



# The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornucopia Luncheon's "Get Involved" Awards Thursday, November 5, 2009

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock connects people to volunteer needs and empowers nonprofit organizations. The 13th Annual Cornucopia Luncheon sponsored by Walmart Supercenters on November 5th will honor individuals, businesses and groups for outstanding volunteerism and community service with "Get Involved" Awards.

**Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2009.**

## **Nomination Information & Instructions**

Individuals, groups, agencies and businesses may make one nomination per category. Please read the descriptions below to determine which category best fits your nominee. All nominations must include a completed nomination form and a nomination statement explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award for which they are being nominated. Though not required, two letters of support from a nominee's references may be included as well.

## **Nomination Criteria**

Any individual or organization engaged in voluntary activities may be nominated. The volunteer activity can be in a structured or unstructured setting; must be nondiscriminatory; must demonstrate community impact; and **must be performed in Lubbock or the surrounding South Plains area during the past 12 months** (with the exception of the Diekemper Lifetime of Service Award).

**All entries and attachments become property of the Volunteer Center and will not be returned.**

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock, the media, or our sponsors may use any material submitted for publication.

## **Nomination Categories**

**Individual Community Service:** A person who has demonstrated exceptional community leadership and involvement as a volunteer.

**Young Adult:** A young adult (under 35) who has made a positive impact on the community showing dedication to a specific organization or cause.

**College:** Collegiate group or individual exemplifying outstanding volunteer efforts, involvement in the community, and dedication to service.

**Youth:** Group or individual (high school and/or middle school student) who has provided broad and exceptional leadership or direct service to a cause, program or project; or who has excelled in quality, spirit and length of service to others.

**Child(ren):** Group or individual (elementary aged or younger) who has provided broad and exceptional leadership or direct service to a cause, program or project; or who has excelled in quality, spirit and length of service to others.

**Family:** A family exemplifying outstanding volunteer efforts, involvement in the community, and dedication to service.

**Business:** Businesses that have demonstrated commitment to the community through active programs of volunteer service. One small business (less than 100 employees) and one large business may be chosen.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** An individual (paid or unpaid) within a nonprofit organization who has contributed substantially to the encouragement and nurturing of volunteerism as a volunteer coordinator or manager.

**Cultural Diversity:** Group or individual who has demonstrated a strong commitment to promoting cultural diversity in our community.

**Education:** Group or individual who has created innovative and effective education and/or tutoring program, or provided significant volunteer service in the education sector.

**Arts:** Group or individual who has demonstrated personal dedication to a specific arts organization or cause.

**Louise Cummins Outstanding Agency or Organization Award:** Volunteer group that has been instrumental in designing or creating a program or project that meets community needs, and in doing so, has demonstrated extraordinary initiative and originality.

**Diekemper Lifetime of Service Award:** An individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to the community through volunteer leadership and service.

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# **Award Nomination Application**

Nomination Category: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Nominee Information**

Please list the name of the individual EXACTLY as it should appear in publication. Nominee's invitation will be mailed to the address listed. Therefore, please verify that all information is complete and correct.

Group/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Nonprofit Information**

If nominee volunteered at multiple agencies, please list the "primary" agency where majority of the work occurred. For Diekemper Lifetime of Service Award please attach a list of 2 other agencies where nominee has contributed a lifetime of leadership and service.

Primary Nonprofit: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Reference Information**

A nominee must have two references (other than the nominator and the nonprofit contact person) who may be contacted to verify the extent of the nominee's volunteer activities. References may not be related to the nominee. If their address is not available, please list company name or organization with work address. References may also include a letter of support (maximum 500 words) if desired.

Reference Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nomination Statement**

It is important that you describe the nominee's work in the past 12 months in detail and tell how it benefited individuals in the community, an agency and its clients, or the community as a whole. Please answer the following questions in a maximum 500 word statement. NOTE: For the Diekemper Lifetime of Service Award, please describe the nominee's volunteer efforts throughout his or her lifetime when answering the questions in a maximum 800 word statement. PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES TO COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM.

- 1.** Describe the nominee's volunteer efforts during the last year (volunteer position, number of hours, number of volunteers, length of service, duties performed, agency/cause served, etc.).
- 2.** In what ways did the nominee affect the community at large or the clients of the agency served? Please indicate the impact and need of the volunteer work.
- 3.** What special qualities does the nominee show that makes them outstanding? Why does the nominee deserve this award?
- 4.** Were there any unusual difficulties or circumstances this nominee had to overcome? If so, please explain.
- 5.** List other organizations that have benefited from the nominee's volunteer efforts.

### **Nominator Information**

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address:\_\_\_\_\_

I agree that all of the above mentioned information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I nominate the group/individual listed for the 2009 "GET INVOLVED" Awards for volunteer work performed in Lubbock County during the past 12 months and that I have reviewed all of my information.

Nominator Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail or fax the completed application with attached nomination statement and letters of support (if desired) to:**

**Volunteer Center of Lubbock  
Get Involved Awards Nominations  
1706 23rd Street, Suite 101  
Lubbock, TX 79411**

**FAX: (806)747-8640**