



20th Annual Veterans' Holiday Celebration Sunday, December 2, 2012

Dear Volunteer:

We are pleased to announce our participation in the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD program as a Certifying Organization.

This new AWARD is a Presidential honor that recognizes the valuable contributions of volunteers nationwide who are answering President Obama's call to serve others through their current volunteer activities or lifetime service. As a Certifying Organization, we will identify eligible recipients, verify their service hours, and distribute the AWARD to outstanding volunteers.

Today, we invite you to apply for this AWARD, if you meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the table below, by contacting Gail Powers at gailp@vhcevent.org.

Given your ongoing service activities, many of you may already meet the requirements to receive the AWARD. To qualify, volunteers simply submit a record of their service hours to Veterans' Holiday Celebration, and we verify the service and distribute the AWARD.

For those volunteers who haven't accumulated enough hours of service to be eligible for the AWARD, I encourage you to contact us at volunteer@vhcevent.org to sign up for additional volunteer projects available through our organization. We have ongoing service projects as well as one-time community projects. You can participate in these service projects by yourself, with family members, neighbors, or colleagues from work.

Additionally, eligible volunteer service hours are not limited to those performed on behalf of Veterans' Holiday Celebration. In fact, service hours can be accumulated through work on a variety of projects throughout the year. The only requirement is that the hours be completed within 12 months; recipients can qualify for a new AWARD each year.

<p>To be eligible to receive the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, Applicants' service hours must be confirmed by a registered Certifying Organization.</p> <p>There are three levels of the AWARD varying by hours of service completed within a 12-month period:</p>	
<p>Kids - 14 and younger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Award 50 - 74 hours • Silver Award 75 - 99 hours • Gold Award 100 or more hours 	<p>Adults - Ages 26 and up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bronze Award 100 - 249 hours Silver Award 250 - 499 hours Gold Award 500 or more hours
<p>Young Adults - Ages 15 - 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Award 100-174 hours • Silver Award 175 - 249 hours • Gold Award 250 or more hours 	<p>Families and Groups (two or more people)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bronze Award 200 - 499 hours Silver Award 500 - 999 hours Gold Award 1,000 or more hours <p>*Each member contributing at least 25 hours towards the total</p>
<p>PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD</p> <p>Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more volunteer service hours over the course of their lifetime are eligible to receive the PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD.</p>	