

Get Involved AWARDS

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Thursday, August 23rd, 2012



The 16th Annual
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“Get Involved” Awards

The 16th Annual Cornucopia Luncheon on November 1st will honor individuals, businesses and groups for outstanding volunteerism and community service with “Get Involved” Awards. **Nominations are due by Noon Thursday, August 23rd, 2012.**

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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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: _____



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Nomination Statement

It is important that you describe the nominee's work in the past 12 months in detail and tell how it benefitted 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.

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.



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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.



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5. List other organizations that have benefitted 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 2011 "GET INVOLVED" Awards for volunteer work performed during the past 12 months and that I have reviewed all of my information.

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Receipt of Nominations will be acknowledged by the Volunteer Center of Lubbock. **If you have not received an acknowledgement from the VCL within two business days, please call us at (806) 747.0551 ASAP.** Contact Stacy Keith at the same phone number if you have further questions.

past "get involved" honorees

2011

- Business*: United Parcel Service
- College*: TTU Sigma Lambda Beta
- Education*: Laura Vinson / Mitch Watson
- Cultural Diversity*: Caprock Foundation
- Arts*: Pat Maines
- Youth*: Brittany Johnson / United Future Leaders
- Young Adult*: Megan Graham
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Sharon Thiel
- Individual Commitment*: Olivia Hernandez
- Family*: Kay & Bill Young
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: West Texas Home Builders Assoc.
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Steve Rogers

2010

- Business*: Betenbough Homes / Kohl's
- College*: TTU Eta Omicron Nu
- Education*: Cheri Isett
- Arts*: Eric Lowe
- Youth*: Sarah Jo Lambert
- Young Adult*: Christie Devitt
- Children*: All Saints Episcopal School 2nd Graders
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Linda Thompson
- Individual Commitment*: Dave Freriks / James Mahan
- Family*: Wilkerson Family / Millie & Donnie Caldwell
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: Downtown American Business Club
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Linda Greenstreet

2009

- Business*: Smooth Fusion
- College*: Kappa Alpha Theta
- Education*: Jan Taylor
- Cultural Diversity*: Debra Flores
- Youth*: Nicole Carrillo / Roosevelt Student Council
- Young Adult*: William Murray
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Lisa Howe
- Individual Commitment*: Sandra Schuetzberg
- Family*: The Marricle Family
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: YWCA of Lubbock
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Evelyn Smith

2008

- Business*: Hartsfield Design
- College*: Double T Health Service Corps
- Education*: Food 2 Kids
- Cultural Diversity*: Cathy Allen
- Youth*: Communities in Schools Champions Group at Cavazos Middle School
- Young Adult*: Tonya Phifer
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Mary Guetersloh / Cheryl Keefer
- Individual Community Service*: Stu Childre / Bill Curnow / Eddie Owens
- Family*: Jim, Carrie, and Morgan Larner
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS)
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Donna Snodgrass

2007

- Business*: Blackmon Mooring / City Bank Texas
- Arts*: Aubrey Spear
- Education*: Lubbock Association of Realtors
- Youth*: Josh Ragan
- Young Adult*: Kasi Boutwell
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Dodie Northcutt
- Individual Community Service*: Mary Hatfield / James Johnston
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: Hospice of Lubbock Thrift Shop / Altrusa International of Lubbock
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Catherine S. Porter

2006

- Business*: Home Depot
- College*: Delta Tau Delta
- Arts*: Redbud Baptist Church Quilters
- Youth*: National Charity Leagues, Inc.
- Young Adult*: John Steinmetz
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Judy Powell
- Individual Community Service*: Crystal Edwards
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: Caprock AMBUCS
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Harold Jones

2005

- Business*: Lubbock Cotton Kings
- Education*: Joe-Ann Hill
- Arts*: Jimmy Pendergrass
- Youth*: Amaris Garcia
- Young Adult*: Chris Sims
- Individual Community Service*: Hank Behrens / Cayce Kaufman / Davor Vugrin, M.D.
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: Friends of the Lubbock Public Library
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Carolie Mullan

2004

- Business*: Atmos Energy / Johnny Carino's Restaurant
- Education*: Reagan Riley
- Arts*: Meredith Fortune McAlister
- Youth*: Jordan Hefner / Henry Ramos
- Young Adult*: Michelle Tosi-Stephens
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Marcia Hogle / Reverend Renae Phillips
- Individual Commitment*: Tavita Dorow / Gail Fargason / James W. Graves
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: Lubbock League of Women Voters
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Jackie Williams

2003

- Business*: New Day Window Cleaning Service / KLLL - Next Media
- Arts*: Conny McDonald Martin
- Cultural Diversity*: Bobbie Snodgrass
- Youth*: Women's Protective Services Youth Advisory Board
- Young Adult*: Kara Donatilli
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Shelby Crews
- Individual Commitment*: Regji Davis / Dr. Chester Golightly / Mary Ann Sanderson / Lt. Lance Slack

- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization*: Junior League of Lubbock
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Linda Miller

2002

- Business*: KCBD NewsChannel 11 / South Plains Mall / The Cactus Theater
- Young Adult*: Melanie Ragain / Matt Stephens
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Becky McPherson
- Individual Commitment*: Charles Key / Doug Carlson / Lisa Smitherman / Larry Goldston
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Richard Ligon

2001

- Business*: Wentz Orthodontics / College Flowers / United Supermarkets
- Young Adult*: Shelby Anderson / Jill Baker
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Barbara Bulen
- Individual Commitment*: Catherine Porter / Lee Ruth Kreig / James Bonner Bennett
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Bobbe Crawford

2000

- Business*: Covenant Health System / Lubbock Avalanche-Journal / Fellers Marketing & Advertising / Oberkamp Supply
- Young Adult*: Tommy Heisser / Steve Massengale
- Volunteer Coordinator*: David McCulley
- Individual Commitment*: Mia Diekemper / Dorine Harbin / Renee Underwood / Irasema Velasquez
- Lifetime of Community Service*: Alan Henry

1999

- Business*: Bell Dairy / LP&L / Pat Maines
- Young Adult*: Julia Camp
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Bill Barnett / Sue Caywood
- Individual Commitment*: Pauline Lamb / Chris Lonngren / Dana Neugebauer / Brian Quinn
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Bill and Mary Louise Kingsbery

1998

- Business*: Vintage Rose / Barnes and Noble / Watson Foodservice / Friends
- Young Adult*: Mike McDougal / Chris Wallace
- Volunteer Coordinator*: Jean Bardy
- Individual Commitment*: Beverly McBeath / Suzie Thomas / Lisa Wright
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Betty Anderson

1997

- Business*: Animal Medical Center / Cox Communications / Southwestern Bell
- Young Adult*: Cory Powell
- Individual Commitment*: George Elle / Harry Fry / Duane Kemp / Brad Underwood
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service*: Nicky Standlee