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ServeNebraska Calls for Nebraska Volunteer Week Youth Service Grant Applications

Lincoln, Nebraska – This week, ServeNebraska announced a funding opportunity to engage young Nebraskans in service projects for Nebraska Volunteer Week. Grants up to \$500 each are available to individuals, schools, clubs and other groups, and projects can be completed anytime during Nebraska Volunteer Week, April 20-26, 2025.

Recent national studies released by the federal AmeriCorps agency show that Nebraska is tied for third in the nation for participation in volunteer activities and community service. ServeNebraska's Nebraska Volunteer Week Youth Service Grants are intended to maintain and grow our state's culture of community service by involving young people in service and inspiring them to make service a priority throughout their lives.

"Sometimes, all it takes to create a service-minded citizen is a single opportunity to give back," said Cathleen Plager, executive director for ServeNebraska. "A positive experience serving at a young age can spark a love of community and a lifetime of service."

The brief application form as well as rules and regulations can be found at www.serve.nebraska.gov/volunteer-week. Applications must be submitted by February 21.

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About ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska is the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and is governed by a bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission is to mobilize 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 serve.nebraska.gov.