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## **Governor Presents Creighton Student with Points of Light Award for Volunteerism**

**Lincoln, Neb.** – Mikayla Savell-Flott has demonstrated a commitment to service and community outreach throughout her youth. Her volunteer service started in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and increased throughout high school. She is currently a freshman at Creighton University and continues to serve. In total, she has volunteered approximately 1,000 hours throughout the past 5 years, which is a very large number, especially for a youth who devotes many hours to her academics, the arts, and leadership activities. She has volunteered for numerous activities through Millard West High School, as well as other Omaha area organizations and nonprofits. Mikayla’s volunteerism runs the gamut from participating in the Omaha Corporate Cup Run, events that support the American Heart and Lung Associations, Pancreatic Cancer and Parkinson’s disease research, the Nebraska Humane Society, Completely Kids, Precious Memories Daycare, to philanthropy events that raised \$10,000 toward re-building the Little Sioux Boy Scout Ranch. She has led and participated in numerous fundraising efforts for the music and arts departments in which she has belonged. “For those who work at organizations that depend on volunteers and meet Mikayla, they soon learn that her positive energy and interpersonal skills are contagious,” Dr. Maryann Z. Skrabal, PharmD, CDE Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Mikayla is a role model for the importance of service and that it does indeed make a difference.

Also recognized at the ceremony and receiving the Adult Award was Dr. Roger Fisher of Lincoln for his work with Clinic With a Heart in establishing a dental program. The Group Award was presented to Union College and Project Impact in Lincoln for their 30 years of student-led service work.

Each quarter, a panel of judges from across Nebraska reviews award nominations and make final recommendations to the Governor. To nominate individuals and groups for the Governor’s Points of Light Awards who have made a difference through volunteerism, visit the ServeNebraska website at [www.serve.nebraska.gov](http://www.serve.nebraska.gov) or call Kimberle Hall 800-291-8911 or 402-471-6228. **The next nomination deadline is March 15, 2012.**

ServeNebraska pursues its mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

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