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Governor's Conference on Volunteerism Challenges Nebraska to be # 1 in the Nation

(Lincoln, NE) Barry Kriha, Chair of ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, today announced that the biennial Governor's Conference on Volunteerism "Taking the Challenge to be the Best" will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska on April 8th and 9th.

"The conference this year has a double goal," announced Kriha. "Nebraska has ranked 2nd in the nation for the rate of volunteerism after only Utah for the past four years. This year's conference is designed to help take us to Number 1. We are also offering an opportunity to enhance the skills and abilities of those providing service to make the good life in Nebraska even better. We are so grateful to the over 200 organizations whose representatives attended the last conference and we know that number can and will increase."

This year ServeNebraska has attracted a roster of highly skilled and notable presenters including **Aaron Davis**, former Nebraska football player on the 1994 championship team who is known as "The Enthusiator" for his motivational message; **Carol Weisman**, an internationally known speaker and author specializing in finding humor in best practices on volunteerism, fund raising and governance; and **Andy Greenberg** whose daily motivational and leadership insights are heard each morning on Omaha's 1110 KFAB on the Good Morning Show with Gary Sadlemyer.

The Governor of Nebraska and the Mayor of Omaha are slated to give welcoming remarks. First Lady Sally Ganem, Honorary Chair of ServeNebraska, will preside over the Community Service Awards Luncheon on April 9.

The conference is an important, educational and enjoyable opportunity for those interested in improving the capacity of Nebraska individuals and organizations to better meet community needs. This includes individuals from the business, government, nonprofit and volunteer sectors. Sessions led by leaders with practical experience will include Leadership & Fundraising Skills, Maximizing Inclusiveness & Diversity, Social Networking, Board Development, Developing a Marketing Plan, Serving Rural Communities, Volunteer Management, and Working with Volunteers in Disasters

ServeNebraska's mission is to mobilize Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs. To learn more and register for the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism visit www.serve.nebraska.gov

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