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College Possible of Omaha Wins \$500 Donation through ServeNebraska Week

About 750 Nebraskans Volunteered During Statewide Week of Service

Lincoln, Nebraska – ServeNebraska (historically the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission) awarded a \$500 donation to College Possible in Omaha, Nebraska, as a result of the organization’s participation in ServeNebraska Week held in late April.

Each year during ServeNebraska Week, individuals, service clubs, nonprofits, educational institutions, faith-based organizations and local government agencies across the state are encouraged to plan and engage in volunteer activities that support their communities, as proclaimed by the Nebraska governor. This year, as an extra incentive, ServeNebraska invited registrants to enter their favorite organizations for a chance to win a \$500 cash donation.

In 2017, a total of 750 Nebraskans lent their time and talent to support 55 service projects in 23 communities across the state. These activities ranged from relief to Lake McConaughy fire victims to appreciation packets for Vietnam Veterans on an honor flight to Washington, D.C., to enhancing little free library landscaping in Columbus, Nebraska, among others.

College Possible accounted for 260 of those volunteers or 35 percent. They organized 10 unique volunteer events with high school students and coaches from Omaha North, South, Northwest and Benson; Bellevue East; Millard South; Papillion-La Vista and Papillion-LaVista South; Ralston and Westside.

“We are proud and fortunate to have joined in the activities during ServeNebraska Week,” said Arvin Frazier, executive director of College Possible. “It was another opportunity for the talented students served and College Possible coaches to volunteer their gifts of time and talent in their communities. As our students and Corps members grow and develop a spirit of commitment to service, we share in preparing future leaders through the impactful support of ServeNebraska . . . we are most grateful.”

Throughout the week of April 23, College Possible volunteers gathered to:

- Help elementary and preschool students with homework, educational games and other school activities,
- Assist students in after-school programs with homework, dinner service and organized activities
- Meet local library needs,
- Clean up litter from a public park and high school grounds, and
- Make greeting cards for Veteran’s Hospital patients.

The complete list of service projects publicized as part of ServeNebraska Week and their contacts is available at [2017 Official Events](#).

College Possible is a national nonprofit dedicated to coaching low-income students to and through college, breaking the cycle of poverty and empowering the workforce. The organization operates in Nebraska with an AmeriCorps grant administered through ServeNebraska from the U.S. Corporation for National and Community Service.

ServeNebraska Week was organized in coordination with the Nebraska Impact Initiative, launched as part of Nebraska's 150th statehood celebration.

Nebraskans are encouraged to register for the Nebraska Impact Initiative to connect with other volunteers and organizations in need of support across the state. Registration gives citizens a personal volunteering “dashboard” where they can track their volunteer time and add it to state totals, earn “badges” for service, and follow organizations or opportunities that interest them throughout the year. Involvement will help promote Nebraska as the No. 1 state in volunteerism and create a chain reaction of good will.

More than 700 registrants have already logged more than 18,000 volunteer hours on the Nebraska Impact website. College Possible has an organizational account and shares its volunteer needs on the site. To learn more and register, visit www.NebraskaImpact.com.

“It’s humbling to watch the pouring out of community support during ServeNebraska Week,” said ServeNebraska Community Volunteering Committee Chair Jamie Moore. “College Possible really took the mission of the week to heart, and they were not alone. Just imagine how many children, seniors, veterans and economically disadvantaged Nebraskans were impacted during this week, alone.”

The Nebraska 150 Celebration, State Farm, 10/11 News and ServeNebraska were sponsors of ServeNebraska Week 2017.

About ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska is governed by a 20-member, bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission mobilizes Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through collaboration, volunteering and national service. ServeNebraska oversees AmeriCorps programming, hosts the state’s most prestigious volunteer awards – the Governor’s Step Forward Awards, and provides training and technical assistance. To learn more, visit www.serve.nebraska.gov.

About Nebraska Impact

The Nebraska Impact Initiative is one of a series of efforts launched for the state’s year-long 150th statehood celebration. Using the modern web console available at www.NebraskaImpact.com, volunteers are empowered to connect with each other and with organizations in need of service to make a greater impact on their communities in 2017. The effort will total statewide volunteer hours annually to demonstrate Nebraskans’ deep-seated commitment to service.

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