

**ANNUAL  
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE  
RECOGNITION 2008  
PROGRAM**

11:30: AM MUSIC-JOHN BABBITT AND  
ROGER BROTHERHOOD

12:00 PM NATIONAL SERVICE LUNCHEON

12:30 PM PRESENTATION OF GOVERNOR'S SERVICE  
RECOGNITIONS

**EMCEE:**

KATHLEEN GROAT, PRESIDENT SERVE WISCONSIN BOARD

**HONORED GUESTS:**

FIRST LADY JESSICA DOYLE  
ELIZABETH BURMASTER  
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

THUY SMITH, NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANT

**RECOGNITIONS PRESENTED:**

MARTY STEIN FRIEND OF NATIONAL SERVICE

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

**MAY 13, 2008**

**EDGEWATER HOTEL, 666 WISCONSIN AVENUE,  
MADISON**



**2008 RECOGNITION WINNERS**

For programs operating or participants serving  
between September 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007.

**Marty Stein Friend of National Service Recognition**

Given to exemplary supporters of  
national service programs in Wisconsin.

**Jane Eaton** Spooner Area School District

**Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Participant or Program**

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

**Kimberly Pufahl** AmeriCorps Team-Greater Wausau Area

**Governor's AmeriCorps\*VISTA Participant or Program**

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

**Michael Castaneda** AmeriCorps\*VISTA, Parents Plus, Inc. & DPI

**Governor's Senior Corps Participant or Program**

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.

**Rob Wilkinson** RSVP of Rock County

**Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Recognition**

Awarded to an AmeriCorps\*State or National program  
for their achievements in disability inclusion.

**PAWS Program** Partners for After School Success

**Governor's Service-Learning Recognition**

Given to an educational individual or system that has had a positive  
community impact

**Stan Potts** WI Department of Public Instruction

## 2008 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE RECOGNITION NOMINEES

Michael Castaneda Department of Public Instruction	Kimberly Pufahl AmeriCorps Team Greater Wausau
Charles Davidson Milwaukee Teacher Education Center	Lowell Ricketts Jumpstart-UW-Madison
Catherine Horzewski Department of Public Instruction	Social Development Commission RSVP Milwaukee
Lauren Jakubowski Department of Public Instruction	Amy Schuldt Milwaukee Teacher Education Center
Judith Jasper Milwaukee Teacher Education Center	Sheridan Elementary School Partners Hispanic American Information Center
Susan Lamb Milwaukee Teacher Education Center	Thuy Smith Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation AmeriCorps
Justin Major Wausau Fresh Start	Marlo Tranholm Easter Seals Wisconsin AmeriCorps
Debra Manville Milwaukee Teacher Education Center	WICC SNC M3C St Norbert College
Amanda O'Donnell UW-Milwaukee Center for Volunteerism	Rob Wilkinson RSVP of Rock County
Stan Potts Wisconsin Department of Instruction	

### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS 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. This year, CNCS has committed more than **\$15 million** to support Wisconsin communities through:

- More than **11,000 seniors** are contributing their time and talents in three Senior Corps programs — Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP.
- More than **1000 people** are serving their communities through AmeriCorps\*State, National Direct, and VISTA to meet education, environmental, public safety, and other pressing needs.
- Learn and Serve America is engaging more than **11,000 students** in service linked to academic achievement and development of civic skills.

## SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITIONS

**FIRST LADY JESSICA DOYLE**

**ELIZABETH BURMASTER**  
WISCONSIN STATE SUPERINTENDENT

**KATHLEEN GROAT**  
SERVE WISCONSIN BOARD PRESIDENT

**THUY SMITH**  
MARSHFIELD FOUNDATION AMERICORPS

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### Governor's Service Recognition Winners Announced

**[Madison, Wisconsin]** – Six winners will be recognized at the Governor's Service Recognition luncheon at 12:00 noon, on May 13, 2008 at the Edgewater Hotel, 666 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI. Governor Jim Doyle has been asked to be on hand to congratulate the winners. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Elizabeth Burmaster will be the featured speaker and presents the awards to these outstanding servants of Wisconsin. 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 meet their community's needs.

#### 2008 Governor's Service Awards

##### **Marty Stein Friend of National Service Honoree**

*Jane Eaton – Spooner Area School District*

##### **Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Participant or Program Honoree**

*Kimberly Pufahl -AmeriCorps Team-Greater Wausau Area*

##### **Governor's AmeriCorps\*VISTA Participant or Program Honoree**

*Michael Casteneda -AmeriCorps\*VISTA, Parents Plus, Inc. & DPI*

##### **Governor's Senior Corps Participant or Program Honoree**

*Rob Wilkinson-RSVP of Rock County*

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

*Stan Potts – Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

##### **Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Award**

*PAWS – AmeriCorps Partnership*

Serve Wisconsin, along with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the CNCS State Office, sponsors the Governor's Service Recognitions. Funding provided for this event comes from the Corporation for National and Community Service, Northern Wisconsin Regional Council of Carpenters, and We Energies, through the Wisconsin Energy Corporation Foundation.



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.**

**Jane Eaton** will receive the Marty Stein Friend of Service recognition. Eaton has gone above and beyond her call of duty in motivating the people around her, her outstanding performance as a principle, leader, and friend, strengthening the community and over all excellence. Jane has encountered multiple challenges through her years of service such as helping families and community members realize that they can make a positive difference.

**Kimberly Pufahl, Wausau**, will receive the Governor's Community Service AmeriCorps Participant Award. Currently Pufahl is serving with the New Horizons Charter School for At-risk middle school Students. At New Horizons Kimberly is engaged with the students in different ways. Concerning academics she assists with classroom assignments, such as leading a small group reading discussions. The educational experience at this school also involves teaching life skills. Kimberly, is interested in making a difference in her hometown community of Wausau. Kimberly organizes many yearly events to include Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, World Global Youth Service Day, AmeriCorps Week, and the list grows each year.

**Michael Castaneda**, AmeriCorps\*VISTA will receive the Governor's AmeriCorps\*VISTA participant award. Castaneda works with the Department of Public Instruction, serving at Parents Plus, Inc. in downtown Milwaukee and is assigned to Kosciuszko Montessori and Middle School. Michael works tirelessly to promote and encourage open communication with the parents of Kosciuszko, even though it is often a challenge as many families do not speak English. Michael addresses the need to improve student success through institutionalizing family involvement in low-income neighborhoods in Milwaukee.

**Rob Wilkinson**, RSVP of Rock County will receive the Governor's Senior Corps Participant award. Service to community is not stranger to Wilkinson. Rob's past employment as a police officer alerted him to the needs of his community in ways we may not be aware of. His thirty-one years on the police force has brought him this knowledge. That along with his desire to remain active has allowed him to become an important member of the many committees and organizations he is a part of. Every community has a need for volunteers. Volunteers that can help serve, strengthen and make a difference in their community. Rob Wilkinson is that type of volunteer. You might see Rob distributing food, helping to insure a safe community at a Red Cross, AARP, or VOAD meeting or activity, giving out information to people in need at United Ways' First Call or greeting visitors to Janesville's Visitor Information Booth and he is always making sure that seniors have knowledge and information on issues concerning them. In 2007, he put over 12,000 volunteering miles on his car. He is a man who cares and gives 100% to issues concerning his community. From September 2006, through December 2007 Rob has volunteered 4,046 volunteers' hours. If volunteer hours were paid at the rate of \$18.77 an hour (current assessment) then Rob's volunteer time would equate to \$75,000 for that time period. During that same time period Rob has assisted 2,289 people through his volunteer efforts.

**PAWS Program**, is an amazing community partnership of PASS, ARC of Wisconsin, The Waisman Center, and Serve Wisconsin. The goals of PAWS include engaging people with disabilities in inclusive community service projects that target environmental improvements, uniting AmeriCorps members with youth and people with disabilities in team building activities that foster mutually beneficial relationships, and sustaining the

projects by creating a core planning team comprised of AmeriCorps members, people with disabilities, service providers and others in the disability community. To excite the disabilities community about service, PAWS held a recruitment dance that attracted over 40 people. Propelled by a strong commitment, PAWS is continually planning service events to include people with disabilities. For example, PAWS partnered with Habitat for Humanity to winterize homes in Milwaukee, helped construct an accessible playground in Sun Prairie, played games with seniors at an assisted living home on New Year's Eve, and cleaned dog parks.

**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.

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