

**THIRD ANNUAL  
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE  
AWARDS 2005**

5:30 PM NATIONAL SERVICE RECEPTION

6:00 PM DINNER

6:45 PM PRESENTATION OF GOVERNOR'S  
SERVICE AWARDS

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES: JEANAN YASIRI**  
*WI NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD MEMBER  
DEAN HEALTH SYSTEM*

**HONORED GUESTS:**  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT ELIZABETH BURMASTER  
TOM METCALFE, WNCBSB PRESIDENT  
LINDA SUNDE, CNCS STATE OFFICE

**AWARDS PRESENTED:**

FRIENDS OF NATIONAL SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTSTANDING IMPACT

EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTICIPANT

**APRIL 6, 2005**

**CHULA VISTA RESORT, WISCONSIN DELLS**



## AWARD WINNERS

For programs operating or participants serving  
between September 1, 2003 and December 31, 2004.

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### Friends of National Service Award

Given to exemplary supporters of  
national service programs in Wisconsin.

<b>State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster</b>	Department of Public Instruction
<b>David Lehrer</b>	Volunteer Operation Fresh Start

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### Community Service Outstanding Impact Award

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

<b>Telephone Reassurance Program</b>	Interfaith Older Adult Programs RSVP
<b>Northwoods Coalition's Project Forward AmeriCorps</b>	Marshfield Clinic
<b>Youth Connecting Communities (YCC)</b>	Chippewa Falls School District

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### Exemplary Community Service Participant Award

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

<b>Agnes Miler</b>	Foster Grandparent Lincoln Hills School
<b>Lorenzo Christopher</b>	AmeriCorps Western Dairyland Fresh Start
<b>Lorrie Ryczek</b>	AmeriCorps*VISTA Oconto County UW-Extension

## 2005 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS NOMINEES

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

### Friends of National Service

United Way of Dane County  
Paula West Kaplan  
Stacy Shapiro  
John Waldron

### Community Service Outstanding Impact

RSVP of Rock County  
RSVP of Waukesha County  
SLICK Carthage College  
Menasha High School  
CESA #4 Veterans History  
Project  
Stanley-Boyd High School  
Boyceville School District

### Exemplary Community Service Participant

Rosetta Grady  
John Koehn  
Kenneth Logan  
Edna Wells  
Randy Eichman  
Lauren Bresnahan  
Amber Grefe  
Sara Winter  
Wendy Schug  
Kelly Powers  
Heather Dutcher  
Pat Nugent  
David McCoy  
Stephanie Tralongo

## MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN WISCONSIN

More than **52,000** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through **91** national service projects across Wisconsin. This year, CNCS has committed more than **\$12,600,000** to support Wisconsin communities through:

- More than **12,000 seniors** are contributing their time and talents in three Senior Corps programs — Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP.
- More than **850 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 **39,000 students** in service linked to academic achievement and development of civic skills.

**SPECIAL THANKS AND  
RECOGNITIONS**

GOVERNOR JIM DOYLE

LT. GOVERNOR BARBARA LAWTON

STATE SUPERINTENDENT  
ELIZABETH BURMASTER

JEANAN YASIRI

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CHULA VISTA RESORT

APRIL 6, 2005

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### Governor's Service Award Winners Announced

[**Madison, Wisconsin**] – Eight award winners will be recognized at the Governor's Service Awards Ceremony on the evening of April 6, 2005 at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. The Governor's Service Awards are being held in conjunction with the fourth annual Wisconsin Statewide Community Service Conference. The Wisconsin National and Community Service Board is proud to sponsor the Governor's Service Awards, along with its partners the Corporation for National and Community Service State Office and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. These awards honor outstanding national service participants, programs, and supporters in Wisconsin.

State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster will receive the Governor's Service Award for her support of service-learning and national service in Wisconsin. Because of Superintendent Burmaster's leadership, young people throughout the state have had increased opportunities to become involved in service activities to strengthen their communities, and educators have committed to high-quality service in their schools at all educational levels.

David Lehrer, a volunteer with Operation Fresh Start in Madison, will receive the Governor's Service Award for his support of this national service program. David, a financial advisor at Piper Jaffray, has been volunteering as a tutor and mentor for at-risk youth in the Operation Fresh Start classroom for seven years. Operation Fresh Start works with young people who have dropped out of school, teaching them to build affordable housing and preparing them academically to take the HSED.

Lorrie Ryczek, an AmeriCorps\*VISTA serving with the Oconto County UW-Extension, will receive the Governor's Service Award as an exemplary participant in a national service program. Lorrie works with the Oconto Falls School District to promote the benefits of a positive school climate to staff, families, and community members. She has created after school programs in reading and math, planned a district-wide Health and Wellness Fair, and is securing sustainable funding for the Parent Resource Center.

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Lorenzo Christopher, AmeriCorps member with Western Dairyland Fresh Start in Eau Claire, will be recognized for his exemplary service to his project and his community. Lorenzo has overcome many obstacles in his young life and is giving back to his community by building affordable, quality housing for income-eligible families and by earning his HSED (faster than any other participant in the history of the program) so that he can go on to college and become a greater asset to his community.

Agnes Miller, Foster Grandparent at Lincoln Hills School in Irma, will be receiving the Governor's Service Award for her exemplary service mentoring and tutoring incarcerated young men ages 11 through 19 at a residential school. Grandma Agnes, 85 years old, is a caring role model, helping these young men to believe in themselves and make better choices.

Northwoods Coalition's Project Forward AmeriCorps, based out of Marshfield Clinic, will be receiving the Governor's Service Award for outstanding service impact to the state of Wisconsin. This AmeriCorps program supports local youth initiatives to help reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Since 2000, over 32,138 hours of service have been given by Project Forward AmeriCorps members to help youth statewide develop positive decision-making skills that will impact their lives and communities for years to come.

Youth Connecting Communities (YCC), a service-learning digital divide project in the Chippewa Falls School District, will be receiving the Governor's Service Award for the impact the project has had on its school and community. Students in YCC, middle school and high school aged youth, generously volunteer their time and skills to work with others in their community to bridge the technology divide.

The Telephone Reassurance Program, an RSVP program based out of Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc., will receive the Governor's Service Award for their outstanding impact on older adults in Milwaukee. The Telephone Reassurance Program volunteers provide elderly Milwaukee County citizens with a daily telephone contact call to make them feel more secure about living independently in their own homes. In the past year, 95 RSVP volunteers made more than 63,300 daily phone calls to their clients to assure their well-being.

The Wisconsin National and Community Service Board is a 22-member citizen body appointed by the Governor. The WNCSB is responsible for overseeing the AmeriCorps grants, which address unmet human, environmental, public safety, educational, and homeland security needs. The mission of the WNCSB is to enrich lives and communities through service and volunteerism. For more information about the Board or funded programs, visit the WNCSB website at [www.servewisconsin.org](http://www.servewisconsin.org).

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