

**ANNUAL  
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE  
RECOGNITION 2009  
PROGRAM**

5:30: PM MUSIC-JOHN BABBITT AND  
ROGER BROTHERHOOD

6:00 PM GOVERNOR'S SERVICE RECOGNITION BANQUET

6:30 PM ART SHEGONEE, PEACE DRUM AND DANCE

**EMCEE:**

KATHLEEN GROAT, PRESIDENT SERVE WISCONSIN BOARD

**HONORED GUESTS:**

FIRST LADY JESSICA DOYLE HAS BEEN INVITED

**RECOGNITIONS PRESENTED:**

**EACH GROUP OF AWARD WINNERS WILL BE  
GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS!**

GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AMERICORPS PARTICIPANT OR  
PROGRAM

GOVERNOR'S AMERICORPS\*VISTA PARTICIPANT OR PROGRAM

GOVERNOR'S SENIOR CORPS PARTICIPANT OR PROGRAM

GOVERNOR'S SERVICE-LEARNING RECOGNITION

SERVE WISCONSIN DISABILITY INCLUSION

**FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

**MADISON CONCOURSE HOTEL  
ONE WEST DAYTON STREET**



## 2009 RECOGNITION WINNERS

For programs operating or participants serving  
between September 1, 2007 and December 31, 2008.

### **Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Program**

Given to a National Service Participant or program who has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through community service.

**Project Youth** Cathy Pape, LSS, Sheboygan

### **Governor's AmeriCorps\*VISTA Participant**

Given to national service participants or program who has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through community service efforts to fight poverty.

**Stephanie Sutton** Waukesha County UW-Extension

### **Governor's Senior Corps Participant**

Given to the national service participant or program who has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through Community Service efforts using their invaluable skills and experience.

**Barb Rigden** RSVP of Racine Co., Volunteer Center of Racine Co.

### **Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Recognition**

Awarded to an AmeriCorps\*State or National program for their efforts towards disability inclusion.

**David Madden** Operation Fresh Start, Madison

### **Governor's Service-Learning Recognition**

Given to an individual or organization within the education system

**Environmental Survival Challenge** Southeastern Wisconsin Service Learning Consortium



## 2009 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE RECOGNITION NOMINEES

Beloit College AmeriCorps\*VISTA  
Project

Robyn Krimke, Parents Plus, Inc.  
Milwaukee

Stewart Close  
Goodwill Foster Grandparent  
Program, Racine

Terry Kroll  
DPI-CESA 12, Bayfield School District  
Apostle Island Academy

Marie Eaton  
Lincoln Hills Foster Grandparent  
Program, Irma

Realtors' Association of South Central  
Wisconsin Housing Foundation  
Madison

Stephanie Ebbinger  
AmeriCorps Team-Greater Wausau  
Area

Susan Landers-Lynch  
RSVP of Dane County

Ethan Allen School-Department of  
Corrections, Wales

Chelsea Lane  
Wisconsin Campus Compact  
Eau Claire

Alyssa Gambucci  
UW-Madison, Jumpstart Program

Suzanne Morrin Ritter  
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College  
Shawano

Mary Jane Grande  
RSVP Volunteer, Ashland

Ben Penlesky  
Workforce Connections,  
YES AmeriCorps, LaCrosse

Autumn Hensel, Morgridge Center for  
Public Service, Madison

Len Schleh  
Coulee Region RSVP, LaCrosse

Deanna Janson & Jane Snediker  
Kenosha Unified School District # 1

Rosemary Stalsberg  
Coulee Region RSVP, LaCrosse

Jumpstart Program Eau Claire

Kenosha Tremper High School

Paula Wegner  
Workforce Connections,  
YES AmeriCorps, LaCrosse

Helen Sakalowski  
RSVP of Kenosha County

### National Service in Wisconsin

More than 23,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through 76 national service projects across Wisconsin. Serving with national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations and other groups, these citizens tutor and mentor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, conduct neighborhood patrols, restore the environment, respond to disasters, build nonprofit capacity and recruit and manage volunteers. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service will commit more than \$15,100,000 to support Wisconsin communities through national service initiatives.

**SPECIAL THANKS AND  
RECOGNITIONS**

FIRST LADY JESSICA DOYLE HAS BEEN INVITED

KATHLEEN GROAT  
SERVE WISCONSIN BOARD PRESIDENT

GOVERNOR'S RECOGNITION REVIEW COMMITTEE

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## SERVE WISCONSIN!

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### Governor's Service Recognition Winners Announced

[Madison, Wisconsin] – Five winners will be recognized at the Governor's Service Recognition Banquet at 5:30 P.M., on February 12, 2009 at the Madison Concourse Motel, One West Dayton, Madison, WI. First Lady Jessica Doyle has been asked to be on hand to congratulate the winners. Native American Dancer Art Shegonee will begin the program with a drum and peace dance. 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, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America. This event provides an opportunity to recognize organizations and individuals that help solve serious social problems and help strengthen their community.

#### 2009 Governor's Service Awards

**Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Participant or Program Honoree**  
*Project Youth-Lutheran Social Services*

**Governor's AmeriCorps\*VISTA Participant or Program Honoree**  
*Stephanie Sutton-Waukesha County UW-Extension*

**Governor's Senior Corps Participant or Program Honoree**  
*Barb Rigden-RSVP of Racine Co., Volunteer Center of Racine Co.*

**Governor's Service-Learning Honoree**  
*Environmental Survival Challenge – Southeastern Wisconsin Service Learning Consortium*

**Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Award**  
*David Madden – Operation Fresh Start, Madison*

Serve Wisconsin, along with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction 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.org](http://www.servewisconsin.org).



The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through three programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. Together with the USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. For more information, visit [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov).

**Following are brief descriptions of each award winner.**

Receiving the Governor's recognition for an AmeriCorps program who has contributed significantly to community service, **Project Youth**, represented by Cathy Pape, Luthern Social Services, Sheboygan led A team of six AmeriCorps members working in Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, and Manitowoc area provided preventative and crisis care to youth and families through conducting a strong and diversified outreach program targeting local parks, beaches, malls, coffee shops, bus stops, and many school events. In 2007-2008, the AmeriCorps members had 6,300 contacts with youth providing information on services offered by their agency and alternatives to living on the streets. A total of 813 youth accepted services such as food, clothing, family mediation and referrals for needed medical care.

**Stephanie Sutton**, AmeriCorps\*VISTA will receive the Governor's AmeriCorps\*VISTA participant award. Through Stephanie's work, 120 low-income youth in two afterschool programs received support from 116 volunteers. To mobilize families, residents and volunteers and community resources in the afterschool programs Stephanie worked with the Waukesha Metro Bus System to design and display a banner inside the 33 metro busses. The ad reached over 750,000 passengers. Stephanie also designed a new juvenile diversion program, which was implemented in January 2009. A critical need was identified for a diversion program to alleviate court caseloads, and save tax dollars by reducing the burden on law enforcement and the court system.

**Barb Rigden**, RSVP of Racine County will receive the Governor's Senior Corps Participant award. Selflessly, Rigden has carried a Sexual Assault Service emergency cell phone with her at least one 24-hour period per week for almost seven years. In 2008, her community service hours for this venue averaged 97.5 hours per month. When she answers a call she comforts the victim, and calms them. She refers them to other social service agencies contacts, who, in turn help individuals through the crisis. Barb is tireless in her commitment to volunteer work on behalf of victims of sexual assault. Rigden continues to update her knowledge and experience by continually donating her time and energy to the Medical Reserve Corps and Citizen Emergency Response Training. For all of 2008, she has documented over 1440 hours of total volunteering to community service.

**David Madden**, with Operation Fresh Start his responsibility is to build affordable housing, but his more important role is to act as a role model to his peers by demonstrating a strong work ethic, exhibit leadership skills and humbly follow the guidance of others. A significant number of David's peers are working to overcome significant barriers in their lives, including emotional, behavioral and learning disabilities. David treats every individual he encounters with respect and dignity. He looks for the best in everyone he meets and draws that out of each person. For example, one young man he works with on a day-to-day basis is dealing with significant Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. This young man has a difficult time assimilating to social situations and often ostracizes himself from the group because of it. David finds subtle ways to bring this young man back to the group and encourages this young man to be who he is. David truly has a gift for working with this population of young people as there are many who battle lifelong learning disabilities.

**Stan Potts**, will receive the Governor's Service-Learning Recognition for his outstanding work with service-learning projects. Potts initiated grants and projects to promote service-learning in K-12 education in Wisconsin and nationally. He created the 4-Point Test for Service-learning to help educators and policy makers understand that service-learning is different from community service and volunteerism. He participated in the early work of the Wisconsin National and Community Service Board and introduced DPI to VISTA and AmeriCorps, which enabled DPI to strengthen communities. Potts assisted in the creation of the current Community Learning and Partnerships team at DPI.