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### **VOLUNTEER FLORIDA HONORS LOCAL VOLUNTEER WITH PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD**

*Prestigious National Honor for Volunteer Service to be presented at  
Volunteer Florida's quarterly Commission meeting. ...*

**TALLAHASSEE – The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida)** today announced it will award **Donna Templin**, of Orlando, with a **PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD**, a part of the **PRESIDENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM**. The **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM** is the highest national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service. The **PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD** recognizes exemplary individuals who have contributed **4,000 hours or more** of volunteer service over the course of their lifetimes.

The **AWARD** will be presented at Volunteer Florida's quarterly Commission meeting, to be held Tuesday, July 7 at the Marriott Orlando, Grand Lakes, located at 4040 Central Florida Parkway in Orlando. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. Eastern time, and the **AWARD** will be presented at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Established in 2003, the **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM** – which is modeled after **THE PRESIDENT'S PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD** – is available on an annual basis to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering. As a Leadership Organization participating in the **AWARD** program, **Volunteer Florida** confers the **AWARDS** to recognize the outstanding achievements of volunteers throughout Florida.

Even as a teenager, **Donna Templin** found time to serve others. Building on this early foundation, volunteering became an important part of her 35-year career with Disney, where she actively supported A Gift for Teaching, Second Harvest Food Bank, Seniors First, Junior Achievement and other organizations. As a mother, mentoring children has been a particular passion, which is why she describes her work with the Boys & Girls Clubs to be the most rewarding. It was through Disney that Donna began serving the Heart of Florida United Way nearly 20 years ago and has the distinction of serving on the Board of Governors for the United Way of Florida. You can also find Donna behind the concession stand at her local school where she is a huge supporter of youth sports. Asked why she's been a lifelong volunteer,

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## **VOLUNTEER FLORIDA PRESENTS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD (Add One)**

this remarkable woman explained that she's had much good fortune in her life and she wants to share it with others.

“Recipients of the PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD are role models for all Americans,” said Volunteer Florida CEO Wendy Spencer. “Each volunteer hour contributed makes a difference in improving the quality of life for others, especially during these challenging times. Governor Crist recognizes and appreciates the efforts of volunteers whose work has brought us together as families, as communities and as a Nation.”

The PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD is an award for volunteer service that every American – from every age and every walk of life – can aspire to achieve. To be eligible to receive the AWARD, individuals, families and groups submit a record of their annual volunteer service hours to participating organizations, such as **Volunteer Florida**, that will verify the service and deliver the AWARD. AWARD eligibility for individuals and groups is based upon hour requirements varying by age.

The AWARD is issued by the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group created to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making to our nation. Volunteer Florida CEO Wendy Spencer, who is an appointee to the Council, will present the awards on behalf of the Council. Chaired by Case Foundation President **Jean Case**, the Council is comprised of leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofits, and the volunteer sector.

For more information on volunteering in Florida, please visit [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org).

For more information about how to qualify for the PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, please visit [www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov](http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov) or call 1-866-545-5307.

The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida) 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 youth to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism for disaster preparedness and response; and supports the Governor’s priorities through the creation of innovative volunteer programs.

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