered at the Walla Walla Veterans Home every week since it opened in 2016. She can be seen on Tuesday mornings visiting one-on-one with veterans, on Saturdays facilitating the bingo program and throughout the week escorting residents on community outings.

Judi doesn't just give of her time. She also made a generous donation so residents could experience the Christmas spirit. Judi's dedication to serving veterans has supported the Walla Walla Veterans Home recreational program offerings and resulted in greater participation by the veteran residents.



Catherine Chambers

Washington Campus Compact

Category: AmeriCorps VISTA

Bellingham

Catherine Chambers is a member of the Washington Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA program. She served her first VISTA term as the education and outreach coordinator with the Bellingham Food Bank in 1985–86, a second term as the Veterans Resource Coordinator

(2012–13) and in 2018 began her third term as the Feeding Whatcom VISTA coordinator at Whatcom Community College. In this role, Catherine has collected more than 2,000 pounds of food and raised more than \$1,500 in support funds. Her work has supported more than 475 students and family members with access to nutritious foods. Catherine's service has helped increase the scope and reach of the food bank's services, turning it into Whatcom County's largest emergency food provider.

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James Corson

Seattle

*Friends of the Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point
- Green Seattle Partnership*

Category: Environment

Jim Corson's volunteer service in 2018 included leading or participating in more than 210 work parties. These volunteer events engaged 1,451 adults and 405 youth. Their labors resulted in the clearing of 1.4 acres of trail and the planting of 1,345 trees, 2,589 shrubs and 2,476 herbaceous plants, with 11.5 acres of native plantings maintained. Jim has led innumerable work parties over the years, with volunteers sometimes working in the wind, rain and mud. He leads a monthly bird walk with a master birder along a portion of the trail. Jim and fellow volunteers have cleared, mulched, replanted and maintained about 4 miles of trail near Matthews Beach Park. Jim's work with these volunteers is crucial to the environment and models community investment for others.



Christine Curren

Lakewood

American Red Cross

Category: Human Services

Christine Curren has supported victims of disasters by volunteering with the American Red Cross since May 2017. As of January 2019, Christine has volunteered 2,931 hours, with 1,046 of those last year alone. Christine is committed and consistently volunteers three to five days a week, averaging 20 hours. She spends most of her time on Joint Base Lewis-McChord providing care to service members during times of crisis, such as death or illness of an immediate family member. In 2018, Christine became the lead case worker for the South Puget Sound area. In this role she trains and leads a team of Red Cross volunteers, as well as AmeriCorps members and interns, to ensure that all military service members, veterans and their families receive excellent and timely service. Christine shows great leadership abilities and continually takes on additional tasks including planning volunteer recognition events.

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Shawn Durnen

WA State Vet Corps

Category: AmeriCorps Alum

Tacoma

Shawn Durnen served with the Vet Corps AmeriCorps program for four years. His experience working with military veterans comes from his own deep-rooted success story: a single father transitioning from service, fighting homelessness and poverty. In 2012, he helped develop programming to better support transitioning military veterans. He helped create a successful 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization, **Nine9line.org**, that uses peer-based, outcome-driven services. Now a well-known community advocate, Shawn has raised thousands of dollars for affordable housing initiatives and created a network that provides medical, dental, vision and support services at low to no cost for military families. He served more than 13,000 military veterans, their families and the community at large by creating more than 65 events, ending with the largest stand-down event on the West Coast, the Veterans Resource Fair, held at the Tacoma Dome. He demonstrates the truest spirit of AmeriCorps' vision of "Getting Things Done."

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Shalisa Hayes

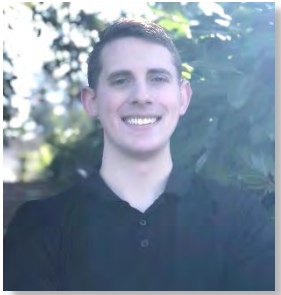
Metro Parks Tacoma

Category: Social Services

Tacoma

Shalisa Hayes created two nonprofit organizations: the Billy Ray Shirley III Foundation and Mothers of Magnitude, which helps mothers whose child has died. Shalisa lost her son, Billy Ray Shirley III, to gun violence in 2011, just a few months after he asked her what it would take to open a community center on the eastside of Tacoma to give youth a safe place to go. Shalisa channeled her grief into action and made her son's dream come true in 2018. What began with a car wash raising \$700 culminated with a consortium of organizations led by Metro Parks Tacoma agreeing to combine resources to build and operate a \$32 million community center in one of the most at-risk parts of Tacoma. Shalisa's passion and advocacy resulted in the creation of a \$7 million endowment and video in support of the project by Seahawks coach Pete Carroll. In October 2018, an estimated 3,000 people attended the Eastside Community Center's grand opening. The 55,000 square-foot center features a pool, gymnasium, indoor track, social hall, teaching kitchen, recording studio, café and more. The community center would not have come together without the tireless effort of Shalisa. Her grace, honesty, courage and commitment to action are an inspiration to so many in Tacoma.

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Jordan Houghton

William C. Stacey American Legion

Post 206

Category: Veteran

Seattle

Jordan Houghton has volunteered in many veteran service organizations since his honorable discharge from the Army, including Student Veterans of America at University of Washington and Northwest University; Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Mission Continues; and most prominently, the American Legion as a post service officer, adjutant, vice commander, commander and district commander, serving more than 1,000 hours. In 2018, Jordan assisted in extensive research in the submission of three successful discharge upgrades of veterans. He aided more than 20 veterans in applying for health benefits and submitted four grants that resulted in the awarding of \$3,000 to veterans and their children at risk of experiencing homelessness. Jordan ran a large blood drive with Bloodworks Northwest, resulting in 23 donors whose donations will save 51 patients. In the American Legion, Jordan brought more than 40 new younger veterans into the Seattle Post and Washington Legion to develop a positive social support system, making him Department Member Recruiter of the Year. He reaches out to other veterans organizations, such as the Travis Manion Foundation, to speak with youth at Federal Way High School about positive character. Jordan has become a familiar face at a myriad of organizations, connecting members through service projects in disadvantaged communities. Jordan continues to put others before himself, always asking, "What can I do for you?" or "What's next for our mission?"

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Kael Johnson

Tacoma

Bethel School District Hunger Task Force

Category: Teen

When Kael Johnson was in the seventh grade, he walked past a vending machine and overheard a conversation that changed his life. Kael realized there could be kids at school who were going hungry. He shared his concerns with his grandmother, school officials and members of the Bethel School District Hunger Task Force. Kael, now 14, came up with the idea that Care Closets should be set up at all Bethel schools. Kael envisioned these closets filled with food, hygiene products and clothes for students in need. He volunteered countless hours discussing ideas, promoting food drives and reaching out to local businesses. He attended several hunger task force and faith leader meetings and provided leadership to staff members at other schools and neighboring districts to make sure that Care Closets were established and supported at all 10 secondary schools. To date, hundreds of students have benefitted from Care Closets at these schools. Kael wants to expand to the district's 17 elementary schools. He has created a Kael's Care Closet website to promote his vision and solicit donations to help with students' basic needs.

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John Lawless

Longview

Cowlitz County Youth Services Center

Category: AmeriCorps Member

John Lawless is a community service coordinator AmeriCorps member who has served with the Cowlitz County Youth Services Center since September 2018. John works closely with at-risk and court-involved youth who have been

directed to participate in community service projects with local nonprofit organizations. John has established more than 25 sites in the community that have agreed to host and supervise these youth in completing hours and establishing community relationships, thus restoring some of the harm caused and reducing the likelihood they will reoffend. John has worked with more than 50 youth and families preparing them for the expectations of the program and organizations where they will do their community service. Numerous youth have completed their hours, are released early from supervision, get their records sealed and feel accomplished by helping their community. John's work with youth, families and community agencies develops a relationship based on professionalism, trust and integrity. In addition to serving his 40 hours a week, he volunteers at Habitat for Humanity, local food banks and food distribution sites. John does not fail to follow through with even the smallest commitments and prides himself in treating everyone with respect. Community partners, including agencies, families and individuals, have gained insight into the youth of Cowlitz County who may struggle with many issues with no support system. With the assistance of community members and volunteers like John who take great pride in the most positive attributes of the community, the youth who need support and guidance will succeed.

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Carl Leon

Seattle

Seattle Office of Emergency Management

Category: Disaster Preparedness & Response

Carl Leon is a volunteer with the City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management, supporting the city's disaster preparedness and response mission since 2011. He has given hundreds of volunteer hours in emergency preparedness education and auxiliary communications service. Carl engages and trains neighborhood groups, community organizations and businesses on how to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies and disasters. During 2018, he made 27 presentations to 700 people. Carl contributed almost 700 hours in support of leadership and management of Seattle Auxiliary Communications Service, providing communications support for the city's Emergency Operation Center. Under Carl's leadership, the ACS team registered 16 new members and contributed approximately 8,000 hours of volunteer service in support of city departments and community organizations. He initiated and led several projects that contribute to the capabilities, safety and accountability of the team. These include a comprehensive training program for volunteers, a credentialing and ID card system that allows members responding to a mission to be validated and checked in real time, and a field exercise plan providing ACS volunteers working with fire and technology departments and the Washington State Department of Transportation to test back-up radio communications in the Highway 99 tunnel. Since retiring from the military, Carl has volunteered with King County Search and Rescue and with Washington Special Olympics and operates a nonprofit organization to provide radio communications equipment for charity events. Carl's exceptional volunteer service has made infinite contributions to the community.

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Florence 'Flossie' Mulhair

Kingston

Meals on Wheels Kitsap

Category: Senior Corps Program Participant

Flossie Mulhair, at 95 years, recognizes that cell phone technology allows her to keep a close eye on isolated seniors who benefit from a shared meal through Meals on Wheels Kitsap. Flossie's thoughtfulness and attention to detail have not wavered for 32 years and an estimated 6,700 hours she has served senior meals. She

is a founding volunteer at the Kingston meal site and the longest-serving Retired and Senior Volunteer Program volunteer in the history of the organization. Her natural leadership shows itself in the level of care and concern she has for both the volunteer team and dining clients. The addition of community dining promotes social opportunities and shared meals while it decreases isolation. For many seniors struggling with food security issues, reaching out for a meal can feel like charity, a potential barrier to participation. Flossie is quick to point out to prospective diners that Meals on Wheels Community Dining is for all seniors to come together and have a good time, meet and make friends and enjoy good nutritious food. She is the first to greet a diner by name and reaches out to them when they are not in attendance. Flossie participates in the Super Seniors group and Red Hat Society and is a champion for the monthly senior luncheon at Village Green Community Center. In 2017, the Kingston Chamber of Commerce recognized her community impact with its Diamond Award. This quiet but steady volunteerism does not always draw the attention it deserves, but for a large group of seniors in the Kingston community, Flossie's contributions are priceless.

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Llewelyn Pritchard

Allied Arts Foundation

Category: Arts & Culture

Bellevue

Llewelyn Pritchard has been a champion of the arts in Washington for 50 years through his involvement in multiple major arts organizations, including PONCHO, or the Patrons of the Northwest Civic, Cultural and Charitable Organizations; the Seattle Symphony; the Museum of Glass; the 5th Avenue Theatre; the Seattle Art Museum; and the Allied Arts Foundation. In 2018, Llew accomplished much at the AAF. As a volunteer he oversaw the enhancement of the high school arts awards honoring 42 students in Seattle, doubling cash amounts and adding free museum memberships and performance tickets. Through his leadership he established and secured matching funds for a two-year music scholarship program for underprivileged and at-risk youth in South King County. Llew orchestrated a \$15,000 grant program funding 17 female singers and songwriters from throughout Washington after research showed that this was the most underserved population of artists in the music industry. During this time he also oversaw a 30 percent increase in the number of nationwide sponsored artists and arts organizations that AAF supports. A passionate, tireless, lifelong advocate for the arts, Llew continues to bolster young arts organizations, build community connections and champion arts causes.

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Randi Sanders

Bellingham

Whatcom County CERT

Category: Citizen Corps/CERT

Randi Sanders' volunteer efforts in 2018 resulted in Whatcom County Community Emergency Response Team offering its first CERT basic training course in Spanish. Randi was not only the lead instructor — she also devoted many hours to translate a great deal of collateral materials. Randi translated or redeveloped everything from

communications between class sessions, to slideshow content, signage and teaching aids, to the scenario narrative that sets the stage for the simulated disaster that concludes the course. Randi devoted extra effort to cultivate a respectful and trusting relationship with her students and to speak their language far beyond a simplistic notion of linguistics. This is not the end, but instead, a beginning. The demand for CERT training among Spanish-speaking residents in Whatcom County is growing and plans are underway for more courses. Randi will be leading the way, mentoring new bilingual instructors and enabling the Whatcom CERT program to better serve all this county's residents, with no one left behind. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Randi, the Whatcom County CERT program is better able to fulfill its mission and help make Whatcom County more resilient for all. She is a central member of this program and an unsurpassable example of volunteerism.

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Helen Sutfin

Vancouver

Washington State School for the Blind

Category: Education

Helen Sutfin is a long-term volunteer at the Washington State School for the Blind. Helen began volunteering as a Lion's Club member by committing to special club projects such as the annual carnival and the track and swim meet. Six years ago, Helen started offering a monthly arts and crafts class. This might seem like an easy task for the average art volunteer and sighted child, but if you stop for a moment and close your eyes and add some learning, physical and emotional disabilities, coupled with some tactile defensiveness, you will get a very clear picture of the volunteer commitment. Helen has devoted hundreds of hours to planning the monthly seasonal art activity and has paid for all the supplies. Each month students receive a project neatly packaged and organized in individual envelopes. Through her classes she has brought forth confidence, surprise, delight, joy and happiness to hundreds of children and their parents who may have for the first time in their lives received a special craft or valentine from their child.

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Ronald Wagner

Marysville Police Department

Category: Public Safety

Marysville

Ron Wagner logged his first hours as a volunteer with the Marysville Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit in 2011. His responsibilities began with patrolling around Marysville schools and community parks and supporting city-sponsored special events. Today, Ron volunteers as the

supervisor of the Marysville Volunteer Patrol. In this role Ron is involved with the interview process for new applicants, supports the MVP training program, sets the monthly patrol schedule and schedules MVP volunteer support at city- and business-sponsored events. In 2018, Ron supervised 20–25 volunteers and scheduled them for 14 citywide events. He logged more than 569 volunteer hours. Overall, Ron has 2,941 hours of service dedicated to the Marysville Police Department, other city departments (especially the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department), business owners, citizens and visitors. Ron's team logged 4,009 hours, conducted 1,721 school checks, completed 2,990 business and 1,045 home vacation checks, checked the city's parks 1,169 times and checked for disabled parking violations 1,696 times. The Marysville citizens and business owners love this group of volunteers who are consistently visible and interacting with them, which is a true testament to Ron's ability to lead such a successful team.

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Derek Yoshinaka

Regional Animal Services of King County

Category: Animal Welfare

Kent

Derek Yoshinaka has been volunteering with Regional Animal Services of King County for the past 15 years. Every week, twice a week, he has supported as many as 20 dog in adoptions. As a volunteer with top-tier "red" dog assessment skills, Derek supports some of the most challenging dogs and provides warmth and coziness for the most timid dogs. Many of these dogs blossom when handled by Derek and are adopted more quickly than they would be otherwise, due to the time and individualized attention he provides. Derek also takes photographs of each dog and writes up careful notes about their personality to support the adoption selection process. As a long-time and skilled volunteer, Derek supports other volunteers at RASKC by leading mentoring sessions with new dog walkers and Dog Team 101 classes. Derek's volunteerism in support of animals is not seen only at RASKC: He has fostered cats in his own home until they were adopted. He was part of a citizen group who worked with the city of Kent to create the Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park several years ago. After twice-a-week service over 15 years, Derek will be "hanging up his leash" at RASKC.



GROUPS



EMPLOYER-BASED PROGRAM



evo
Seattle

evo is a Seattle action-sports retailer with a mission to make lives better by crafting elevated customer and employee experiences, fostering human connection and igniting passions while leveraging its success to give back. In 2018, evo's 250 employee volunteers contributed more than 6,000 hours through volunteer paid time off. Organizations are highlighted internally and networking opportunities are offered to support employees who want to

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volunteer. Additionally, evo matches employee donations up to \$250 per year to the organizations of their choice. Employees give direct and skills-based volunteer hours in support of many organizations and efforts ranging from trail building with the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance to monthly meal shifts with YouthCare. In fiscal year 2018, evo's Fremont-based headquarters team dedicated hours of time to the nonprofit Lifelong, which helps people with chronic illnesses, and by preparing and packaging meals for Chicken Soup Brigade, stocking, organizing and bagging groceries in the warehouse and driving to clients' homes to deliver food. Their volunteer commitment and impact earned evo recognition as Lifelong's Volunteer Organization of the Quarter in quarter 4.

SERVICE GROUP



Soup Ladies Buckley

The Soup Ladies bring meals, typically hot soup, to first responders when they are at an extended incident scene. In the last fiscal year, the Soup Ladies delivered more than 14,000 meals at no charge to the requesting agency or group. In 2018, the Soup Ladies' volunteers served first responders at numerous incidents in Washington, including the crash site of the stolen airplane on Ketron Island, the tornado in Port Orchard, multiple building and brush fires, and

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investigative searches and rescue/recovery missions in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kittitas counties. Soup Ladies work from two donated pickup trucks and a vintage pink travel trailer refurbished as a mobile kitchen. The group has about 80 active volunteers, including several male volunteers known as the Stew Dudes. All Soup Ladies are registered as emergency workers with the King County Sheriff's Office after they pass a criminal background check and are trained about incident command. The volunteers also hold King County food service worker cards and comply with an extensive code of conduct related to the Soup Ladies work.

VOLUNTEER FAMILY



The Lodwick & Travis Family

Vision House

Renton

The Lodwick family and Grandma Sandy have provided immense support to Vision House, which provides transitional housing and support services for families recovering from homelessness. Mara and Siena Lodwick had been volunteering with their grandmother, Sandy Travis, for several years. Grandma Sandy has volunteered at Vision House since 2009, giving more than 1,755 hours to help in the child care facility's kitchen and the office each Tuesday. In August 2017, Mara (then age 11) and Siena (then age 9) attended a family

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volunteer event at the facility. The girls noticed the small wooden play structure used by resident families was run-down and inadequate for the children's use. Mara and Siena decided the children living at Vision House needed a nice playground, so they began to raise money by selling lemonade in front of their house. Stephen and Melissa, their parents, saw the girls' determination and caring hearts for these families (all who had been homeless, living in their cars or on the street) and joined the venture to build a new playground. They described the project to friends, explored matching programs at work and fundraised with everyone they knew while the girls continued to operate lemonade stands. The Lodwick family was the driving force in raising \$54,000. In June 2018, 30 volunteers came together and joined the Lodwick family and Grandma Sandy to build a new playground. Vision House has been forever changed by the Lodwick family's commitment to serve others.

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, volunteer service is integral in addressing local and national issues, and is an effective strategy to unite communities while meeting critical needs; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer hours of Washingtonians demonstrate a strong and enduring commitment to public service and represent an astounding annual investment of approximately \$5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Washington is blessed with individuals of all ages who selflessly dedicate their time and energy to performing acts of good will and improving the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor those who give their time, talent and resources for the betterment of their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2019, as

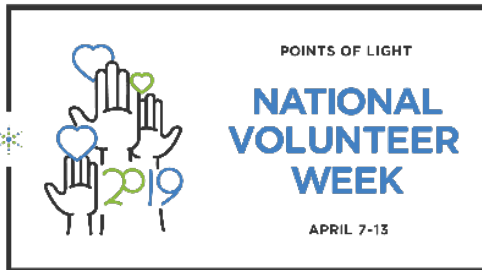
Volunteer Appreciation Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in recognizing and supporting those who volunteer and serve.

Signed this 3rd day of April, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee





Special Thanks:

*Frances Munez Carter, Executive Residence Director
Quan Hoang, Mansion Chef*



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