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GOVERNOR SEEKS STATEWIDE NOMINATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER AWARDS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Gov. Joe Manchin today announced that nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 Governor’s Service Awards.

The Governor’s Service Awards, which are coordinated by Volunteer West Virginia, the state’s Commission for National and Community Service, recognize outstanding individuals, families and organizations for extraordinary service and commitment to their communities.

“The Mountain State is fortunate to have many people who are willing to step forward and give of their time and resources to make our communities better places to live and work,” Governor Manchin said. “I encourage people to take the time to nominate an individual, a family or an organization that has displayed an outstanding ability to reach out to others through volunteer service. This is an opportunity to honor those who give so much and expect so little in return,” the governor said.

The individuals and groups that are selected as recipients of the Governor’s Service Award will receive recognition during a banquet at the state volunteerism conference, *Faces of Leadership*, in Charleston, on July 21, 2010. Last year’s recipients volunteered for causes such as emergency preparedness, youth mentoring, pancreatic cancer research, dental care for low-income families, and the coordination of various community projects.

Nomination forms are available on the Volunteer West Virginia web site, [.volunteerwv.org](http://volunteerwv.org), or by calling (800) WV-HELPS. Nominations should be postmarked by March 31, 2010.

Volunteer West Virginia, the state's Commission for National & Community Service, is a state agency dedicated to promoting the spirit of volunteerism throughout West Virginia by enabling West Virginians of all ages to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism.

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