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## **Millard South High School Youth Receives Governor's Points of Light Award**

**Lincoln, Neb.** – Mohit Jain, a junior at Millard South High School received the Governor's Points of Light Youth Award from Governor Dave Heineman on May 11, 2011 at a ceremony in Warner Chamber at the State Capitol in Lincoln. The awards are sponsored by ServeNebraska and presented quarterly in recognition of volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to help Nebraskans build stronger communities.

Mohit's counselor, Loel Schettler nominated him because he has a passion for science, and a dedication to turn his passion into meaningful action in the area of public health. Mohit has volunteered actively and extensively in the area of public health and his work has had an impact on the community and the state at large. He has volunteered to work under the tutelage of researchers at the Nebraska Medical Center and with Asera Care Hospice working with terminally ill patients; both of which have given him valuable working experience in the health field. Mohit is a member of the Governor's Youth Advisor Council health committee where he has helped give input on legislative proposals. This led to his nomination to the "Live Well" Omaha Kids Advisory Council to work to make Omaha's kids healthier. Mohit was also appointed to work with the Douglas County Health Board where he promptly founded a High School Advisory Council for the board which consists of twelve metro area high school youth. It is his intention to engage this group in areas of public health and to take this group's perspective to the board. He has also been appointed to GenerationOn National Youth Advisory Council, as one of ten students chosen nationally to participate in leadership development and to give input on ways to get other youth involved in service learning. Whether he is learning more about the life of a doctor or researcher, gaining new experience and skills, or engaged in telling others about the importance of public health and serving others, Mohit is a leader in our community.

Also recognized at the ceremony and receiving the Adult Award was John Johnson for his volunteer efforts in organizing a student run grocery store and business incubator for the students of the village of Cody. The Group Award was presented to the Heartland Council of Pioneers in Omaha for their dedicated and continued support to many community projects throughout the Omaha Metropolitan area, as well as throughout Nebraska and the United States.

Each quarter, a panel of judges from across Nebraska reviews award nominations and make final recommendations to the Governor. The Points of Light awards are sponsored by Woodmen of the World.

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 June 15, 2011.

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

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