

**FOURTH ANNUAL
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE
AWARDS 2006**

5:30 PM NATIONAL SERVICE RECEPTION
6:00 PM DINNER
6:45 PM PRESENTATION OF
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS

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AWARDS PRESENTED:

MARTY STEIN FRIEND OF NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTSTANDING IMPACT
EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTICIPANT
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE-LEARNING
SERVE WISCONSIN DISABILITY INCLUSION

APRIL 5, 2006

THE MADISON CONCOURSE HOTEL



AWARD WINNERS

For programs operating or participants serving
between September 1, 2004 and December 31, 2005.

Marty Stein Friend of National Service Award

Given to exemplary supporters of
national service programs in Wisconsin.

Park Taylor Volunteer, Project Forward AmeriCorps
Center for Community Outreach
Marshfield Clinic

Community Service Outstanding Impact Award

Given to national service programs that demonstrate
outstanding impact on program beneficiaries.

**RSVP Project Based
Mentoring Program** Portage County RSVP

**Youth Enrichment
Services (Y.E.S.)** WI Association for Homeless & Runaway
Services AmeriCorps

Exemplary Community Service Participant Award

Given to national service participants who demonstrate
exemplary service to their communities.

John Smith RSVP of Brown County
RSVP Volunteer

Cheng Lee AmeriCorps Team - Greater Wausau Area
AmeriCorps Member North Central Community Action Program

Governor's Service-Learning Award

Given to an educator that has had a positive community impact
through service-learning.

Jim Lee Director of Alternative and
Vocational Education, CESA 12

Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Award

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

**Service for Learning
and Life AmeriCorps** WI Department of Public Instruction

2006 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS NOMINEES

Thank you to all of the fine programs, participants,
and supporters that were nominated this year.

Viola Powless
Menominee Indian Tribe of WI

Mary Jane Grande
Northwest RSVP

Sally Vyvyan
Coulee Region Foster
Grandparent Program

Tom and Betty Hill
RSVP of Waukesha County

Sylena Gomez
YMCA of Metro Milwaukee
AmeriCorps

David Crowley
Public Allies Milwaukee

Anjanette Bauer
Iron County UW-Extension

Barbara Rasmussen
UW-Extension - Price County

Shoshannah Pass
Forest Home Ave Elementary

Ladonna Foster
YMCA of Metro Milwaukee
AmeriCorps

Linda Kay Klein
UW-Madison Morgridge
Center for Public Service

Jumpstart Eau Claire
UW- Eau Claire

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN WISCONSIN

More than **36,000** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through **96** national service projects across Wisconsin. This year, CNCS has committed more than **\$14 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 **860 people** are serving their communities through AmeriCorps*State, National Direct, and VISTA to meet education, environmental, public safety, and other pressing needs. Since 1994, more than **8,000 former participants** have qualified for over **\$28.5 million in Education Awards**.
- Learn and Serve America is engaging more than **23,000 students** in service linked to academic achievement and development of civic skills.

**SPECIAL THANKS AND
RECOGNITIONS**

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Governor's Service Award Winners Announced

[**Madison, Wisconsin**] – Seven award winners will be recognized at the Governor's Service Awards Ceremony on the evening of April 5, 2006 at the Madison Concourse Hotel. Elizabeth Seale, Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will be the featured guest speaker. The Governor's Service Awards are presented to programs and individuals participating in organizations funded by 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.

2006 Governor's Service Awards

Marty Stein Friend of National Service Award

- **Park Taylor** – Volunteer, Project Forward AmeriCorps, Center for Community Outreach, Marshfield Clinic

Community Service Outstanding Impact Award

- **RSVP Project Based Mentoring Program** – Portage County RSVP
- **Youth Enrichment Services** – WI Association of Homeless & Runaway Services AmeriCorps

Exemplary Community Service Participant Award

- **John Smith** – RSVP volunteer, RSVP of Brown County
- **Cheng Lee** – AmeriCorps member, AmeriCorps Team - Greater Wausau Area, North Central Community Action Program

Service-Learning Award

- **Jim Lee** – Director of Alternative and Vocational Education, CESA 12

Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Award

- **Service for Learning and Life AmeriCorps** – Department of Public Instruction

The Governor's Service Awards are sponsored by Serve Wisconsin, along with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the CNCS State Office. Funding provided to date for this event from the Corporation for National and Community Service, Northern Wisconsin Regional Council of Carpenters, and We Energies, through the Wisconsin Energy Corporation Foundation.

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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.

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.

Following are brief descriptions of each award winner.

Park Taylor, a volunteer with Project Forward AmeriCorps, will receive the Marty Stein Friend of National Service Award, a Governor's Service Award, for his support of this national service program. Park served for two years as an AmeriCorps member with Project Forward, a program of the Center for Community Outreach, Marshfield Clinic, and has continued this relationship as a volunteer by providing Hayward Public Schools 8th graders with programming in drug reduction and volunteering as an EMT at a free summer camp. AmeriCorps has served as his jump-start to a lifelong ethic of service.

RSVP Project Based Mentoring Program, based out of the Portage County RSVP, will receive the Governor's Service Award for the impact the unique program has had on both at-risk youth and older adult volunteers. The program utilizes RSVP volunteers to reach students at an alternative high school through non-traditional methods – by teaching them basic woodworking skills. The goal of this program is developing in the students an interest in learning. Eighteen volunteers work with the students 4 days per week; all the teaching is done by the volunteers as the program is not staffed by a school district shop teacher. As is often the case, bringing older volunteers and students together is a formula for success!

Youth Enrichment Services (YES) in Marinette, a part of the Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services and Lutheran Social Services, will be receiving the Governor's Service Award for the impact the program has had providing preventative and crisis care to youth and families. This AmeriCorps program provides street outreach to youth, family mediation and referrals to other needed services, as well as community education on the needs and services available to youth and families in crisis. Service runs in the Romasko family at YES, as a grandmother, mother, father, son, daughter, and sister-in-law have all served with the agency as AmeriCorps members.

John Smith, a volunteer with the RSVP of Brown County, will be receiving the Governor's Service Award as an exemplary participant in a national service program. John has been a volunteer with RSVP since 1988 and during that time has participated in a wide range of volunteer activities, from serving as an advocate to individuals with disabilities to offering emotional support to heart patients and their families. He is a dependable and reliable volunteer, willing to help out wherever he is needed. John's life is a great example of how service to his community in an unassuming manner makes an impact on all those he helps.

Cheng Lee, an AmeriCorps member with the AmeriCorps Team – Greater Wausau Area, will receive the Governor's Service Award as an exemplary participant in a national service program. Cheng is a member of the Hmong refugee community and in his present AmeriCorps service is tutoring and mentoring recently arrived Hmong refugee middle school youth. He is very aware of the importance of being a positive role model for the "newcomers", because of his own experiences as a Hmong person, his troubled past, and also because he has always had a strong desire to help others.

Jim Lee, Director of Alternative and Vocational Education at CESA 12, will be receiving the Governor's Service Award for the depth and breadth of his service in establishing service-learning programs in schools throughout CESA 12. Through the 7 projects that Jim funds and supports this year, 168 youth have been engaged in service-learning projects at their schools. Jim provides technical assistance to teachers in funding and implementing their projects, assists with developing local partnerships (17 partnerships have been

established this year alone), and maintains a listserv to keep grant recipients connected throughout the year. Jim has been working with service-learning since the inception of the program in Wisconsin in the 1992-93 school year. He continually seeks ways to deepen teachers' practice and move districts toward institutionalization of the program.

Service for Learning and Life AmeriCorps program, based out of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, will receive the 2006 Governor's Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Award. The program's partnership with Special Olympics of Wisconsin offers outstanding recruitment and performance efforts in the inclusion of AmeriCorps members with cognitive disabilities. The successful idea of pairing a member with a cognitive disability with a member without a disability allows for the Special Olympic AmeriCorps member to implement ideas about recruiting new Special Olympic athletes, creating innovative service-learning projects for disability awareness, and serving as an inspiring role model for students with cognitive disabilities.

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