

*Governor's Service
Recognition
2014*



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- 10:00 am Pledge of Allegiance
- 10:05 am Welcome and Call to Purpose
- 10:10 am Governor Scott Walker
- 10:15 am Announcement of Recipients
- Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Participant & Program Honoree:
Monica Zindler - Marion House, Green Bay
 - Governor's AmeriCorps*VISTA Participant Honoree:
Olivia Henricks
 - Governor's Senior Corps Program Honoree:
RSVP Vision Screening Team
 - Marty Stein Friend of National Service Exemplary Supporter: **Richard Kohler**
 - Veteran Volunteer Service Award:
Major (Ret) Jim Strong
- 10:45 am Final Remarks
- 10:50 am Photographs and Mingling

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and Serve Wisconsin support service in Wisconsin that strengthens communities and enriches lives. We all know that America's challenges are real and urgent. We need all Americans, especially those who have proven themselves to be citizen leaders, to get involved in changing lives and communities. Today we honor individuals who have done just that.

Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Program Honoree:

The Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Program Honoree goes to a unique AmeriCorps program that has contributed significantly to community service. Marion House has become widely known as a "second chance" home for adolescent mothers. It is the vision, compassion, courage and strength of Monica Zindler, the founder of Marion House in Green Bay, that has made a bright future possible for many young mothers and their children.

Governor's AmeriCorps*VISTA Participant Honoree:

The Governor's AmeriCorps*VISTA Participant of the Year is awarded to a VISTA member who, over the course of the year, has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through efforts to fight poverty. Olivia Henricks has demonstrated an inspiring drive for knowledge, ability to create programming using cultural best practices, and a dedication to community service.

Governor's Senior Corps Program Honoree:

The Governor's Senior Corps Program award is given to a Senior Corps volunteer or Senior Corps program who, over the course of the year, has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through efforts using their invaluable skills and experience. The vision screening team has made a significant impact in the prevention of blindness. The members of the Vision Screening Team are exemplary volunteers, committed to making their community a great place to live.

Marty Stein Friend of National Service Exemplary Supporter:

The Marty Stein Friend of Service Exemplary Supporter Award is a very special award in Wisconsin. The late Mr. Stein was the first President of the Serve Wisconsin Board. He was an exemplary citizen, devoted to community service, kind and compassionate to all he worked with. Richard Kohler, will receive this special award for his outstanding support of National Service. Richard's steadfast commitment has helped AmeriCorps programs meet the need to train, educate and provide members with an excellent service experience.

Veteran Volunteer Service Award:

The Veteran Volunteer Service Award recognizes a veteran who has met a community need beyond his/her military service duties. Major (Ret) Jim Strong has repeatedly demonstrated initiative, dedication and unequalled performance and perseverance in service of the Veterans of the Fox Valley and the entire State of Wisconsin. Jim organized and established the Fox Valley Veterans Council, assisting returning veterans in the areas of the housing, employment and financial assistance.

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

~ President John F. Kennedy

AmeriCorps Oath

I will get things done for America -
to make our people safer,
smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together
to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy,
I will take action.

Faced with conflict,
I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity,
I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment
with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member,
and I will get things done.



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Governor's Service Recognition Winners Announced

[Madison, Wisconsin] – Five winners will be recognized at the Governor's Service Recognition ceremony at 10:00 A.M., on June 19 at the State Department of Military Affairs, Witmar Hall, 2400 Wright Street, Madison, WI. Governor Scott Walker will greet and make the award presentations. The Governor's Service Recognitions are presented to programs and individuals participating in organizations funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. This event provides an opportunity to recognize organizations and individuals that help solve serious social problems and help strengthen their community.

2014 Governor's Service Awards

Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Participant or Program Honoree

Monica Zindler-Marion House, Green Bay

Governor's AmeriCorps+VISTA Participant or Program Honoree

Olivia Henricks-Appleton

Governor's Senior Corps Participant or Program Honoree

RSVP Vision Screening Team-RSVP Outagamie, Volunteer Center of East Central WI

Marty Stein Friend of National Service Exemplary Supporter

Richard Kohler -Appleton

Veteran Volunteer Service Award

Major (Ret) Jim Strong – Fox Valley Veteran's Council & Military Officers Association of America-NE WI

Serve Wisconsin and the CNCS State Office, sponsors the Governor's Service Recognitions.

Serve Wisconsin is a 22-member citizen body appointed by the Governor responsible for overseeing AmeriCorps grants, which address unmet human, environmental, public safety, educational, and homeland security needs. For more information about Serve Wisconsin or funded AmeriCorps programs, visit www.servewisconsin.wi.gov

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through programs like AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, the Volunteer Generation Fund, and more. The Corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov.



Now more than ever, it's important to make every dollar count. National service is a cost-effective solution that taps the power of citizens to get things done. We multiply the impact of our investment by generating hundreds of millions of non-federal dollars, mobilizing millions of additional volunteers, and operating with a high degree of accountability and efficiency:

Following are brief descriptions of each award winner.

Marion House is receiving the Governor's recognition for an AmeriCorps program who has contributed significantly to community service--Monica Zindler is the founder of Marion House a "Second Chance" Home for adolescent mothers. As one of Marion House alumni said, "Being a young mom means that we met a little early, but it also means I get to love you a little longer. Some people said that my life ended when I had a baby, but my life had just begun. You didn't take away from my future you gave me a new one." It is the vision, compassion, courage and strength of Monica that has made a bright future possible for this young mother, her child and many more like them.

Olivia Hendricks, AmeriCorps*VISTA will receive the Governor's AmeriCorps*VISTA participant award. Olivia saw a need in the community for a mentoring project that was sensitive to the needs of a diverse population. So she created two sustainable and successful mentoring groups, the *Beautiful You* for African American girls and the *Hmong Youth Pride and Empowerment* that serves almost 60 teens by providing them with mentors, tutoring and other activities. This program has empowered 94% of participating youth to think about going to college. What makes Olivia stand out is her drive for knowledge, creation of programming using cultural best practices, and the personal impact made on youth.

RSVP Vision Screening Team led by Cathy Glasheen will receive the Governor's Senior Corps Program award. The vision screening team screens up to 500 children annually to help prevent blindness. All parties involved in this effort feel that it is a win-win for the volunteers, the children and parents, Prevent Blindness WI and the RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program at the Volunteer Center of East Central WI. The members of the Vision Screening Team are exemplary volunteers. They are committed to making our community a great place to live. The Vision Screening is one of many services they provide. In this case, without Cathy Glasheen saying "yes" to coordinate this important health Service—it's likely that it would not happen.

Richard Kohler, will receive the Marty Stein Friend of Service Exemplary Supporter award for his outstanding support to National Service. Richard is a former Army soldier and a consummate volunteer. He currently volunteers with numerous groups including the 127th Infantry Association, Learning for Life, Exploring Youth Programs, Haiti Medical missions, Serve Wisconsin and the Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps program. He has also provided support to the September 11th National Day of Service. Richard's steadfast commitment helped the AmeriCorps programs he supported meet the need to train, educate and provide members with an excellent member service experience. He sets the example for members to follow.

Major (Ret) Jim Strong will receive the Veteran Volunteer Service Award. Jim initiated and established the Northeast Wisconsin Community Blue Print of the Points of Light Foundation this is a group of organizations that can provide assistance to Veterans in eight areas critical to the Reintegration of returning Veterans. These areas include Employment, Education, Family, Behavioral Health, Financial/Legal, Housing/Homeless, Outreach, and Volunteerism. Of these Jim has focused on the specific areas of Housing, Employment and Financial Assistance by, yet again, organizing and establishing the Fox Valley Veterans Council. Jim has repeatedly demonstrated through initiative, dedication and unequalled performance and perseverance, his total dedication to the Veterans of the Fox Valley and the entire State of Wisconsin.

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