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Nominations Sought for First Lady's Outstanding Community Service and Impact Awards

(Lincoln, Neb.) ServeNebraska is accepting nominations to honor individuals and organizations throughout Nebraska with the 2011 First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards and Impact Awards. **The nomination deadline for these awards is March 14, 2011.** Honorees will be recognized at the First Lady's Awards Luncheon on April 28, 2011 at The Thompson Alumni Center on the University of Nebraska-Omaha campus.

The First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards reflect Nebraska First Lady Sally Ganem's passion for education, and honor adult, youth and group nominees in a variety of categories. These include Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism, as well as outstanding achievement in Service-Learning, School Leadership and Environmental Education programs.

"The Good Life we enjoy and the high national volunteerism ranking we honor will only continue if the ethic of service and commitment to community we all have is continued in future generations of Nebraskans," First Lady Sally Ganem.

The Impact Awards honor individuals and groups who have gone above-and-beyond in addressing the needs of their communities and bettering the quality of life for their fellow Nebraskans. Among the Impact Awards is the Debra Hartmann Award which honors a staff member whose efforts in the areas of volunteerism or national service have significantly improved the quality of life of their fellow Nebraskans.

Details including award categories, nomination forms and instructions, and past honorees are available online at www.serve.nebraska.gov or by contacting ServeNebraska at 800-291-8911 or 402-471-6228.

ServeNebraska mobilizes Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

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