



Welcome to the 49th Annual
Key Volunteer of the Year
&
Governor's Volunteer
Service Awards Luncheon



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About the Volunteer of the Year Recognition Ceremony

Since 1973, the Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center (TNVLC) has organized an annual recognition that honors the spirit of volunteerism in our communities. **The Key Volunteer of the Year** program is an important part of the Center's history and tradition. The process starts with encouraging nonprofits and service-related organizations to nominate their most valuable volunteers in several categories. Judges are recruited to help review and analyze each application and select the winning nomination. This culminates in a community-wide event that provides the opportunity for nonprofits to highlight and acknowledge the significant contributions these volunteers make to each nonprofit as well as to the larger Triangle area. The Center also now coordinates the Governor's Volunteer Service Award, including the Governor's Medallion Award for Durham, Granville, Orange, Person and Wake counties.

This year, 61 nominees (some have been nominated in multiple types) were submitted by 39 organizations. These nominees represent the best of volunteerism in the Greater Triangle Community. Amazingly, even through the toughest of times during the COVID pandemic, these volunteers have continued to serve.

A brief description about each of these volunteers is included in this program. Additionally, volunteers are featured on TNVLC's website as a "Volunteer of the Week" and in the Center's weekly social media posts.

We congratulate all the nominees on their exemplary service. Thank you for giving your valuable time and expertise. You make this a better community.

About the TNVLC Key Award Statue

Our "Hands On" statuette symbolizes the many volunteer hands involved in making our community a better place. The statuette was custom crafted by Durham's own Cricket Forge and is hand-forged metalwork designed specifically for The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center.

2023 Judges

David Jarmul, Chair, Durham RSVP

Kate Shirah, Executive Director, Fox Family Foundation

Ashley Taylor Jacobs, Senior Contract Director, RTI International

Kimberle Walker, Director Public Information, Durham City-County Government, Retired

Acknowledgements

The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center would like to thank our judges, sponsors, and volunteers for making this important community event possible.

Welcome

Governor's Volunteer Service County Winners

Durham County

Granville County

Orange County

Wake County

Department of Social Services Volunteer Recognition

BackPacks 4 Kids Program

Share Your Christmas Program

Thanksgiving Dinners Program

Key Volunteer of the Year Award Categories

Animals

Corporate

Family

Group/Team

Health & Human Services

Individual

Perseverance in Volunteering

Lifetime Achievement

Outstanding Board Member

Student

Senior

Community Partner Award

Community Spirit Award

Special Recognition

AmeriCorps RSVP Volunteers

Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service

In 2006, the NC Commission implemented the Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service. This award recognizes the top volunteers in the state. Medallion winners are first nominated at the county level, then evaluated by a panel of community service leaders from across the state. The Medallion Winners receive their Medallion Award, signifying their accomplishments and service to the community at the annual Governor's Recognition Ceremony.

Orange County Medallion Winner

Bruce Ballentine, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County

Wake County Medallion Winner

Nona Wright, Assistance League of the Triangle

2023 Governor's Volunteer Service Award County Winners

The Center coordinates this program for the Governor's Office for Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Wake counties. County winners are selected by a panel of judges, then considered for the State's highest volunteer recognition, the Medallion Award, which is given to the top 20-25 volunteers in the state.

Durham County Winners

Gail Abrams, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.

Myra Blackwell, Durham Triple Play League, Inc.

Durham Chapter of the Links, Families Moving Forward

Durham Triple Play League Coaches, Durham Triple Play League, Inc.

Catherine Hester, Durham Center for Senior Life

Leah Kraus, Digital Durham

Robin Mason, Durham Cooperative Extension-Welcome Baby

Steven Schaffer, Urban Ministries of Wake County

Marcia Susan Yager-Zorn, General Davie Chapter, NSDAR

Volunteer SHIIP Counselors-Durham County, Senior PharmAssist

Granville County Winner

Vivian Oney, Area Congregations In Ministry

Orange County Winners

Bruce Ballentine, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County

Barbara Brooks, Paws4ever

Indrani Das, Orange County Rape Crisis Center

Dave Durham, Meals on Wheels of Orange County

Steven Esthimer, TABLE, Inc.

Roma Janette, Ronald McDonald House-Family Room

Mike & Val Ostoyich, Meals on Wheels of Orange County

Jane Silver, Meals on Wheels of Orange County

Jason Sorin, Orange County Disability Awareness Council

Zaina Taha, Orange County Disability Awareness Council

Wake County Winners

Molly Bailey, Assistance League of the Triangle

Anna Baird Choi, NC Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Patricia Gress, Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Benjie Hester, Dementia Alliance of North Carolina

Melanie Loury, SAFE Haven for Cats

Lalit Mahadeshwar, Hindu Society of North Carolina (HSNC)

Ken Petit, Wheels4Hope

Joe & Stara Porrazzo, Miracle League of the Triangle

Don Seay, The Center for Volunteer Caregiving

Nona Wright, Assistance League of the Triangle

A “Difference Maker” is a dedicated person who can make a big impact even with just a small action or a few words. Someone who improves the lives of others, Or who rallies or encourages others to propel themselves forward and bring about change.

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Durham County Social Services Award

The Center works with Durham County's Department of Social Services to provide direct services to Durham community members in need through several important programs. TNVLC is able to help meet these needs through partnership with key supporters and the efforts of hundreds of volunteers. We would like to recognize the contributions of a few of these partners who make this possible.

Backpacks4Kids Program

Mt Calvary United Church of Christ

The Male Chorus of Mt. Calvary has been volunteering for the DSS Backpacks4Kids Program for several years. The 2020 pandemic slowed them down, however, enlisting the help of the church membership they were right back in full force in 2021 unloading, sorting, tagging, and filling backpacks. They raised enough funds to purchase all of the school supplies on the teachers at Eastway Elementary School's wish lists. During the pandemic the Missionary Department like other organizations saw a greater need to engage with the community, thus the "Community Connections Ministry was born." A mission ministry chooses an organization and leads the church in supporting their needs. They do anything from preparing and serving 200 meals at Urban Ministries, to providing complete uncooked Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for families in need.

Thanksgiving Dinners Program

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Delta Zeta Sigma Chapter

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity (Delta Zeta Sigma Chapter) was founded on the principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service. The fraternity has various community initiatives that align with these principles. The Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive began 14 years ago as a Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Delta Zeta Sigma Chapter community outreach project. Over the years, the event has grown to serve over 200 families. The event continues to grow due to strategic partnerships with the Durham Alumni chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Inc., the McNair-Harris Crescent Foundation Inc., the Zeta Doves Foundation Inc., and other community organizations. In addition to the Thanksgiving initiative, the fraternity offers mentoring and tutoring for boys aged 8 to 18, hosts community wellness screenings, beautification projects, and implements programs such as Adopt-a-School, book donations, back-to-school drives, and Read Across America to promote education.

Share Your Christmas Program

White Rock Baptist Church

The goal of White Rock Baptist Church is to exalt the Name of Jesus Christ through sacred worship, strengthening of families, transforming of lives through service, and the proclamation of His gospel. Sharing God's love and helping people are at the heart of Outreach Ministries. The Angel Tree Ministry leads the Share Your Christmas Program, and they have partnered with the Center over 10 years serving families and individuals in the community. Over the years, the congregation has purchased and wrapped gifts, written cards, prayed, and spent time with families, individuals, caregivers when delivering gifts. The church has been touched by messages received from families thanking them for thinking of them, answering a prayer, and lifting their spirits. Their ongoing outreach includes giving food to 300-500 people monthly, serving dinner at Urban Ministries, supporting Duke Family Support Services by providing an African American Dementia Caregiver Support Group, and a host of other community service projects.

Key Volunteer Nominees by Type

Animals

Outstanding dedication to volunteering with or for animals.

Gail Abrams, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.
Anna Bengel, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.
Barbara Brooks, Paws4ever
Melanie Loury, SAFE Haven for Cats
Sophia Oh, Middle College High School@ Durham Technical Community College
Cathy Schoenherr, The Museum of Life & Science
Deanna Sedlak, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.
Darryl Spancake, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.

Corporate/Business

Honors a business/or for-profit entity that has made a substantial impact in the community by encouraging employees to engage in public volunteer service.

Eli Lilly, Hillside High School-Global Day of Service

Family

Honors families that volunteer together on the same project(s).

Rev. Burnice & Shelia Allen, Hannah's Community Kitchen
Leon & Zella Bracy, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.
Delia Family, Miracle League of the Triangle
Duke Thrift Store & Duke Games Volunteers, Hope Connection International
Mike & Val Ostoyich, Meals on Wheels of Orange County
Bob & Dana Petersen, Meals on Wheels of Wake County
Joe & Stara Porrazzo, Miracle League of the Triangle

Group/Team

Honors a group/team of two or more people volunteering together on the same project under a group/team name.

Durham Chapter of the Links, Families Moving Forward
Durham Triple Play League Coaches, Durham Triple Play League, Inc.
Eli Lilly RTP, Hillside High School-Global Day of Service
Helen Wright Center Volunteers, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Royce Dean & Norb Staniszewski, Habitat for Humanity of Durham
Volunteer SHIIP Counselors-Durham County, Senior PharmAssist

Key Volunteer Nominees by Type

Health & Human Services

Honors volunteers who show remarkable dedication to those in need.

Burnice & Sheila Allen, Hannah's Community Kitchen
Molly Bailey, Assistance League of the Triangle
Bruce Ballentine, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County
Leon & Zella Bracy, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.
Robert Brooks, III, Miracle League of the Triangle
Aaron Brothers, UNC Rex Healthcare
Tim Carr, The Caring Place
Roshni Daruvuri, Orange County Disability Awareness Council
Indrani Das, Orange County Rape Crisis Center
Royce Dean, Habitat for Humanity of Durham
Delia Family, Miracle League of the Triangle
Priscilla Dennings, Meals on Wheels of Wake County
Joe Dew, Miracle League of the Triangle
Duke Thrift Store & Duke Games Volunteers, Hope Connection International
Dave Durham, Meals on Wheels of Orange County
Durham Chapter of the Links, Families Moving Forward
Jim Elza, Habitat for Humanity of Durham
Steven Esthimer, TABLE, Inc.
Kathy Godfrey, UNC REX Healthcare
Patricia Gress, Western Wake Crisis Ministry
Helen Wright Center Volunteers, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Benjie Hester, Dementia Alliance of North Carolina
Roma Janette, Ronald McDonald House—Family Room
Leah Kraus, Digital Durham
Doris Kruger, UNC REX Healthcare
Tim Lansing, Habitat for Humanity of Durham
Ich-Kien Lao, Habitat for Humanity of Durham
Lalit Mahadeshwar, Hindu Society of North Carolina (HSNC)
Robin Mason, Durham Cooperative Extension-Welcome Baby
Dr. Shep McKenzie III, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Roxane O'Brian, The Help Center NC
Sophia Oh, Middle College High School@ Durham Technical Community College
Mike & Val Ostoyich, Meals on Wheels of Orange County
Chuck Padvorac, Miracle League of the Triangle
Bob & Dana Petersen, Meals on Wheels of Wake County

Health & Human Services (continued)

Ken Petit, Wheels4Hope
Brenda Schafer, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Steven Schaffer, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Jane Silver, Meals on Wheels of Orange County
Dr. Jim Smith, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Jason Sorin, Orange County Disability Awareness Council
Norb Staniszewski, Habitat for Humanity of Durham
Zaina Taha, Orange County Disability Awareness Council
Volunteer SHIP Counselors-Durham County, Senior PharmAssist
Nona Wright, Assistance League of the Triangle

Individual

Honors an individual volunteer.

Anna Bengel, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc
Myra Blackwell, Durham Triple Play League, Inc.
Robert Brooks, III, Miracle League of the Triangle
Tim Carr, The Caring Place
Anna Baird Choi, NC Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Kathy Claspell, Museum of Durham History
Indrani Das, Orange County Rape Crisis Center
Joe Dew, Miracle League of the Triangle
Courtney Framel, Girls on the Run of the Triangle
Patricia Gress, Western Wake Crisis Ministry
Roma Janette, Ronald McDonald House-Family Room
Leah Kraus, Digital Durham
Lalit Mahadeshwar, Hindu Society of North Carolina (HSNC)
Robin Mason, Durham Cooperative Extension-Welcome Baby
Brenda Schafer, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Cathy Schoenherr, Museum of Life & Science
Deanna Sedlak, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.
Walter Thurman, Boys & Girls Club of Wake County

Perseverance in Volunteerism

Honors volunteers who have overcome significant personal mental and/or physical obstacles in order to engage in service to others.

Nona Wright, Assistance League of the Triangle

Key Volunteer Nominees

Lifetime Achievement

Honors volunteers who have exhibited a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community service.

Molly Bailey, Assistance League of the Triangle
Bruce Ballentine, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County
Steven Esthimer, TABLE, Inc.
Catherine Hester, Durham Center for Senior Life
Roxane O'Brian, The Help Center NC
Joe & Stara Porrazzo, Miracle League of the Triangle
Jim Smith, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Walter Thurman, Boys & Girls Club of Wake County
Nona Wright, Assistance League of the Triangle

Outstanding Board Member

Honors individuals who dedicate their time and expertise to serve on a nonprofit board.

Anna Bengel, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.
Myra Blackwell, Miracle League of the Triangle, Inc.
John Dew, Miracle League of the Triangle, Inc.
Patricia Gress, Western Wake Crisis Ministry
Leah Kraus, Digital Durham
Dr. Jim Smith, Urban Ministries of Wake County
Nona Wright, Assistance League of the Triangle

Student/Youth

Honors people, age 18 and under, who volunteer.

Roshni Daruvuri, Orange County Disability Awareness Council
Sophia Oh, Middle College High School@ Durham Technical Community College
Jason Sorin, Orange County Disability Awareness Council
Zaina Taha, Orange County Disability Awareness Council

Senior

Honors volunteers aged fifty-five and older.

Gail Abrams, Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.
Rev. Burnice & Shelia Allen, Hannah's Community Kitchen
Molly Bailey, Assistance League of the Triangle
Bruce Ballentine, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County
Barbara Brooks, Paws4ever
Aaron Brothers, UNC REX Healthcare
Royce Dean, Habitat for Humanity of Durham
Priscilla Dennings, Meals on Wheels of Wake County
Dave Durham, Meals on Wheels of Orange County
Jim Elza, Habitat for Humanity of Durham
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Nona Wright, Assistance League of the Triangle
Marcia Susan Yager-Zorn, General Davie Chapter, NSDAR

About our 2023 Volunteer Nominees

Gail Abrams (Animals, Senior)

Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.

Gail volunteers with Piedmont Wildlife Center (PWC), an organization dedicated to encouraging conservation and cultivating lifelong connections with nature through immersive outdoor education, citizen science, and wildlife stewardship. As a member of the Raptor team, she attends outreach events and helps with building projects. Gail redesigned a boardwalk to cover a large, flood-prone area and rebuilt the foundation for an outdoor raptor enclosure. She also leads PWC's public Owl Prowl programs, takes birds to senior centers, and mentors staff members who care for and train birds. Until her retirement in 2017, Gail served as the Executive Director of PWC.

Rev. Burnice & Shelia Allen (Family, Senior)

Hannah's Community Kitchen

Burnice and Shelia are devoted to the mission of Hannah's Community Kitchen, which assists marginalized and food insecure people of Durham and surrounding counties. The Allens faithfully volunteer three days a week and often work beyond their scheduled shift. Without hesitation, they answer emergency calls for additional assistance such as picking up food from the Angier Avenue Food Bank or delivering to homebound clients. Burnice and Shelia are considerate and thoughtful to clients and other volunteers alike.

Molly Bailey (Health & Human Services, Lifetime Achievement, Senior)

Assistance League of the Triangle Area

Molly has been a member of the Assistance League since its 1997 inception. She has served in many roles, including Vice President of Philanthropic Programs, Chair of the monthly newsletter, and A-Z Thrift Shop Volunteer Scheduler. The Thrift Shop generates funding used to meet the needs of Triangle area students, provide scholarships, support young emergency patients, and serve meals to women and families in need. Since COVID, Molly has often stepped in to work in the shop, sometimes doing double shifts. Her role in keeping the Thrift Shop open and staffed is crucial to Assistance League's mission. In May 2022, Molly was the peer nominated recipient of the organization's Founder's Award.

Bruce Ballentine (Health & Human Services, Lifetime Achievement, Senior)

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County

Since 2017, Bruce has served as a Habitat volunteer project manager. When site and infrastructure work began in 2022, he was on site almost daily ensuring contractors' work. Bruce provided invaluable knowledge and expertise on legal issues, selection of market rate builders, landscaping, amenity design, architecture, contract writing, and negotiation. He also led regular tours of the property for donors and elected officials, helping Habitat raise more than \$7,000,000 for the project. Thanks to Bruce's selflessness and generosity, thousands of lives will be positively changed.

About our 2023 Volunteer Nominees, continued

Anna Bengel (Animals, Individual, Outstanding Board Member)

Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.

Anna currently serves as the Board Secretary and Chair of the Fundraising and Marketing Committee for Piedmont Wildlife Center (PWC). She provides marketing expertise to staff members, supports staff with written letters, leads effective press release training, and helps with timelines, feedback, and editing for marketing campaigns. This past year, her marketing efforts helped PWC surpass fundraising goals by an average of 93%. Anna volunteers at numerous outreach events, positively representing the board and making guests feel welcome. She is always willing to step outside of her comfort zone to “do more” to help animals and to be a cheerleader and mentor for staff.

Myra Blackwell (Individual, Outstanding Board Member)

Durham Triple Play League, Inc.

Myra Blackwell brings outstanding leadership and organizational skills to the Durham Triple Play program. She leads the staff and coaches’ meetings and is superb in recognizing a situation and defusing it before it gets out of hand. Myra prepares the game and tournament schedule each year and keeps the minutes to help ensure that the organization is in compliance with nonprofit guidelines and rules. She is a good communicator and has a special gift for making everyone who comes in contact with her feel special and needed. As a serious athlete and the mother of a young athlete, Myra understands both sides of the program and has been a valued volunteer for thirteen years.

Zella & Leon Bracy (Family, Health & Human Services)

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.

Zella and Leon established the NC-Fuquay-Varina Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) in July 2020. SHP supplies beds to kids in need. Each bed is built and installed in the child’s home, complete with bedding. This past year, they led a core team and countless volunteers to build and deliver 300 twin beds to children within their service area. Passionately embracing SHP’s mission statement, “No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!,” Zella and Leon anticipate providing at least 300 more beds each year to local children in need of one of their own.

Barbara Brooks (Animals, Senior)

Paws4ever

“Barb must be doing it.” Barbara offers to step in and do whatever needs to be done. While she regularly volunteers for three two-hour shifts each week, she often logs extra shifts when someone is out. Barb helps in many areas of daily operations, transport, cleaning, walking, training, and working at events. In addition, she donates regularly to help purchase wish list items and contribute to animals’ medical funds and adoption fees. She eagerly assists other volunteers as needed and welcomes every person with a friendly face. Dedicated, dependable, and constantly thinking of others, Barb is a volunteer Paws4ever couldn’t do without!

Robert Brooks, III (Health & Human Services, Individual,)

Miracle League of the Triangle

Robert began his journey with the Miracle League in 2013 when he and some co-workers volunteered as “buddies,” assisting players with special needs. As an assistant coach and later head coach for over nine years, Rob helped create positive life experiences through baseball for children and adults with special needs. In the spring of 2022, he led break-out sessions to train new coaches. Last fall, he took on a third team after learning that a team was shorthanded on coaches. The Miracle League is a celebration of friendship. Thankfully, it’s a place where Rob Brooks has committed himself to making a difference and making a friend.

About our nominees, continued

Aaron Brothers (Health & Human Services, Senior)

UNC REX Healthcare

Aaron has donated over 6,700 hours over 22 years at UNC REX Healthcare. He volunteers in PACU West Recovery and as an ambassador in the main hospital. Aaron is always willing to do additional volunteer projects and goes the extra mile. His compassion, dedication, and caring attitude demonstrate that he believes in living a life of service.

Tim Carr (Individual, Health & Human Services)

The Caring Place

Tim Carr has volunteered with The Caring Place for fifteen years. As Chair of the Properties Committee, he assesses and guides the organization in implementing needed improvements to its eleven properties. He not only assists with grant writing, but also helped The Caring Place find and purchase a duplex.

Anna Baird Choi (Individual)

NC Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Since 2001, Anna has served the NC Society Daughters of the American Revolution at many levels within the organization. She was Vice Regent, Regent, and Parliamentarian for the Caswell-Nash chapter. She also served as the state's Recording Secretary, Vice Regent, Regent, and Parliamentarian and chaired the national Bylaws Committee. She is responsible for creating an acquisitions fund for the DAR headquarters museum and fundraising for Crossnore Community Schools. Anna sells NC-themed scarves and jewelry to fund these projects. Her knowledge of parliamentary procedure, problem-solving abilities, and interpersonal skills are second only to her overall commitment and servant leadership.

Kathy Claspell (Individual)

Museum of Durham History

Kathy is the foundation of the Museum of Durham History's volunteer crew. She is always enthusiastic about collaborating with museum staff and volunteers. She greets every guest with a smile or kind word. She's willing to help with any task the Museum might need and is a regular face in the organization. Kathy is a prime example of what exceptional guest services in a museum should look like.

Roshni Daruvuri (Health & Human Services, Student)

Orange County Disability Awareness Council

From her work with the Orange County Disability Awareness Council (OCDAC), Roshni has learned that "In a just and inclusive community, no one is defined by disabilities, ethnicity, age, gender, race, or ability; everyone is treated equally and given equal opportunity." Roshni's passion for helping OCDAC foster self-sufficiency and independence inspired her neighbors to donate 2,000 articles of clothing. She has actively promoted numerous fundraisers and served as lead tech intern, using her considerable computer science skills to research, tutor, and teach computer skills to people with disabilities. One of Roshni's outstanding qualities is her willingness to work weekends and nights if needed.

Indrani Das (Health & Human Services, Individual)

Orange County Rape Crisis Center

Indrani is a dedicated volunteer for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center. For years, she has consistently shown up every week to prepare classroom materials that help keep students safe from sexual abuse and violence. With her assistance, the center has served 15,000 young people and their families every year through critical health education services. Indrani is the unsung hero of the Center's youth education program.

About our nominees, continued

Delia Family (Family, Health & Human Services)

Miracle League of the Triangle

The Delia Family has been volunteering with Miracle League since 2016. As head coach, Rick encourages and guides players to stand and hold the bat correctly, understand base-running mechanics and ball-fielding, and maintain a cheerful outlook. Brittany, Cory, and Nicole joins Rick in cheering on players while also running the dugouts, ensuring safety, and keeping players engaged in the game. Beyond game-time, the family creates team practice plans, divides players into teams for scrimmages, and sends out emails to keep the team and parents informed on weekly points of emphasis. They also help first-time parents understand what the League does and encourages them to assist with games as base coaches and scorekeepers. The family has devoted 1,500 combined hours of service and mentored more than fifty players thus far.

Priscilla Dennings (Health & Human Services, Senior)

Meals on Wheels of Wake County

Priscilla stands out among the hundreds of volunteers who make it possible for Meals on Wheels (MOW) to provide meals to over 1,300 seniors throughout the county. Volunteers like Priscilla improve these seniors' lives, ensuring that they get a daily visitor, a meal, and a wellness check. For more than five years, she has regularly volunteered with MOW, often twice a week. She followed the Wake Forest Branch through three different site moves, never faltering. In 2022, Priscilla completed 23 hours of volunteer work, drove more than 126 miles, and delivered hundreds of meals.

Joe Dew (Health & Human Services, Individual)

Miracle League of the Triangle

Joe has an exceptional ability to strategically plan long and short-term directives, perform financial oversight, and raise funds to help deliver the Miracle League's mission. He has been involved with the League since 2006, seeing an opportunity for his son, Bryson, to play a game he loves, be a teammate, and become part of a community that celebrates players with unique needs. Joe is Secretary of the Board, serves on the Executive Committee, and is an integral part of the planning and execution of the annual Joy Gala fundraiser. This past year, he operated one of the Miracle League's largest fundraising events, committing over 100 hours to planning and serving as keynote speaker. Joe received praise for delivering one of the most heart-warming, mission-driven speeches the event has ever had.

Duke Thrift Store & Duke Games Volunteers (Family, Health & Human Services)

Hope Connection International

Thanmayi Annisetty, Monish Allada, and Shreyan Bollisett each served over 100 hours from August through November of 2022. The three worked in Hope Connection International's thrift store and at Duke games to assist the organization in its mission to empower survivors of abuse and addiction. At the thrift store, they processed donations, worked on the register, and increased sales through their passion, innovation, initiative, and creativity. They connected with clients, collected food and personal care items, and introduced apps to assist with thrift store pricing. These are enthusiastic, diligent, and dependable volunteers that demonstrated remarkable leadership skills and commitment.

About our nominees, continued

Dave Durham (Health & Human Services, Senior)

Meals on Wheels of Orange County

Dave Durham joined Meals on Wheels (MOW) in 2012 and has given 100% since his first day. He has had a regular weekly route and has served as a Volunteer Daychair, coordinating with other delivery volunteers that day, ensuring all delivery routes are covered. If others are unavailable to deliver, Dave is quick to step in – no matter how rainy, snowy, or last-minute. He keeps his schedule clear to be MOW’s #1 standby guy and is invariably positive and easy-going. Dave goes the extra mile for meal recipients and always does it with a smile!

Durham Chapter of the Links (Group, Health & Human Services)

Families Moving Forward

For twenty years, Durham Chapter of the Links has partnered with Families Moving Forward (FMF) to help families in crisis due to homelessness. Through their workplace initiatives, the Links give families gift cards to purchase school items or clothing for new jobs. Their Champions for Change program trains and encourages families to be their own advocates and make changes in the community. The Links even provides a stipend to all three of our Executive Champions for their role in leading Champions of Change. They host a monthly workshop for parents as well as one for youth. The Links are a team of passionate, dedicated volunteers who go all out to serve our families in ways that are most beneficial to them.

Durham Triple Play League Coaches (Group)

Durham Triple Play League, Inc.

The Triple Play League Coaches are instrumental to the success and development of the program. They serve as role models and mentors to the students in the league. Their goal is to bring out the best in each player and produce major league citizens. The coaches develop relationships with the families and use their special skills to make every player feel important. As a team, they help wherever needed to perform a variety of tasks from finding practice fields, running the scoreboard, picking up players for practice or games, helping recruit players and coaches, to banquet set-up and clean up. These extraordinary coaches help level the playing field for Triple Play League athletes, bridging the gap between baseball’s haves and have-nots.

Eli Lilly RTP (Corporate, Group, Health & Human Services)

Hillside High School

For the past two years, Eli Lilly has selected Hillside High School for their Global Day of Service. They provided 50 book bags filled with supplies and culturally relevant books for the library. They planted new bushes, mulched the front of the school, delivered white rocks for the garden area, painted the breezeway, and created an outdoor classroom for students to use during lunch or for instruction with their classroom teacher. Lilly team members always show up with smiles on their faces and willingness to put in the work.

Group Members: Elliott Locke, Jessica Barnville, Henry Lee, Joe Owens, Bridget Otohwo, Amaris Booth

Jim Elza (Health & Human Services, Senior)

Habitat for Humanity of Durham

Jim is a stalwart volunteer for Durham Habitat. For years, he led a group of volunteers from Carolina Preserve almost every Wednesday, doing whatever work was needed. In 2020 and 2021, he and his group transitioned to building sheds and became Durham Habitat’s reliable “Shed Crew.” Jim regularly came to the site to ensure that work was done in accordance with plans and in a timely manner. In his years of service, he has worn countless hats, serving in many areas of need. Durham Habitat is grateful for his years of dedicated service.

About our nominees, continued

Steven Esthimer (Health & Human Services, Lifetime Achievement, Senior)

TABLE, Inc.

Steven has been with TABLE for so long that he has become a friend to every staff member, volunteer, and family that TABLE serves (as well as their pets!). Steve helps deliver bags of food to kids three times a week and encourages his friends to volunteer along with him. He often takes new volunteers under his wing to show them the ropes. He hosts mini staff retreats at his home so that staff can connect and build relationships outside of the office. In addition, Steve is the on-call repair person. He is a gem with a heart of gold.

Courtney Framel (Individual)

Girls on the Run of the Triangle

Courtney has gone above and beyond for Girls on the Run (GOTR) and participants in grades 3-5. Courtney does everything she can to ensure that all girls who want to participate in the program can participate. She works late days and nights to assist program managers in training other volunteer coaches and helps with setup and breakdown of training sessions. She often stays after school to help families without computer access to online registration complete paper applications instead. She was selected as an outstanding coach by the female participants. Courtney Framel exemplifies what it means to be a change agent!

Kathy Godfrey (Senior, Health & Human Services, Senior)

UNC REX Healthcare

For more than 25 years, Kathy has donated over 23,000 hours sewing baby caps and volunteering at the Information desk in the main lobby at UNC REX. Kathy puts her whole heart into everything she does. Her contagious enthusiasm, passion, and commitment to helping others help make patient and guest stressful visits more peaceful.

Patricia Gress (Health & Human Services, Individual)

Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Patricia took on a leadership role during the COVID pandemic, showing up almost daily to volunteer for Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM). As the pandemic waned, WWCM relied on Trisha to train new volunteers and ensure pantry operations continued. She learned how to communicate with and direct grocery store partners and navigate the client and donor database. She led small groups in packing and delivering groceries during major food distribution events. In 2021, Trisha joined the WWCM Board of Directors. She lends a unique voice to the Board as a member who sees and participates in the organization's day-to-day operations. Her contributions have made WWCM stronger and a better resource for its neighbors in crisis.

Helen Wright Center Volunteers (Group, Health & Human Services)

Urban Ministries of Wake County

This nomination recognizes more than two dozen organizations and groups that have faithfully served meals at the Helen Wright Center, a 73-bed facility that provides services for homeless women. The Center offers women home-cooked meals almost every night. Scores of families, churches, and civic associations volunteer to prepare, deliver, and serve those meals. During COVID, meals were often dropped off, but now more of these helpers enter the facility to serve (and even to sit down and share) meals with Helen Wright guests. Over the past ten years, these volunteer groups have provided nutrition, service, and a touch of home for the homeless.

About our nominees, continued

Benjie Hester (Health & Human Services, Senior)

Dementia Alliance of North Carolina

Benjie is the backbone of the Dementia Alliance of North Carolina's (DA-NC) Music & Memory at Home program. Each week, she spends hours researching personalized playlists for people living at home with dementia. She devotes additional hours to loading the playlists onto mp3 players for music kits that DA-NC provides free to people living with dementia and their caregivers. Pouring over intake packets to research radio hits and forgotten favorites from a particular era, meeting with families to "test" songs, and loading personalized lists of 150+ songs all take many hours of effort. Benjie is there to do this week after week.

Catherine Hester (Lifetime Achievement, Senior)

Durham Center for Senior Life

For fifteen years, Catherine has been instrumental in facilitating connection between the Durham Center for Senior Life (DCSL) and satellite site programming at JFK Towers. She has helped build relationships between DCSL and JFK Tower residents, which are crucial to the development of programs that meet resident needs. Catherine also served on DCSL's Senior Advisory Committee. Her volunteer efforts are thorough and consistent, and she brings a wealth of compassion and wisdom to all that she does.

Roma Janette (Individual, Health & Human Services)

Ronald McDonald House- Family Room

The Ronald McDonald House Family Room offers family and caregivers of hospitalized pediatric patients a special place of respite, relaxation, and privacy within UNC hospital walls. Roma began volunteering in 2018, reliably staffing the Room and faithfully upholding hospital and Family Room policies. When the Family Room reopened after COVID, Roma was one of the few volunteers who returned. Her experience and dependability provided the coverage needed to keep the Family Room open and reintroduce its services to hospital staff. While new volunteers were trained, Roma selflessly picked up three or four uncovered shifts a week.

Leah Kraus (Health & Human Services, Individual, Outstanding Board Member)

Digital Durham

Leah provided leadership in every aspect of Digital Durham throughout 2022, when she joined the original board of directors. She served as Chair during a time of growth and change, leading strategic discussions about direction and mentoring less experienced leaders. During board and committee meetings, she provided insights that helped unite the group and clarify next steps. Leah also volunteered to help with mundane, low-profile tasks. She frequently took minutes when the secretary was absent, proofread grant documents, recruited guest speakers, and reviewed drafts of bylaws and new procedures. Leah suggested the idea for Digital Durham's first fundraiser and organized participation of other board members, raising over \$800.

Doris Kruger (Health & Human Services, Senior)

UNC REX Healthcare

Doris has donated over 5,400 hours over 28 years at UNC REX Healthcare. She has volunteered in Radiology, Critical Care Waiting Room, and is currently serving in the Volunteer Services Department. She has a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and ability to make others smile. Her genuine and gentle enthusiasm for whatever she does, consistently provides exceptional customer service. Doris has made a difference in so many lives at UNC REX!

About our nominees, continued

Tim Lansing (Health & Human Services, Senior)

Habitat for Humanity of Durham

Tim Lansing is a hard worker and completely dependable volunteer. Durham Habitat can always count on him to show up and collaborate with site supervisors about whatever needs doing each day. Because he has devoted years of service to Habitat, Tim offers many helpful insights and suggestions about home-building. When our previous volunteer leader stepped down, Tim stepped up as the framing crew's group leader, bringing to the role great competence and success. He also regularly assists Habitat staff in leading large onsite volunteer groups. Tim is a true pleasure to work with and be around.

Ich-Kien Lao (Senior, Health & Human Services)

Habitat for Humanity of Durham

Kien Lao is a regular volunteer with Habitat's trim crew and a true advocate for its work in Durham County. His knowledge and experience in painting and trim work have helped construction teams complete work on many homes. As a crew leader, Kien assists site staff, leading large groups in myriad tasks. His kind and patient demeanor is a valuable asset, and Durham Habitat is grateful for his many years of service and care for the community.

Melanie Loury (Senior, Animals)

SAFE Haven for Cats

Melanie is a volunteer leader extraordinaire! Each morning she is on site as the Clinic Ambassador, checking in and greeting all clients at SAFE Haven's spay/neuter clinic. Melanie also manages the Pet Food Pantry collecting data, calculating food allocation, and working with over 47 clients each month. In addition, she manages the Tuesday evening Litter Box Team at the shelter, switching out dirty litter boxes for clean ones, performing repairs and maintenance, and supervising other volunteers. Melanie is a gift to SAFE Haven, she's always in great spirits, a true steward of nonprofit volunteerism and a champion for the animals.

Lalit Mahadeshwar (Individual, Health & Humans Services)

Hindu Society of NC

During the pandemic, Lalit designed and began managing the Hindu Society of NC's Food Program. When schools were closed, Lalit organized a volunteer team to provide food packs to families dependent on the school lunch program. These volunteers helped with gathering program donations, procurement, cooking, cleaning, packing, and distribution. Lalit coordinated with distribution agencies to get the food where it was needed in Raleigh, Morrisville, Cary, RTP, and Durham. He continues to lead the volunteer teams each week as they cook, pack, clean, and distribute food packs. Lalit and his team believe that putting warm, healthy, fresh food on the table is one of the best human services.

Robin Mason (Individual, Health & Human Services)

Durham Cooperative Extension-Welcome Baby

Welcome Baby's Giving Closet program provides free maternity clothing, clothing for ages newborn to five years, shoes, diapers, and baby equipment. Robin began volunteering with Giving Closet in late 2021. She volunteers weekly, preparing bags of clothing for distribution to families. Robin also assists in sorting donations and eagerly pitches in to help with other tasks as needed. She was an integral part of revamping Giving Closet's procedures, which helped facilitate and streamline its process. She makes new volunteers feel welcome and willingly helps them learn the ropes. No matter how hard or long she works, Robin is easy-going and joyful.

About our nominees, continued

Dr. Shep McKenzie, III (Health & Human Services, Senior)

Urban Ministries of Wake County

After retiring from his practice, Dr. McKenzie began volunteering at Urban Ministries Open Door Clinic. Two to four times each month, he provides gynecologic consultation to uninsured patients. Dr. McKenzie also volunteers with a group of retired physicians who plant, maintain, and harvest a vegetable garden located on Capital Boulevard. This group of “master gardeners” helps supply Urban Ministries’ Hunger and Nutrition Program with farm-to-healthy food box products for 85 families. Their efforts make the process of providing fresh produce more real and personal for Urban Ministries’ many shoppers. Dr. McKenzie is an active clinic volunteer, in a white coat for Monday clinics and an active gardener in jeans and work clothes.

Roxane O’Brian (Health & Human Services, Lifetime Achievement, Senior)

The Help Center NC

Roxane O’Brian works tirelessly behind the scenes to help The Help Center NC meet the emergency needs of the community through its food and diaper banks and its youth enrichment programs. Each year, Roxane makes over 100 baby bundle baskets for new and expectant moms and helps provide toys and new clothing to over 70 children. She represents the organization at community events such as the annual balloon animal fundraiser for youth enrichment programs. Dedicated to The Help Center NC’s mission and vital to all that it does, Roxane works with her hands and serves with her heart.

Sophia Oh (Animals, Health & Human Services, Youth,)

Middle College High School @ DTCC

Sophia volunteers for UNC VolunTEEN in multiple areas at any opportunity. She worked at UNC Rex, the Orange County and Saving Grace animal shelters, and served on the Orange County Teen Court. She also volunteered as a mentor with Standup-Speak Out and the STEM Academy of NC. One of Sophia’s most outstanding qualities as a volunteer is her willingness to draw upon her own experiences and resources to help others. She is never just volunteering for the hours; Sophia is always mindful, constantly thinking about how she can best serve in each situation.

Vivian Oney (Health & Human Services, Senior)

Area Congregations in Ministry

Vivian has volunteered with Area Congregations in Ministry (ACIM) for over ten years. The pandemic created many challenges, and in Granville County, furloughed workers, seniors, and families turned to ACIM for help with food. Many in the community and beyond stepped up to make monetary donations so the food bank could continue to have enough shelf-stable items to distribute to its neighbors. Vivian never faltered in her self-appointed task of sending contributors a letter acknowledging that their donations had been received. She insisted on providing the stamps, printing the letters, and stuffing the envelopes. Vivian keeps contributors informed about the good work their donations are doing to help feed the hungry.

About our nominees, continued

Mike & Val Ostoyich (Family, Health & Human Services)

Meals on Wheels of Orange County

Val and Mike are a super-duo who began volunteering with Meals on Wheels (MOW) in 2017 and have continued throughout COVID. They are currently MOW's Monday set-up volunteers. Mike unloads meals from the caterer's van, and then loads them into volunteers' delivery vehicles. Val bags berries for over 350 meals and provides baked goods weekly. Last year, Val started a new program to make flower arrangements for meal recipients. Her group of volunteers arranges donated flowers in hand-crafted vases. She coordinates with another volunteer group that creates handmade cards for meal recipients each week. The hand-delivered treats, flowers, and cards bring joy to so many in the MOW community.

Chuck Padvorac (Senior, Health & Human Services)

Miracle League of the Triangle

Chuck has been a part of the Miracle League since 2010. Although his team played on Saturday mornings this year, you'd find Chuck at the Cary Miracle League field all afternoon, watching past players or substituting for absent coaches. Behind home plate, he helps batters with their grip and swing, reassuring them when they struggle for a hit. During the off season, Chuck reaches out to his players and their families and attends Miracle League get-togethers, where he greets players at the door to let them know they are welcome. Chuck has been known to stay in touch with families, even after their child has aged out of his team. He has had, and continues to have, a positive influence on many lives.

Bob & Dana Petersen (Family, Health & Human Services)

Meals on Wheels of Wake County

Bob and Dana have volunteered with the Meals on Wheels for more than five years. They even volunteered throughout the COVID pandemic. In 2022, they completed 50 hours of combined service, drove more than 350 miles, and delivered hundreds of meals. The Petersons run multiple routes, cover open routes at the last minute, and are very reliable. Dana often brings extra goodies for clients, and this past year delivered Christmas cards to the staff. They helped recruit new volunteers and have brainstormed plans to re-engage dormant volunteers. Bob and Dana are a truly dedicated, hardworking team that goes above and beyond.

Ken Petit (Senior, Health & Human Services)

Wheels4Hope

The Wheels4Hope donation program is dedicated to providing affordable transportation to people with modest means. Ken Petit has personally assessed and repaired hundreds of cars since joining the Wheels4Hope team in 2011. He researches the repairs that are needed, consults with his team, and makes the repairs happen. He once found the underlying cause of a Toyota's strange clicking noise when nobody else could, refusing to give up until he found the answer and could make the repair. In addition to his regular shifts, Ken recently volunteered to drive a newly acquired tow truck until a regular driver is hired. Repairing donated cars quickly and safely is the heartbeat of Wheels4Hope. Ken keeps that heartbeat strong every day that he volunteers.

About our nominees, continued

Joe and Stara Porrazzo (Family, Lifetime Achievement)

Miracle League of the Triangle

Joe and Stara have been volunteering with the Miracle League since 2005. Their list of volunteer activities is varied and lengthy; they coached the Miracle League Yankees for seventeen years, recruited players and volunteers, worked clinics, fundraising and event planning, did set-up/clean-up for events, served as Miracle League ambassadors to their church, attended resource fairs, trained new coaches, and mentored volunteers. They also have done administrative tasks such as making presentations, securing equipment, ordering uniforms, and writing thank you notes. Joe and Starza are two of the best volunteers the Miracle League has.

Brenda Schafer (Health & Human Services, Individual)

Urban Ministries of Wake County

Brenda has been a faithful volunteer with Urban Ministries' Hunger and Nutrition Program for nearly ten years. She helped shape how the Hunger and Nutrition program serves neighbors in need. Pre-pandemic, it was a best practice "client-choice" program, where "shoppers" used a grocery cart to choose products from food pantry shelves. Brenda would suggest, print, and distribute recipes to assist shoppers in enjoying the fresh produce available. Brenda helps prepare 85 28-pound healthy food boxes of frozen meat, produce, eggs, milk, and canned goods. She assists with food drives, unloading product as it comes in wholesale and from community partners. Brenda is a gift to the Urban Ministries organization.

Steven Schaffer (Health & Human Services, Senior)

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Steven brings his valuable woodworking expertise to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a nonprofit that supplies beds to kids in need. He is SHP's go-to guy when it comes to measuring, marking, and cutting wood. Without his watchful eye, hundreds or even thousands of dollars could be wasted from inaccurate cuts. From start to finish, Steve makes sure that SHP builds good quality, safe beds for the kids. He and his teams have provided beds for more than 75 children. In 2022, he delivered beds to over 30 different families and traveled over 750 miles for deliveries. On December 21, 2022, Steve personally delivered Durham SHP's 800th bed.

Cathy Schoenherr (Animals, Individual)

Museum of Life and Science

Cathy is a dedicated member of Animal Care Volunteer Team who volunteers weekly, taking care of the Farmyard animals at the Museum of Life and Science. Rain or shine, cold or hot temperatures, she is outside raking and shoveling yards, providing the Farmyard animals with enriching and clean habitats and proper nutrition. With her knowledge and skills, Cathy leads by example and encourages other volunteers to be the best that they can be. As a bonus, she lends her impressive talents as a tailor to mending winter coats for the animals and providing blankets for the outreach animals. Through her donation of time and talents, Cathy uplifts the Animal Care Team at the Museum of Life and Science.

About our nominees, continued

Don Seay (Senior)

The Center for Volunteer Caregiving

Don began volunteering with The Center for Volunteer Caregiving four years ago, primarily in the caregiver respite program. He sees families Monday through Thursday at the same time each week and has logged 952 hours since 2020 (466 hours in 2022 alone). In the respite program, volunteers give family caregivers a much-needed break from caring for a loved one around the clock. Don cultivates and develops a relationship with each person, despite the various degrees of dementia or physical limitations. He was recently spotlighted as Volunteer of the Month at the Center and was a finalist for the Town of Cary's 2022 Cary Hometown Spirit Award.

Deanna Sedlak (Animals, Individual)

Piedmont Wildlife Center

Deanna began volunteering with Piedmont Wildlife Center (PWC) as an evening (PM) raptor care feeder. When she heard that the Center was in need, Deanna asked to be trained as an AM raptor care feeder, which is much more involved and time consuming. Because her Thursday evenings are devoted to training owls and hawks, she has been able to pick up and drop off PWC's outreach animals at many events in Durham, Wake, and Chatham counties. She attended ten out of twenty outreach events in 2022 and is one of PWC's most dedicated outreach volunteers. Deanna brings a sense of confidence, humor, willingness to learn and teach, and community every time she is at the Center or any of its events.

Jane Silver (Senior, Health & Human Services)

Meals on Wheels of Orange County

Jane loves to volunteer. She claims that she's "just bored", but it's quite obvious that she is dedicated and enjoys volunteering with Meals on Wheels (MOW). Jane can do it all! She's a substitute delivery driver, often delivering five days a week. She is also a Set-Up volunteer, prepping the meals before delivery volunteers arrive to pick them up. Jane often comes in early to set up and then heads out to deliver meals. She is also a trained office volunteer who can cover for MOW any time they are short on staff or have an emergency. Whatever Jane does, she does with a positive attitude and sense of humor.

Dr. Jim Smith

Urban Ministries of Wake County

(Senior, Health & Human Services, Lifetime Achievement)

Dr. Smith is a board certified psychiatrist with a long and successful career in health and human services. As a Board Chair at both Wake County Health and Human Services and Urban Ministries of Wake County, Dr. Smith advised commissioners and county management on human service needs. At Urban Ministries, he recruited a diverse board and led by example in both "giving and getting" funds and resources for the agency. His work in forensic psychiatry, substance use disorders, and general psychiatry served Urban Ministries well as the organization added behavioral health to its Open Door Clinic and Helen Wright Center for homeless women. A former military physician, Dr. Smith has served his country, his county, his community, and several agencies in his zeal to improve health services and health outcomes for historically underserved populations.

About our nominees, continued

Jason Sorin (Youth, Health & Human Services)

Orange County Disability Awareness Council

The Orange County Disability Awareness Council depends on volunteers for assistance with everything from technology to event planning. Jason updates databases, increases the Council's website accessibility, and teaches people with disabilities how to use technology and software. He helps senior citizens and veterans complete applications and resumes and has a proven track record of positive results with at-risk youth. He even researched and planned a technology lab/store with the types of equipment people with disabilities most need to use. Jason saved the Council money by doing technical troubleshooting and repairs, and he strengthened its social media platform by posting engaging human interest stories. Jason uses his skills and abilities to encourage those who struggle with the intricacies of technology and software.

Darryl Spancake (Senior, Animals)

Piedmont Wildlife Center

Darryl has been a dedicated Piedmont Wildlife Center (PWC) volunteer for over eleven years, supporting the administrative staff. She assists with keeping up with donors, tracking donations, entering donations from camp registration into QuickBooks, and processing thank-you letters to donors. She helps file paperwork and receipts and tracks the inventory for PWC's Nature Store. During the pandemic, Darryl did all that she could from home, then returned to the office as soon as it was deemed safe. As a small nonprofit with only two full-time administrative staff members, PWC depends on her to keep things running smoothly. Darryl is a life-long birder who shares her sightings and knowledge and helps PWC further its mission through her passion.

Royce Dean & Norb Stanizewski (Group, Health & Human Services, Senior)

Habitat for Humanity of Durham County

Royce and Norb are regular volunteers with Durham Habitat's Carolina Arbors group. They co-lead this group on new home construction sites. Both have put in extra time as crew leaders to manage other construction volunteer groups on job sites. Their assistance and guidance is deeply appreciated. Together, they have contributed hundreds of hours of service to help build affordable homes in Durham County.

Zaina Taha (Health & Human Services, Youth)

Orange County Disability Awareness Council

Zaina says that she was inspired by science and technology as a young child. Having great mentors to guide her and give advice paved the way for Zaina to serve as a mentor for the Orange County Disability Awareness Council. Her passions are encouraging and empowering young girls interested in computer science careers to achieve more in science and technology. She also helps people with disabilities learn to use specialized technology. At trade shows and other public events, Zaina assists people with vision loss in finding their seats. She helps the Council develop training templates, makes phone calls to businesses for support, and teaches veterans and people with disabilities how to use digital tools.

About our nominees, continued

Walter Thurman (Individual, Lifetime Achievement)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County

Walter (Mr. Wally) first came to the Raleigh Boys Club in the 1980s as a reading tutor for boys. After a “brief” sabbatical to raise a family, he returned to the Club in 2011. He began helping with the math club and related activities, including Mathletes, a structured program recognizing different math proficiency levels. Each week, Mr. Wally helps the Club make learning and practicing math fun. Playing games with the kids, awarding prizes, and coming up with other activities to foster engagement, Mr. Wally has helped many students improve their math skills – and their self-esteem! Students enjoy Mr. Wally’s Mathletes sessions so much that some have been known to “slip out” of the concurrent Power Hour/Homework Help session to go to Mr. Wally’s room.

Volunteer SHIIP Counselors-Durham County (Group, Health & Human Services) Senior PharmAssist

Senior PharmAssist’s Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) volunteer counselors assist Medicare beneficiaries of Durham County with questions about Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare supplements, and Medicare Advantage Plans. They work with Senior PharmAssist staff to help seniors understand the intricacies of Medicare and assist them in navigating the many Medicare insurance options. They guide beneficiaries in considering options based upon medications and health priorities, equipping them with the information they need to make their own Medicare decisions. They help to provide balanced, unbiased, and accurate information.

Group members: Peter Adland, Shelley Beason, Betty Jean "BJ" Boyarsky, Collette Driscoll, Bruce Hays, Henry Luftman, Lisa Nadler, Roslyn Muse, Debra Taylor

Nona Wright (Health & Human Services, Lifetime Achievement, Senior)

Assistance League of the Triangle Area

Since the Assistance League’s founding in 1999, Nona has been involved in all aspects of the organization. She was president from 2005-2007, and became president for two more terms in 2021. Nona oversaw all programs including Operation School Bell, a program that supports local children in need. Under her guidance, volunteers provided support to 2,193 students in local schools, helped select 31 recipients of scholarships totaling \$170,600, and oversaw 32,000+ patients comforted by Kids Place at UNC, WakeMed, and Duke Pediatric emergency departments. She also steered the Women in Need program to serve 5,480 meals to women and families in need.

Marcia Susan Yager-Zorn (Senior)

General Davie Chapter, NSDAR

Marcia founded a pandemic-friendly fundraiser called the Phantom Tea for the DAR’s Project Patriot Committee. This year, the Phantom Tea and other fundraisers generated over \$9,000 in donations. The funds were used to purchase clothing for Landstuhl Hospital in Germany and boxes of treats for people aboard NC Navy subs. She helped the DAR connect with Vets to Vets United, an organization that trains shelter dogs as service animals. Training the dogs is costly, so Marci and her committee asked members and friends to honor their own pets by sending the pets’ photos along with a donation. A montage of the photos was presented to Vets to Vets United. Marci has an upbeat personality, faith in who she is serving, kindness for all who work with her, and an ability to inspire hope.

2023 Nominating Agencies

Area Congregations in Ministry
Assistance League of the Triangle
Boys & Girls Club of Wake County
Dementia Alliance of North Carolina
Digital Durham
Durham Center for Senior Life
Durham Cooperative Extension-Welcome Baby
Durham Triple Play League, Inc.
Families Moving Forward
General Davie Chapter, NSDAR
Girls on the Run of the Triangle
Habitat for Humanity of Durham County
Habitat for Humanity of Orange County
Hannah's Community Kitchen
Hillside High School
Hindu Society of North Carolina (HSNC)
Hope Connection International
Meals on Wheels of Orange County
Meals on Wheels of Wake County
Middle College High School @ Durham Technical Community College
Miracle League of the Triangle
Museum of Durham History
Museum of Life & Science
NC Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Orange County Disability Awareness Council
Orange County Rape Crisis Center
Paws4ever
Piedmont Wildlife Center, Inc.
Ronald McDonald House Family Room
SAFE Haven for Cats
Senior PharmAssist
Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.
TABLE, Inc.
The Caring Place
The Center for Volunteer Caregiving
The Help Center NC
UNC REX Healthcare
Urban Ministries of Wake County
Western Wake Crisis Ministry
Wheels4Hope

2023 Community Partner of the Year

Honors a partnership that makes an outstanding impact to the community.



The Osher Lifelong Learner Institute at Duke University offers continuing education classes for adults and creates a vibrant community of learners in pursuit of all different interests. Established in 1977, OLLI at Duke's mission seeks to engage the minds, elevate the spirits and foster the well-being of its members through numerous educational programs and opportunities for volunteer service and social activity. From "Medical School in 10 Weeks," to "Genealogy Research: Stories From Your Family Tree," OLLI leadership and instructors craft interesting, community-responsive, and inclusive courses to engage a wide breadth of adults in the Durham community. In addition to courses taking place in the Spring, Fall, and Winter semesters, OLLI hosts interest groups ranging from Contemporary Literature to Craft-related groups.

OLLI has proven to be an incredible partner for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Durham (RSVP). Working together with the Durham Center for Senior Life, OLLI has supported the Community Volunteer Network Speaker Series, a new initiative supporting local nonprofits in getting their message out. OLLI's dedication to service of the community has yielded two community service workdays, with more to come! An established pipeline between OLLI and RSVP has yielded the placement of 15+ high-level volunteers with nonprofits in need.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

≈Helen Keller

2023 Community Spirit Award

COVID FOOD PANTRY OPERATORS

From the very start of the COVID-19 crisis, food pantries all across the Triangle mobilized and met the needs of so many residents facing food insecurity. Even in the face of diminished resources they have preserved and continued to operate providing food and other essential resources. Many of these are very small and often are located in neighborhoods serving the most vulnerable. While this isn't a comprehensive list, below are some of the organizations working hard to continue to serve their communities.

Durham County Pantries

Antioch Baptist Church	Greystone Baptist (Second Mile)	Obedience to the Word
Believers for Progress	Hannah's Kitchen @ Greater Orange Grove Baptist	Parktown Food Hub
Bell-Yeager Freewill Baptist Church	Hope Church International	Project of Hope Pantry @World Overcomers Church
CAARE	House of Mercy (Cristiana Celebracion)	Rougemont UMC Church - Community Food Pantry
Calvary Baptist Church	Iglesia Buen Pastor	Russell Memorial CME Church
Calvary/Elizabeth UMC	Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel	Salvation Army/Durham Food Pantry
Christian Assembly	Immanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist	Seed Time & Harvest Fellowship
Church of Philadelphia	Jesus Word Church - City of Jesus	Southside Church of Christ
Divine Grace Fellowship	Jewish For Good	St. Joseph AME Church
Durham Community Food Pantry	Living Waters Christian	Such a Much Ministries
Durham Senior Center	Ministerios Guerreros de Jesus Cristo	Saving Grace United for Christ-Child's Cry
Durham Spanish SDA Church	Mt. Bethel UMC - Fish and Loaves	Urban Ministries of Durham
Emanuel Tabernacle Holiness	Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ	West End Empowerment Church
Feed My Sheep	Mt. Level Missionary Baptist - Two Fish, Five Loaves	Walltown Ministries (including St. John Missionary Baptist)
First Calvary Baptist Church	Mt. Zion Christian Church	White Rock Baptist
Fisher Memorial United Holy Church	Nehemiah Church	Word Empowerment Church
Grace Church of Durham	New Home & Durham Baptist Association	
Grace Outreach (Love & Respect)	Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church	
Grace Outreach		
Greater Refuge Temple		

Orange County Pantries

Anathoth Community Garden & Farm	Heavenly Groceries	Food For All - Fairview Baptist Church
Carolina Cupboard	IFC Community Kitchen & Food Pantry	Orange Congregations in Mission
Evergreen United Methodist Church	Vimala's Everybody Eats Initiative	Fairview Community Garden
Food For All - Amity United Methodist Church	TABLE	
	PORCH	

Wake County Pantries

A Place Called Hope Pantry	Greater Pentecostal Church	Raleigh Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Bethlehem Baptist Church	Green Pines Baptist Church	Revelation Missionary Baptist Church
Brooks Avenue Church of Christ	Hephzibah Baptist Church	Richland Creek Community Church
Burning Bush Ministries Food Pantry	Holly Springs Food Cupboard	Riley Hill Baptist Church
Capital Church Food Pantry	Hope Community Church	Salvation Army
Catholic Parish Outreach: Food & Provisions	Hope House	Shaw University
Celebration Church Food Pantry	Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal 3	St. Augustine's University
Centro Christiano Emanuel	Intercommunity Council Northpark Shared Pantry	St Mary's AME Church
Comunidad Cristiana Hosanna Food Bank	Islamic Association of Raleigh Food Pantry	State Street Community Church
Covenant Life Church Food Pantry	Juniper Level Missionary Baptist Church	Straightway Temple Ministries
Crabtree Valley Baptist Church: Hope Pantry	Knightdale Memorial UMC	Swift Creek Baptist Church
Cristo La Solucion Food Pantry	Martin Street Baptist Church	The O'Neal Revival Tabernacle
Dorcas Ministries	Mary's Pantry: NC A. Philip Randolph Institute	The Point Church (3 locations)
Faith In Action	Millbrook United Methodist Church	Tri-Area Ministry
Faith Missionary Baptist Church	NC State University--Feed The Pack	Universal Outreach
FEED Ministry: North Wake Church	New Bethel Baptist Church	Upper Room Church
First Baptist Church--Garner	New Bethel Christian Church	Urban Ministries
First Cosmopolitan MBC Food Pantry	New Fellowship Ministry	Wake Chapel Church Meal Barrel
First Worldwide Ministries	New Freedom Christian Fellowship	Wake Forest Mobile Market
Focus Church Food Pantry	North Haven Church	Wake Tech: The Nest
Fresh Manna Food Pantry: New Canaan Covenant Church	North Raleigh Ministries	Wendell United Methodist Church
Fuquay Emergency Food Pantry	Open Door Food Pantry	Western Wake Crisis Ministry
Garner Area Ministries	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	White Oak Foundation, Inc
Gethsemane SDA Church	Poplar Springs Christian Church	With Love From Jesus
Glory Cloud & Fire Ministries 8	Raleigh Church of Christ	Word of God Fellowship Church
		Zebulon Baptist Church

Previous Community Service Recipients:

2022 ABC 11 Together	2015 LENOVO.com	2009 GlaxoSmithKline
2021 COVID Food Security Task Force	2014 BP/Family Fare	2008 AICPA (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants)
2019 Yates Baptist Church	2013 Northgate Mall	2007 Measurement Incorporated
2018 Exchange Club of Greater Durham	2012 Dr. Barbara Newborg	2006 Credit Suisse
2017 bioMérieux	2011 Duke University Community Service Center	2005 The Herald-Sum Newspapers
2016 World Overcomers Church	2010 Parker and Otis	

Volunteer Recognition

Listed below are some organizations who would like to thank their volunteers for giving many hours of service and dedication during this past year.

Area Congregations in Ministry (ACIM)

The mission of ACIM is to relieve hunger in Granville County. Since 1985, ACIM has been providing food and non-food items to Granville County residents at their point of need as a result of partnerships and donations.

Marcus Allen	Tanya Faucette	Violet Perry
Tera Autry	Odalys Garcia	Melissa Pitchford
Emma Bailey	Alaina Garrett	Diane Powers
Mary Bailey	Ellen Gould	Micheal Puckett
Spence Bailey	Debbie Gray	Carson Puryear
Julie Ball	Rosalyn Green	Chris Puryear
Calvin Barner	Sylvia Griffin	Stephanie Puryear
Clifton Bass	Sylvia Griffin	Robin Racey
Janie Bass	Jade Hansley	Ethan Ragland
Alexzine Benson	Jose Hansley	Parker Rawson
Elly Blackwell	Sarah Harris	Cameron Rios
Noah Blackwell	Sherrel Harris	Gavin Rios
Tammy Blackwell	Debbie Haskins	Hector Rios
Theresia Blackwell	Steve Haskins	Kenneth Rogers
Micheal Bostic	Mona Hill	Laurel Sciortino
Peggy Brame	Jason Hockaday	Gilma Serverino-Galinda
Marca Byrd	Stacy Hockaday	Caine Silver
Marcia Byrd	Sydney Hockaday	Raymond Simmons
Jessica Carrington	Tevor Hockaday	Henry Sinnema
Katelyn Carrington	Alison Horton	Dottie Snyder
Jay Carrol	Ricky Inman	John Spencer
Jim Catalana	Ray Jackson	C.H. Steffenella
Sarah Chipman	D.J. Joes	Kiley Steffenella
Kian Cogdill	Rashuan Johnson	Jillian Stone
Kerry Coleman	Daliegh Jones	Jennifer Sturgeon
Arthur Collins	Kelley Lawson	Hope Taylor
R. Creech	Zuaily Lopez-Santiago	Jimmy Taylor
Mary Crispell	Scott Maclean	Betty Thames
Ginnie Currin	Maysen Malugen	Nick Thornton
Betsy Daniel	Frankie Marks	Renata Thornton
Dannie Daniel	Noah Martin	Ke-suan Towler
Emma Daniel	Martha Mason	Tasha Turnage
Heather Daniel	Irma Meteo	Amber Varner
James Daniel	Chuck Nall	Demere White
LeeRoy Daniel	Scottie Overby	Jane Williams
Maxine Daniel	Omar Padilla	Ashley Williamson
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Valina Dickerson	Samuel Parrott	Shadique Woodred
Crestana Durham	Liana Parsons	Jordi Zierz
Jacob Dye	Colby Peck	
Mary Elliot	Randy Perry	

Volunteer Recognition continued

Boys and Girls Clubs of Wake County

Boys & Girls Clubs have been helping Wake County youth reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens for over 50 years. We operate 7 neighborhood Clubs across Wake County, including a Teen Center dedicated to building our next generation of leaders.

Megan Babson
Donna Jamieson

Isaac Miles
Sandy Purvis

Steven Worm

Digital Durham

Envisioning a Durham where everyone is equitably engaged in the digital world.

Sanji Datar
James Davis
Cari Del Mariani
Lizzie Ellis Furlong
Jess Epsten
Jennifer Ethridge

Laura B. Fogle
Kearston Ingraham
Katie Kehoe
Leah Kraus
Germany McNeal
Rochelle Newton

Candace Rashada
Kim Shaw
Chi Vo
Ron Wahlen
Gwenn Weaver

Durham Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Linked in friendship, connected in service, The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. We have a membership of more than 12,000 extraordinary professional women of color who comprise 274 chapters in 40 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Ours is one of the Nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations committed to enhancing the educational, cultural, physical, and economic development of African-Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Regina Alston
Juanita Akinleye
Tedra Anderson-Brown
Avis Artis
Jessica Averhart
Patrena Benton Elliott
Traci Bermiss
Anita Brown-Graham
Kimberly Cameron
Trella Cooper
Claudia Curtis
Lauren Davis
Deirdre Guion Peoples
Elaine Hart-Brothers
Nichole Hatcher-Foster
Patricia Hernandez
Kimberly Hewitt
Stephanie Irby Coard

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Ingrid Jones
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Jasmine Smith
Tiffany Smith Bennett
Michelle Stanback
Grace Stanislaus
Cheryl Stewart
June Stewart-Sansom
Faye Tate Williams
Pamela Taylor
Marqueta Weldon
Benita White
Sandra White-Olden
Donna-Marie Winn

Volunteer Recognition continued

General Davie Chapter, NSDAR

Founded in 1890, DAR is one of the largest women's lineage-based, patriotic nonprofit organizations in the world. Since our founding, more than one million members have carried out our mission.

Cary Brathwaite	Sherry Handfinger	Susan McCain
Diane Cheek	Ginny Hayes	Carolyn Parker
Donna Dahlquist	Georgia Haynie	Francis Patterson
Linda Daniel	Jane Hogan	Jeanne Preston
Elaine DeVillier	Carey Lawler	Libby Rush
Dottie Dudley	Stacy Lindly	Debbie Wood
Betsy Feifs	Lora Jane Lisle	Nancy Wooter

Girls on the Run of the Triangle

Girls of all abilities learn to embrace their inner strength and make meaningful connections with others.

Evelyn Hornacek	Heather Reading	Danni Elliott
Kourtney Barnes	Julie Rivera	
Jennifer Burdette	Kristen Ponichtera	

Habitat for Humanity of Durham

Habitat builds new homes, rehabs existing homes and repairs older, owner-occupied homes that have fallen into a disrepair. We work in partnership with homeowners-in-progress, volunteers and the community to achieve our mission of strengthening the community by providing low-income families with safe, decent and affordable housing.

Matt Aaronson	Cary Cone	Hector Hidalgo
George Allison	Rick Copland	Michael Hill
Jim Alrutz	Suzanne Cox	Kenneth Hollis
Scott Anderson	Kim Crossman	Gary Hollon
Carol Arnosti	George Danser	Jack Holstein
Lowrie Beacham	David Dickinson	Ila Hurley
Chuck Beech	George Dubay	Reda Iskandar
Emilie Beglane	Daniel Fitzgerald	Mark Jackola
George Beglane	David Fosdick	Gregory Jackson
Bob Benson	Hilary French	Burton Katz
Glenn Bock	Bill Friedman	Jean Kennedy
Richard Boyd	Ron Gallagher	Trey Kennedy
Mike Brooks	Clark Garrett	Russell Kesler
Rob Brooks	Pete Goldberg	Jim Kluckman
Richard Burgess	Matt Gorevin	Gregg Kreizman
Katz Burt	Tony Gott	Dr Chuck Lallier
Gene Carlone	Sam Griffith	Ace Lane
Hugo Castillo	Larry Grovenstein	Tim Larson
Kevin Caves	Michael Hall	Richard Laxar
Herb Cimburke	Rus Hapgood	Bill Laxton
Anne Citrin	Richard Harris	Thomas Lepkowski
Charles Clemmons	Tucker Hawkinson	Jon Liebttag
John Cole	David Hickey	Marlys Litchfield
Kevin Concannon	Jack Hicks	Mike Longo

Volunteer Recognition continued

Habitat for Humanity of Durham (continued)

Stephen Luteman	Bill Pogue	Rob Stifler
Clint McSherry	Gerald Reeves	Keith Stolarick
Bill Medlyn	Joe Riedl	Kay Telfer
John Milazzo	Chuck Roser	Jim Temo
David Miller	Bob Schall	Bill Tinkler
Michael Miller	Ken Schlecht	Michael Toth
Maria Moreno	Bob Schmitz	Don Turner
Steve Morris	Joe Schmoeller	Mark Tuskey
Donald Oulman	Bob Schnick	Geoffrey Tuson
Ray Pearson	Paul Severt	Kenneth West
Will Pedersen	David Sips	Jane Williams
Richard Perkins	Robyn Sloan	Sam Yancy
Walter Pickett	BA Smith	Alex Zakel
George Poehlman	David Sorscher	Rex Zimmerman

Hannah's Community Kitchen

Located at Greater Orange Grove Church, Hannah's Community Kitchen packages and distributes food to families and individuals in need. During the pandemic they served more than 5,574 individual households in 2020.

Lorraine Addison	James Johnson	Richard Rigsbee
Burnice Allen	Jean Johnson	Ike Riley
Shelia Allen	Beatrice King	Bill Smith
Hallie Bass	Henry King	Van Stamey
Mike Bass	Rodi Layne	Jerry Stimpson
Mr. Broadway	Derrick Lyons	Mike Wendt
Anne Hedgepath	Sally Lyons	Miesha White
Linward Hedgepath	Douglas Mack	
Heather Jarrett	Tonjua Richardson	

Hope Connection International, Inc.

At *HOPE International*, we invest in the dreams of families in the world's underserved communities as we proclaim and live the Gospel. We help families experiencing poverty gain clean water, food security and reliable income.

Kerry Ahrend	Alex Durr	Desiree Martin
Nell Ban	Erica Epperly	Mason Meinig
Jeff Barnhill	Mary Ferstler	Ranae Mistarz
Carie Blum	Esther Getker	Evadne Morakis
Lisa Boyle	Liz Griffith	Stacy Newland
Katie Brand	Armas Hakovirta	Becca Orcutt
Dejah Butler	Judy Hammer	Greg Thorne
Greg Chartier	Debra Hesse	Levi Thorne
Barb Chartier	Diane Hoffmeister	Margy Vaglio
Talena Chavis	Noah Kyritsis	Benjamin Weston
Diane Cook	Ryan Kyritsis	Madison Weyand
Lucy Coppedge	Kensleigh Layne	Kirk Williams
Julie Crowell	Haolin Li	

Volunteer Recognition continued

Miracle League of the Triangle

The Miracle League of the Triangle's mission is to create positive life experiences for children and adults with special needs and for their families through baseball. With three fields in the Triangle located in Durham, North Raleigh, and Cary, we aim to bridge the gap between the special needs, community and others.

Gideon Adams	Jeff Eakes	Stacy Suttle	Frank Yarborough
Mike Coan	Yo Sobha	Mike Trainor	
Greg Darden	Scott Strickland	Stephanie Trojan	

Museum of Durham History

The Museum of Durham History is a 21st-century museum that uses stories about people, places and things to foster curiosity, encourage further inquiry, and promote an understanding of diverse perspectives about the Durham community and its history.

Sue Andresen	Tom Clayton	Juanita Johnson
Sharon Barry	Anne Dudenhausen	Bob Pozner
Kayla Bashore	Brand Fortner	Martha Scotford
Steve & Nancy Channing	Cindy Gardiner	Grace & Robert Sweeney
Kathy Claspell	Debbie Hughes	Michael del Tufo

Museum of Life & Science

The Museum of Life and Science envisions a world where people embrace science and its methods to advance understanding, improve lives, and shape the future. We believe in the power of scientific and critical thinking. We are dedicated to conservation and nature education. diversity and inclusion.

Kaithlyn Abadilla	Trudie "Sam" Davis-Long	Kat Lazar
Dan Amey	Joe Dawson	Dana Lee
Pat Amey	Tracy Dell'Angela Barber	Annika Leininger
Lakishmi Annugu	Rosemary Dineen	Carol Louis
Hayden Aubrey	Paige Dodd	Gracie Love
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Susan Caruso	John Hendrix	Margaret O'Brien
Rithik Castelino	Hashley Henry	Tim O'Mara
D'Ann Colby	Joyce Henry	Zoe Pan
Guinevere Connelly	Eric Jensen	Sophie Parker
Marsha Coplton	Erimi Kendrick	Pamela Reading
Jane Crosson	Allison Kohne	Kathryn Roach
Sara D'Arcy	Amanda Kos	Sam Rose

Volunteer Recognition continued

Museum of Life & Science (continued)

Sarah Ruiz	Lily Smith	Meg Whitmer
Reeve Samson	Morgan Smith	Linda Wicher
Linda Schmalbeck	Donna Stanek	John Willard
Cathy Schoenherr	Alex Steffens	Robin Williams
Sarah Schulz	Connor Stephens	Luke Withrow
Caroline Shearer	Howard Sykes	William Woods
Emerson Short	Dawn Trembath	Jeff Woolf
Elaine Silva Rocha Sobreira	Matthew Ungaro	Elizabeth Wooten
Norman Singer	Dawn Wagner	

Paws4ever

Paws4ever is dedicated to creating and growing lifetime relationships between pets and people through adoption, training, education and care. We envision a world in which pets and people thrive together.

Starr Carson	Lene Keister	Kristyn Whitaker
Stacy Doorn	Sarah Ellen Kelly	Sierra White
Pam Fabian	Vanessa Morrison	Liz Zeigler
Chris Fiore	Deb Perry	
Jennifer Jorgenson	Sherri Rapp	

Ronald McDonald House Family Room

Just steps from child's bedside like a Ronald McDonald House, a Ronald McDonald Family Room is designed to support families thru their child's medical journey, whether it's a break from the clinical environment, a restorative nap or night's rest, or a sense of normalcy sitting down with a cup of tea.

Sarah Broyhill	Michelle Dixit	Dana Saleeby
Sarah Burnash	Deb Gerhardt	Diane Savage
Cathie Burns	Roma Janette	Pagnaneath Tin
Cheryl Carnahan	Hudson Malsch	Jane Walters
Paige Carpenter	Leighann Massey	Regina Wyatt
Graves Clayton	Stephanie Palmer	
Larry Cohen	Ingrid Bubenacker	

Safe Haven for Cats

The mission of SAFE Haven for Cats is to use no-kill principles and education to save cats' lives through rescue, adoption, spay/neuter services and community programs. We strive to be the industry leader in ending euthanasia to control animal population and eliminate pet homelessness.

Andrea Acevedo	Lynda Harris	Karen Velasco
Dave Ault	Jennifer Rudinger	Rachel Wawak
Joe Belna	Nicholas Russo	Peggy Wyatt
Cherrie Brothers	Marla Spencer	Sandy Yarnall
Connie Burns	John Sprague	Paul Zipin
Eliot Ferriol	Paula Trexler	

Volunteer Recognition continued

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across the US, too many children go without a bed to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and floors. That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering beds to children in need. At SHP, we fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support for a child.

Brandon Adams	Margaret Howell	Henry Rodriguez
Dean Anderson	Don Howell	David Sanford
Stacyanne Belsky	Juli Marty	Paul Sears
Kelly Brown	Grayson Marty	Janet Sears
Tony Bumarch	Laura Meeks	David Sepic
Julie Chetney	Austin Merrill	Lydia Stepnowski
Tim Chetney	Ashley Merritt	Doug Stokes
Angie Evans	Mitch Morgan	Patty Varga
Lori Hendricks	Bill Motesi	Susan Verville

The Help Center NC

The Help Center NC has been on the front lines of the war against poverty and hunger in our community. Hand and Hand with our partner agencies, we are creating lasting transformational change. Every dollar donated to The Help Center NC goes towards ending hunger by feeding the poor and provide spiritual support to families that are in a crisis situation.

David & Trudy Ballard	Johanna Hernandez	Reverend Reginald
Carrington Cheek	Timothy "TJ" Jackson	Mary Royster
Suzy Geronimo	Bobby Jones	Maria Sanchez
Evelyn Harris	Roxane O'Brain	

Triangle Disability Awareness Council

We are a group of individuals devoted to the proposition that the term "equality" is not a mere slogan, but a living truth, which must be heeded and applied to all people, irrespective of immutable characteristics or circumstances. This includes disability, our focus.

David Barnett	Darice Johnson	Dr. Ricky Scott
James Bradsher	Mack Kelleher	Gregg Sutton
Linda Brownmer	Walden Letchner	Brandon Young
Wesley Hauser	Lorna Nelson	
Carolee Hauser	Wendy Schwade	

Wheels4Hope

Our mission is to provide safe, reliable, affordable vehicles to people who need them.

Bruce Anderson	Andy Garmhausen	Paul Sprouse
Doug Black	Peter Grohse	John Stewart
Dan Bonczek	Durant Lewis	Mike Sweeney
Rick Bradley	Ken Petit	Dennis Taylor
Steve Callender	Brian Rehder	Bob Turner
Jeff Clark	Brian Roberson	John Young
Lane Gallo	Steve Schallau	George Zenow

Volunteer Recognition continued

The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center (TNVLC)

Since 1972, The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center has been making a difference by strengthening nonprofits and engaging volunteers. Operating the Triangle's largest volunteer platform and working with more than 1,200 nonprofits, TNVLC also coordinates youth leadership programs with students serving more than 30,000 hours annually and partnering with Social services to support over 3,000 residents.

Yolanda Abramov	Lenore Donaldson	Rachel Locklear
Gracella Akamabi	Stephen Dunston	Jada Long
Alison Asby	Frances Easley	Andrew Louis
Lou Auger	Fantasia Edmonds	Cathy MacFarland
Bob Austin	Betty Elliott	Jeffrey MacFarland
Kama Barnes	Tina Falker	Laura Malahias
David Bauer	Sandra Fariior	Sandy Manning
Olivia Bell	Alegra Fernandez	Kaye Marshall
Kenisha Bethea	Caroline Fogleman	Rico Martinez
Harshi Bhagat	Leslie Galicia	Shana McAlexander
Rick Biederstadt	Heather Garrett	Toney & Trilby McClammy
Beverly Bishopp	Leslie Galicia	Elisha Mclawhorn
Casey Bishopp	Heather Garrett	David McNeill
Al Booker	Leah Garza	Diana McNeill
Jhana Boston	Dianevon Gerichten	Angela Meashey
Nat Boyden	Bernadette Goodnight	Michael Meehan
Devon Brannon	Becky Green	Fran Melia
Sylvia Brooks	Sharon Grubb	Vijay Menon
Allora Brown	Sammy Haithcock	Kristin Michaels
Lamar Brown	Ray Hammonds	Jania Moore
Ann Bushyhead	Gwendolyn Harmon-Dickerson	Amanda Moyer
Danyelle Butler	Trish Harrison	Monica Musgrove
Denise Carman	Rhonda Hicks	Lauren Oruwari
Dave Carpenter	Brittany Hinson	Claire Osgood
Courtney Carpenter	Tiffany Holder	Katie Palmby
Linnie Causey	Cordelia Hume	John Panza
Kevin Caves	Pamela Jaskot	Mahogany Patterson
Nehjae Chapman	Tre'qwuan Jefferson	Leila Pearson
Arlandia Clark	Victoria Johnson	John Phipps
Rob & Lyn Cole	Teresa Kanu	Della Pollock
Olivia Collins	Deepjyoti Rajkhowa Khowa	Marcus Powell
Timi Conover	Kathy Kowis	Racheal Rankin
Nancy Cross	Geri Kubiesa	Marlys Ray
Rebecca Dailey	Walter Kubiesa	Melanie Ray
Thuy Dancik	Daphne Lancaster	Charlie Reece
Gayle Davis	Susan Lander	Jeni Reininga-Craven
Nancy Davis	Sherry Lane	Liam Reynolds
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The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center, continued

Pat Rose	Judy Smith	Ravi Varanasi
Ginny Rowe	Nateshia Smith	Sangeeta Varanasi
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Patty Seymour	Carlos Toledo	Annie Whitney
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Doug Sharpe	Willie & Patsy Turner	Brandon Williams
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Lisa Short	Sherry Turner	Amaya Wright
James Sinnott	Kada Unwin	Nikki Yeung
Gene Smith	Lindsay Vail	

We are grateful to all these volunteers for all they do to support nonprofits.

Thank you!

According to the NC Center for Nonprofits:

- There are 51,263 nonprofits in North Carolina. Over 20,000 nonprofits in the Triangle Area alone!
- The Durham-Chapel Hill area has at least 10 nonprofits for every 10,000 residents
- The average hourly value of volunteer work in the Triangle is \$27.63. The national value is \$29.95 per hour. The value of “skilled” volunteers can easily exceed \$100 per hour.

A bit about the Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center...what we do

We are THE Volunteer Center for the Triangle offering:

- Largest online volunteer matching database in the Triangle. Free service for both nonprofits & volunteers. Nonprofits post opportunities and volunteers can sign up to help.
- AmeriCorps Senior RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) engaging volunteers ages 55+
- Corporate volunteer programs
- Volunteer of the Year Awards and other recognition events
- Volunteer fairs at area colleges and companies

We are a Nonprofit Resource Center providing services to over 1,200 nonprofits including:

- Monthly training in nonprofit best practices
- Capacity-building options and events for nonprofits. (Example: for 25 years, The Great Human Race raised over \$3 million dollars for organizations)
- The Service Enterprise Initiative, helping nonprofits dramatically increase their impact on the community
- In-kind gift referrals, grant notifications and facilitation for collective impact collaborations
- Nonprofit consulting, coaching, and issue-area convener
- State-wide “Lunch & Learn” nonprofit training presenter for the NC Governor’s office
- Bi-monthly email notifications of nonprofit needs/events to over 20,000 Triangle residents

We offer the following Student Leadership and Development Programs:

- The Student Action Board
- Mayor’s Award, Commissioners’ Award, and the President’s Award
- IMPACT Summer Programs
- Civic Engagement Leadership Institute
- Model UN
- VOICES: an Oral Histories Project & Digital Navigators

We manage these signature human service programs that provide direct assistance to those in need:

- BackPacks 4 Kids (annually providing more than 600 backpacks & school supplies)
- Thanksgiving Dinner Program (over 1,500 meals provided to those in need)
- Share Your Christmas (more than 2,000 low-income residents assisted each year)

We serve as a hub for Triangle nonprofits providing them with needed resources to strengthen our communities, as well as connecting people with opportunities to serve. While most organizations focus on a specific area, the Center partners with all types of groups and issue areas including hunger and poverty as well as arts and culture, students and senior citizens, business and recreation, and animal and environmental protection. This makes us unique and able to make a broad impact.

*We would also like to recognize our
AmeriCorps RSVP Volunteers and Nonprofit Volunteer Stations*

AmeriCorps Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a free program that helps older Durham residents find a fulfilling volunteer opportunity that matches their skills and interests. Opportunities range from tutoring to gardening, food transport, tax preparation and more. RSVP also provides mileage reimbursement, volunteer insurance and other benefits. It's a great resource to meet new friends and make a difference in the Bull City.

Peter Adland
Mariana Ali
Reginald Allen
Paul Andrews
Frances Anton
Scott Arnold
William Austin
Linda Autry
Stephen Beatroud
Tanya Best
Mrinmay Biswas
Michael Boner
Fatima Boutrid
Gerldine Bowater
Robert Bradford
Etta Breit
Debra Brown
William (Bob) Burns
Avis Carr
Susan Caruso
Cynthia Chambers
Steve Chambers
Arlandia Clark
Susan Clifton
Sheelagh Crowley
Tony Crowley
Thuy Dancik
Mary Jane De Nuzzia
Elaine Dobson
Nancy Dykstra
Betty Elliott
Tina Falker
Paul Feldblum
Patty Freeman-Lynde
Andrea Fulmore
Alan Furan
Kristene Furan
Lane Gallo

Elizabeth (Sheila) Gatling
Marianne Gillespie
Sharon Grubb
James Gudaitis
Lin Guo
Patricia (Trish) Harrison
John Hausmann
Kathe Henke
Elaine Herrick
Robert Herrick
Rosa Hilliard
Vera Hodge
Janice Hogan
Maureen Holland
Sandra Janovich
David Jarmul
Carolyn Jones
Monica Kelly
Howard Koslow
Ann Lassiter
Clifton Lavenhouse
Cheryl Lawrence
Keith Lawrence
Mark Leibowitz
John Leskovec
Steven Markey
Jeff McCauslin
Gretchen McCoy
Denise McIntosh
Patricia (Pat) McKenzie
Gerald McNair
Jonna Mitchell
Linda Muldoon
Colin Myer
Lisa Norris
Shelley Olsen
Suzan Perry
Paul Pugh

Susan Ragan
Marlys Ray
Catherine Rege
Virginia Richter
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Kerry Seigny
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Sarah Stahmer
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Brian Stepien
Ellen Stutts
Mike Sweeney
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Barbara Thomas
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Mary Tyrey
Mary Vinson
Beverly Wellman
Thelma Westbrook
Claudette Whitley
Marta Willson
Barbara Wise
Patricia Yonaitis
Curtis Young
Nasser Zhouiri
Kathy Zopfi

RSVP Nonprofit Volunteer Stations

Volunteer stations are nonprofit partners based in Durham County where our RSVP members serve.

Interested in signing up (as a volunteer of station)? Please contact Sarah Cline at sarah@tnvlc.onmicrosoft.com.

American Red Cross	Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
Alternative Solutions	Liberty Hospice
Bike Durham	Meals on Wheels
Bull City Woodshop	Reality Ministries
Church World Service	Reinvestment Partners
Crayons2Calculators	Root Causes
Duke Hospital Auxiliary & Stores	SEEDS
Duke Regional Hospital	Senior PharmAssist
Durham Center for Senior Life	Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Durham Community Food Pantry	Step-Up Durham
Durham Congregations in Action	The Scrap Exchange
Durham County Cooperative Extension	The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center
Durham Crisis Response Center	Transitions Life Care
Durham Public Schools Foundation	TROSA
Durham Rescue Mission	Urban Community Agronomics (UCAN)
El Futuro	VAMC
Families Moving Forward	Vets to Vets Durham
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina	West End Community Foundation
Iglesia Emanuel	



AmeriCorps Seniors

Did you know...

- AmeriCorps Seniors was created in 1973 with the establishment of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), the Foster Grandparent Program, and Senior Companions Program.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is one of the nation's most extensive senior volunteer programs, engaging seniors to address a wide range of community needs. Currently, there are 140,000 AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteers across the U.S., making their mark in the communities in which they serve!
- AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve an average of 20 hours per week in various service roles.

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A few TNVLC Program Highlights

- 1,215 individuals received a Thanksgiving Dinner
- Share your Christmas provided support to 2,144 individuals
- More than 700 low-income students were given fully equipped backpacks
- Students contributed over 17,000 service hours to nonprofits through the Mayor's Award Program
- Commissioners' Award students contributed over 3,700 hours of service during the school year
- President's Award students contributed over 16,700 hours of service
- Hands On Triangle, our online volunteer matching system, serves over 1,456 nonprofits and more than 21,832 volunteers
- In only its 2nd year, the RSVP program already has 37 nonprofit stations and over 100 volunteers

Please visit The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center at www.thevolunteercenter.org



The Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center

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CURRENT & UPCOMING NONPROFIT OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Nonprofit Holiday Auction

Make plans now to reserve your spot for the 1st Annual Triangle Nonprofit Auction!

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 28 (Giving Tuesday). This will take the place of our Great Human Race 5K which raised over \$3 million for Triangle nonprofits. Nonprofits will be able to participate in a Triangle-wide auction by offering unique items, services and experiences to raise funds for their nonprofit programs. This will be the area's largest auction supporting Triangle nonprofits. Details coming this summer!

AmeriCorps RSVP (Durham county-based nonprofits only)

Do you need reliable and experienced volunteers? The RSVP program recruits and mobilizes adults 55 and up in meaningful community service. When you become an RSVP nonprofit station (FREE), our staff will work with you to provide a dependable source of volunteers for your program areas. Please contact Sarah Cline, the program manager at Sarah@tnvlc.onmicrosoft.com

Nonprofit Trainings & Grants from the Governor's office

The Center is a state-wide Training Hub for **Service Enterprise**. This is essentially a change management program for nonprofits valued at between \$5K-\$10K and is a national program developed by the Points of Light Foundation. We have received grant funding from the Governor's Office to support nonprofits. The second training cohort is planned for this summer. There are still have a couple of spots open. Contact us!

We offer monthly trainings on many nonprofit best practices topics from Fundraising to Marketing, HR and Finance. These are generally free/very low cost for nonprofits. Check out our website to see current listings.

Volunteer Coordinators

Do you need a Volunteer Coordinator? Many nonprofits do not have a dedicated volunteer coordinator to help their organization fully implement and realize the impact of well-trained volunteers. Too often the management of volunteers falls to staff with other competing jobs and responsibilities. The Center can help you find a "volunteer" volunteer coordinator to help you create and sustain a meaningful volunteer program.

Summer Student Volunteers

Each summer the Center works with hundreds of students looking for ways to earn service hours and make a difference. Annually our students serve over 20,000 hours. Let us know if you'd like to have one (or more) of these students help out your agency!

TRIAVA

Triangle Association of Volunteer Administrators provides professional development and networking opportunities for individuals and organizations that are involved in volunteer administration. Memberships are available for individuals or organizations with free TRIAVA trainings and resources throughout the year. **Members can earn their Volunteer Administration Certification from NCAVA!**

Want to learn more? Contact Trudy Smith: Trudy@tnvlc.onmicrosoft.com

