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ServeNebraska Accepting Nominations to Honor Outstanding Volunteers

LINCOLN, NE (July 15, 2016) Organizations, businesses, civic clubs, and schools, are encouraged to submit nominations for the annual ServeNebraska Step Forward Awards which recognizes outstanding individuals and groups for significant contributions made through volunteerism.

“Every day, volunteers across Nebraska step forward, going the extra mile by providing essential services or meeting critical needs in their communities, all the while not expecting anything in return,” stated Cathleen Plager, Executive Director of ServeNebraska. “The Step Forward Awards gives us the opportunity to recognize outstanding people and groups for their time, service, dedication and contribution they made in enriching the lives of others.”

ServeNebraska is honored to have Governor Pete Ricketts personally involved in this program. Once the nomination period closes on September 1, 2016, Governor Ricketts will thoughtfully review submissions and select those deserving of recognition. The award winners will be announced during a luncheon banquet on Friday, October 28, 11 am – 1 pm, at Quarry Oaks Golf Club in Ashland, Nebraska.

Nominations will be accepted in the following categories: Adult Volunteer, Youth Volunteer, Volunteer Group, Corporate Community Volunteer, National Service Volunteer (AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, or VISTA), Veteran Volunteer, Disaster Volunteer (person or group), Community Media Partner and Lifetime Achievement. Nominators will have the opportunity to provide details that demonstrate leadership, innovation and dedication in service to others which may pertain to a special project or ongoing activities that address community needs.

For more information about ServeNebraska and the Step Forward Awards, or to submit a nomination or make reservations for the award event, visit www.serve.nebraska.gov. The website includes information about the 2015 Step Forward Award recipients.

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About Serve Nebraska

ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission coordinates and supports community involvement by Nebraskans that address the needs of our communities. We coordinate AmeriCorps programming, celebrate volunteer achievements through annual awards, provide training and technical assistance, and work to ensure that those with disabilities are fully involved. Our mission: Mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs. For more information visit www.serve.nebraska.gov.