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**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA CEO, TALLAHASSEE MAYOR AND OTHERS  
HONOR TALLAHASSEE FIREFIGHTERS FOR MYGOODDEED DAY 2007**

*State and local government officials, along with AmeriCorps Members, show their appreciation to Tallahassee Firefighters as part of myGoodDeed Day/Patriot Day 2007 ...*

**TALLAHASSEE** – Following the tragedies of 9/11 2001, the nation's attention became transfixed on the heroic firefighters and other first responders who mobilized after the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington DC. Now, six years later, Tallahassee commemorates the bravery and heroism of America's first responders by honoring local firefighters on myGoodDeed Day/Patriot Day 2007.

Today, Wendy Spencer, Chief Executive Officer of the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida), along with Tallahassee Mayor John Marks, Tallahassee Fire Chief Cindy Dick, and area AmeriCorps members, symbolically honored all first responders by feeding 10 firefighters from Firehouse Number 3, located at 3005 South Monroe Street, a delicious lunch of hot lasagna, salad and breadsticks. Lunch was sponsored by the Olive Garden Restaurant of Tallahassee.

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“We so often take our local heroes for granted,” said Spencer. “This is the perfect opportunity to recognize and thank them for their bravery and commitment. These men and women will rush into harm’s way to save any one of us. It takes a very special person to do this kind of work.”

myGoodDeed Day is a national program of myGoodDeed.org, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, which is supported by more than 20 9/11 family member and support organizations. The organization receives financial and in-kind support from AOL; Yahoo; American Express Company; Ambac Financial Group; Investment Bank Keefe Bruyette & Woods; and KPMG.

This year, myGoodDeed got a special boost. President George Bush’s Patriot Day 2007 Proclamation, issued Sept. 4, calls upon Americans to observe the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks not only as a day of personal reflection and remembrance, but also as a day of voluntary and charitable service.

“The significant contribution that our local firefighters make in our community should be admired and recognized 365 days a year,” said Mayor John Marks. “This event is the least we can do to show our deep appreciation.”

The Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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