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Amy Lytle, Executive Director, HandsOn Northwest North Carolina

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Marianne Magjuka, Executive Director, Pro Humanitate Institute, Wake Forest University

WELCOME FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Megan McLeod, AmeriCorps Program Officer, N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, Governor Roy Cooper's Office

EMCEE – AWARDS PRESENTATION

Kenneth A. Pettigrew, Chief Operating Officer, Winston-Salem Urban League

CLOSING COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Wilson, Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Forsyth County

Kenneth A. Pettigrew Speaker and community organizer, Kenneth A. Pettigrew is a native of Winston-Salem, NC and an emerging voice in progressive Christianity. He has served as pastor of the Shouse Temple CME Church and currently serves on the staff of the St. John CME Church. In 2015, Kenneth joined the United Way of Forsyth County as the first Coordinator of Faith-Based Community Engagement and as staff for the Place Matters Initiative—an innovative, place-based process centered on the work of asset-based community development. In July 2018, Kenneth joined the Winston-Salem Urban League as Chief Operating Officer, supporting the organization's internal operations and programming. Kenneth is also the founder of Sanctuary Consulting, LLC—a firm dedicated to empowering faith communities in transformational community engagement. He holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and a Master of Divinity from the Wake Forest University School of Divinity.

His current volunteer service includes an appointment to the City of Winston-Salem's Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, the Grantmaking Subcommittee at The Winston-Salem Foundation, and board appointments for City With Dwellings and Forsyth Foodworks. Additionally, since 2016, Kenneth has served as the Chaplain to the Connectional Young Adult Ministry of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.



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2019 GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS WINNERS

(In alphabetical order by category)

Elite Canine's Comfort Dogs- Animals

Is your organization lucky enough to have an extra special "feature" that the guests at your special events look forward to every year? For the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Winston-Salem, it is Elite Canine's Comfort Dogs. Each fall, the dogs and their handlers lead approximately 400 attendees around the football field at West Forsyth High School in a celebration of Down syndrome and inclusion of all individuals with disabilities during the Buddy Walk. That is followed by doggy cuddling of all ages, even by individuals with disabilities who have never felt comfortable around dogs before. This amazing group also cheers runners (and walkers) over the finish line and offers free hugs and cuddles after each race at the Deacon Dash every spring. However, Elite Canine's Comfort Dogs doesn't limit their support to the Down Syndrome Association. Chances are you have seen them all over Forsyth County spreading joy and awareness about the benefits of animal therapy throughout the week, month, and year. They can be found bringing comfort and love to the older adults in Forsyth County multiple times per week at six different long-term care facilities and to the families of loved ones in our local hospitals at the SECU Family House. The teams also visit the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office to bring mental reprieve from the things most of us are fortunate not to see. The team has even been asked to attend several funerals to comfort the family of the deceased, and they do so without hesitation. They believe that the presence of a dog brings with it emotional, mental and physical benefits like nothing else. Elite Canine's Comfort Dogs make a concerted effort to give back to the community that they call home on an almost daily basis. In fact, some of their "human members" take off from work to volunteer. Choosing giving back to the community over earning a wage? Now that is the epitome of selfless service!

HanesBrands, Inc.- Corporate/Business

Companies and businesses have a unique platform within a community, and can use their heightened profile to shed a light on crucial community issues. HanesBrands has been a steadfast partner of Samaritan Ministries since the early years of the Soup Kitchen and Shelter. They have been committed to the homeless and hungry citizens of our community, and their commitment has grown over the years. They have a group that comes in monthly to help prepare and serve lunches to nearly 400 guests. In honor of Giving Tuesday, a group of HanesBrands executives (including the CEO) coordinated a Day of Service and gave out socks, underwear, and jackets to over 530 individuals at the Shelter and Soup Kitchen. Over the past year, HanesBrands employees have logged over 350 hours of volunteer time and continue to ask what more they can do. The staff at Samaritan Ministries are very grateful for their continued partnership and dedication to serving their guests.



Deanna Perez- Cultural

Deanna Perez is a beautiful example of what happens when you combine your love for art and crafting, with a commitment to service. Her creative spirit is found in every nook and cranny at Vienna Elementary - from the newly painted columns in the cafeteria - to the tedious job of hanging and tagging hundreds of students' artwork around the school. Deanna serves without fanfare at least three times a week in the art room, helping students with projects, assisting the teacher with cleaning and organizing supplies, and taking on fundraising activities for the school, prompting one staff member to lovingly refer to her as her "right hand." Her affinity with the arts also shows in other enrichment activities; she has helped to make costumes and design sets for the annual school musical, and painted colorful banners for the cultural celebration. During Dr. Seuss week, she creatively decorated many classroom doors to further capture the fun and excitement of the week. She even found time to paint and refresh the map of the United States in the bus parking lot! In addition to her creative side, her attention to detail and superior organizational skills have helped lead Vienna Elementary's BLINS group, which assists teachers with their special projects, meeting twice a week to help sort, cut, laminate, and copy materials for classrooms. Because of her dedication to helping with projects that take up more time than one would imagine, teachers have been able to focus more on their instructional time. Deanna has faithfully led and trained volunteers for all the years her girls have attended Vienna. And, when projects benefitting the school were not able to be finished there, she has been known to take them home to complete them...some of them, long term projects that end up being completed over the summer. She has also generated interest in the Crayola Recycling Program and led those efforts at Vienna. The school's PTA has depended on her countless times to volunteer at Kindergarten visitation and screening and during teacher appreciation week, where her warm smile has greeted many new parents, students and appreciative teachers. These creative and helpful projects total at least 60 hours or more a month. But, her desire to serve others is her true gift to be celebrated. No matter the task, Deanna's heart is always prepared to say "yes" and yet she never looks for accolades or recognition. Her "behind the scenes attitude" is what most peers love about her the most. The school community at Vienna thrives on this type of volunteer spirit and aspires to serve in the way she does; joyfully, humbly and gracefully. Mother Teresa once said it is best to do "small things with great love." Thank you Deanna for ALL the ways you have expressed your "love" for Vienna Elementary.



Robin Pardella- Director of Volunteers

Robin Pardella has been in the field of volunteer management for a long time, and that experience and expertise has certainly paid off for The Salvation Army. In 2018, returning to the Salvation Army after an absence of almost a decade, Robin accomplished the almost-impossible—doubling the volunteer base from 600 to 1100 individuals! Viewing the volunteer program holistically, and understanding how to engage almost anyone interested in volunteering in one of their programs, she worked tirelessly to reach out to community organizations, civic groups, corporations, churches, schools, and individuals. For their crucial Christmas-orientated programs, Robin recruited 149 more volunteers than in 2017, putting people to work sorting, packing, and distributing gifts six days a week, ultimately ensuring that more than 5,000 children had a positive Christmas experience. And where there are her volunteers, you are always sure to find Robin as well, providing direct support and supervision each day to ensure the volunteers have a positive and productive experience. Whether it is giving tours to prospective partners of the Salvation Army's facilities, or coordinating the efforts of volunteers at multiple off-site locations during their school supply drive, Robin always brings an enthusiasm for the mission that is infectious to others—whether they are a volunteer, donor, or fellow staff member. Robin is also generous with her expertise, supporting her peers by volunteering in a variety of leadership roles within both the local Piedmont Regional Association of Volunteer Administrators (PRAVA) and the statewide North Carolina Association of Volunteer Administrators (NCAVA.) (In these roles, Robin was also part of the team that provided some of the initial push in the creation of HandsOn NWNC!) She also regularly provides workshops and training for the regional division of The Salvation Army. Robin truly represents the best of the field when it comes to professional volunteer management within the nonprofit sector.

Maya Agger- Disaster

Have you ever come across a volunteer that is often mistaken as a staff member? At the American Red Cross, Maya Agger is that person. She joined the organization's Disaster Cycle Services over seven years ago. Since then, she has served in multiple roles, beginning with becoming a member of a Disaster Action Team (DAT)—meaning she responded to any disaster that displaced people from their homes. She is now a DAT Captain. This year, Maya also worked as the Forsyth County Emergency Operations Center liaison and took a lead role in Logistics. In Red Cross Casework & Recovery Services, Maya has had to be an advocate for clients, sometimes talking to a landlord in an effort to get a client's deposit back or a utility company to negotiate a smaller deposit or a waiver. She has guided clients through the creation of a realistic recovery plan with compassion and caring that stems from her being a former client of the Red Cross herself. Maya also represented Forsyth County, assisting with the Greensboro Tornado in April and recruited volunteers to assist in the May flooding in western NC. Among the biggest contributions to Forsyth County Emergency Response is her tireless work in logistics. Logistics is an often-overlooked aspect of Disaster Cycle Services, without which, American Red Cross services would be greatly reduced. When shelters open, somebody has to move the equipment, which still needs to be maintained when not being used. Maya maintains these inventories in Forsyth County, and assists with the work done in four other counties, along with maintaining the vehicles used in Disaster Cycle Services. Maya also took Instructor training this year and, through her efforts, has certified four new Emergency Response Vehicle drivers. In addition to working in preparedness, response and recovery for the unit, Maya has put in time teaching preparedness to several elementary school classes and a Girl Scout troop. With all of these responsibilities taken into account, it may be said that Maya lives, breathes, and sleeps the American Red Cross. In fact, her nominator shared that she even seeks out the local Red Cross chapter when she goes on vacation!



Liz Price- Environment

Some volunteers epitomize the concept of “grow where you are planted,” and Liz Price has certainly been able to grow some amazing accomplishments within her garden at Catholic Charities. In addition to numerous other client-facing roles within the organization that Liz has tackled over her past four years of volunteering, she has also taken on the responsibilities of their community garden. The garden provides a source of fresh, local produce for Catholic Charities’ clients, and Liz’s efforts have been instrumental to its success, increasing both its productivity and the connection that clients have to it. Building this connection to the garden has meant getting on the phone and calling approximately 35 clients that don’t have email to let them know what’s happening (and what’s coming out) of the garden each week. This individualized approach has transformed how the clients view the garden, increasing their excitement and enjoyment of the crops. Liz also gets “hands on” in the garden, assisting with planting days and watering crops. In 2018, Liz further demonstrated her commitment to environmental stewardship by serving as part of a leadership team within Catholic Charities that developed and won a competitive microgrant from Forsyth County Cooperative Extension. Under Liz’s leadership, these funds will allow community garden volunteers to install a rain water collection system that is based on her design plans. This watering system will increase the yield of the garden crops this summer in an environmentally sustainable fashion, providing even more families with critical access to healthy produce.

Darlene Talbot- Faith-Based

Darlene is one of those volunteers who never seems to run out of energy. With her faith as the motivator for all of her activities, Darlene serves multiple organizations in a seemingly endless number of ways. This past year, Darlene oversaw food preparation, display, service, and clean-up for Joy Prom, an annual event for special needs individuals that includes over 1,100 volunteers and guests; collected and organized donations throughout the year for Gift Mart and assisted in recruiting volunteers to help shoppers during the day of the event; supervised the Dining Room for Christmas for the City, an activity that attracts approximately 3,000 people annually; coordinated monthly meals and collected underwear for the Helping Hands Ministry which prepares and serves meals to our community’s homeless; was project leader for “Leave It Better,” a ministry through Pinedale Christian Church; and prepared weekly snacks and organized/supervised volunteers for homeless overflow shelter check-ins. All of this in 10 hours per week! Her passion for the homeless and those in need has touched not only those being served, but has also inspired others to become involved in the community. According to her nominator, because of Darlene, people who used to avoid the homeless now serve them, and people who thought service was for ‘others,’ now enjoy serving themselves.

The Shepherd’s Center Singers- Group/Team

The Shepherd’s Center Singers, an age fifty-plus chorus, formed nearly three years ago with the intent of providing an outlet for those who still wish to grow, learn and become the singer they have always wanted to be. From these early beginnings, the group has practiced weekly for two to three hours perfecting their four-part harmonies to performance standards. Today, they provide fun and entertainment for retirement communities, memory care units, and rehabilitation facilities throughout Forsyth County. Every time they perform, they prove it is never too late to grow or to give back and, in so doing, they bring smiles and joy to many grateful folks. The Shepherd’s Center Singers have provided entertainment for many organizations, including the SECU Family House, The Silver Arts, Danby House, The Shepherd’s Center, Second Spring Arts Festival and Home Moravian Church.



Charles Poteat- Health and Human Services

When visitors, patients, and hospital team members arrive at Novant Health Medical Park they can usually count on being greeted by a warm smile and a light-hearted joke from Charles Poteat. That's because he understands so many patients and families walk through the doors of the hospital already worried and anxious about the prognosis awaiting them or their loved one. So, Charles has made it his personal mission to bring a smile and reassurance to each person's face, making what could be a dreaded visit, a little easier. In fact, Charles has said, "If it's just for one second out of the day that I can make someone smile, that's what I'm going to do". On any given day of the week, you'll find him escorting patients to their destinations within the facility, along with helpful explanations about hospital administrative processes. Charles has also been known to surprise hospital employees with a freshly baked homemade cake to brighten their day. After spending over 10 years in law enforcement, then operating his own private investigative firm for almost 40 years, Charles, at the tender age of 80, chooses to wake up and help others feel more at ease during their visits to the facility. His enthusiastic attitude spreads joy and serves as a reminder that patients and their families are not alone. And, while Novant Health asks volunteers to serve a minimum four hour shift at least twice a month, Charles stands out as an exceptional volunteer, providing his support 5 days a week for at least 20 hours each week. In 2018, Charles faced some health challenges, but it didn't stop his commitment to serve; he promptly returned back to his post and still managed to give 1,035 hours that year to Novant Health. Charles's service and dedication to the hospital, along with everyone who enters his presence, is nothing short of amazing. His level of commitment is recognized throughout the facility, so much so that patients have taken to social media to sing his praises. Medical Park Hospital is very fortunate to have a volunteer so committed to its mission and the services provided to patients within their walls.

Myrtie Davis- Lifetime Achievement

Myrtie Davis is driven by three core principles: faith, family, and a passion for people. A retired school teacher, Myrtie has been delivering Meals-on-Wheels for 43 years. In earlier years, she often took her three children with her and today she continues the tradition with her grandchildren and the children of friends. While delivering meals, she ensures the seniors do not feel isolated and alone. Having been blessed with the gift of music and song, Myrtie often sings songs with them. She further shares her talent by serving as a member of the Treble Makers, a group of women who visit nursing homes and retirement communities to perform song-and-dance routines that entertain and delight the residents. This group has been going strong for 26 years and has raised over \$228,000 through a fundraiser luncheon for the past 14 years for Meals-on-Wheels—enough to provide more than 38,000 meals to seniors in need! Myrtie's long-term volunteerism doesn't stop there. She volunteered in the 1980s when downtown churches first began operating as shelters; at Samaritan Ministries where she served faithfully for over 20 years (and to this day volunteers with First Presbyterian Church as part of the overflow-shelter team and at Samaritan Inn,) with the Junior League, at Amos Cottage, with the Forsyth County Young Life Committee for 21 years, and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Myrtie will tell you that the inspiration for her service comes from Jesus and her strong faith. In fact, she is known throughout the community as an intentional listener and prayer partner--showing many the empathy, humility and humanity that leaves a lasting impact.



Moriah Gendy- National Service

Our first-ever winner in this category, Moriah Gendy has provided leadership way above her pay grade as a VISTA Leader for the Winston-Salem Community Action Coalition based at Wake Forest University. As an AmeriCorps VISTA member, Moriah lives off of a monthly stipend that is proportional to the poverty level in the community in which she serves—literally earning a “poverty wage.” Despite that financial hurdle, Moriah has, over the past year, consistently demonstrated her passion for service, providing essential mentorship and support to the eight other VISTA members serving with her. Working with local nonprofits, she has coordinated service projects for the team, including working with LEAD Girls of NC, Diaper Bank of the Triad, Meals-on-Wheels, and Habitat for Humanity. Together, they have given more than 200 hours of service in the past year—service that is in addition to their regular service site placements as VISTA members. Moriah is always eager to find new ways to benefit the most vulnerable of our neighbors in Winston-Salem, whether they be seniors, children, or families living in concentrated poverty. In so doing, her reach has expanded to Senior Services, The Shalom Project, Twin City Harm Reduction Collective, Kids Cooking Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, Urban League, and Wake Forest. Internally, she has become a core member of the Community Action Coalition team by instituting policies and practices that make everyone more effective and efficient, searching out new training opportunities for her cohort, developing new partnerships, and providing valuable feedback to other members of her team. We all hope that she continues to stay and serve in Winston-Salem long after her year of national service is complete!

The Legendary Labelers- Perseverance in Volunteerism

Frank Young and Mike Collison said their bond started when they had to figure out how to get Mike into Frank’s car. Mike, who uses a wheelchair, needed to lift himself out and lower himself into the car. It was a team effort—figuring it out as they went, but both were determined to get to their destination at Second Harvest Food Bank. Since then, Mike and Frank have volunteered together 16 hours a month inspecting donated eggs. This is no easy job as volunteers must carefully take each egg and hold it in front of a candling light, adeptly rolling it between their fingers to see it from all angles, checking for cracks, spots or abnormalities. Eggs that are deemed safe are placed into cartons, re-labeled with correct dates to ensure they are fresh and sent to partner agencies for distribution to families and seniors across northwest NC. They met at The Enrichment Center where Frank works with client volunteers and Mike serves as an active member of The Center’s Human Rights Committee, voice class, and Board of Directors. Since they have spent so much time together, Frank and Mike have developed a deep friendship and are known as the “Legendary Labelers” whose positive attitude is the hallmark of true dedication and service. Frank is a “quiet champion of his friend,” a soft spoken man of few words who truly cares for Mike and is dedicated to having him at Second Harvest each week. Mike senses this care, stating what he likes most about having Frank as a friend is that he always laughs at his jokes, is consistent, and reliable.



Joseph Turner- Senior

At 85-years-old, Mr. Joseph Turner has more energy than some of Kimberley Park Elementary School's youngest students. He comes in each day to read to and with every student in first grade, helping to increase their reading fluency and the love of literacy. Thanks to his wife Sandy, another loyal Kimberley Park volunteer, Mr. Turner has been volunteering at least eight hours per week for the past five years. He has never missed a day of volunteering except for a knee replacement surgery that only kept him away from his favorite school for one week! In addition to his generous donations of time, Mr. Turner and his family also donated enough money for all first grade students to go to Bookmarks and purchase \$20 in books for their home library along with a \$5 book for Brenner Children's Hospital at the end of the school year. Mr. Turner is an amazing gift to Kimberley Park Elementary School and has impacted the students by transcending age, race and gender. In so doing, he has developed relationships with students in each grade level and often sponsors field trips for students in need, in addition to lending financial support to the school-wide backpack food program. Even the Pre-K students look forward to "Mr. Turtle," as they call him, arriving each day so they can peer through their classroom window to wave and blow kisses. Once the school year is over, Mr. Turner continues to volunteer during the summer to help with the summer literacy camp. Can you keep up with this high-energy senior volunteer?

Dr. Richard Gray- Serving Youth

It takes a special individual to dedicate themselves to other children outside of their own. Dr. Richard Gray is a fixture at Walkertown High School because he has done exactly that. He serves as a chaplain at Forsyth Medical Center but spends up to thirty hours each week as a mentor at the school, greeting students each morning, supporting teachers, mentoring students, and communicating with their families. He has especially formed strong relationships with the young men at Walkertown, even while he has two of his own children at the school. He meets with students in regard to their grades, future plans, and counsels them through life experiences. He also attends athletic events, concerts, and celebrations to support the young people of Walkertown High School. He has visited students in the hospital, supported them at court dates, and attended and led funeral services of students' family members. If a student needs support in any capacity, Dr. Gray is there. He has met the need of the school community as an advocate for young people and served as a surrogate parent when needed. Additionally, Dr. Gray serves as an active member of the PTA. When athletic teams need meals before games, Dr. Gray arranges to get the students fed. He supports and loves the students, staff, and community of Walkertown High School. If it's best for students, Dr. Gray will work to make it happen. As his nominator put it, "every school needs a Dr. Gray."

Camilla Washington- Veterans/Military Families

To quote her nominator, Pastor Camilla Washington is "a remarkable woman who gives of herself and her time to the community she serves. She has rolled her sleeves up countless times to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most." She ministers to families who are in need of food and counseling, and has started a discussion group called "The Platform Summit" that is focused on race relations. However, Pastor Washington has a very special place in her heart for veterans that are in need of housing. In partnership with her husband and Whole Man Ministries, she has developed an initiative just for this population. A permanent housing project that focuses on helping veterans obtain a safe, energy-efficient living environment, "Homes 4 Our Heroes" has been making dreams come true since its inception. From gutting and completely renovating a home for a veteran's family, renovating and maintaining a 10-unit complex of homes for veterans, and ensuring that wrap-around support services are obtained, Pastor Washington has helped render a rare and essential service for an extremely deserving population in our community.



THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and to encourage more people to serve. The Council created the **President's Volunteer Service Award program** as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. The program continues as an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), recognizes United States citizens and lawful permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period. Congratulations to the following Governor's Awards nominees who have also received one of these national awards.

Gold: Maya Agger, Dr. Marcus Barr, Norma Corley, Edward Cox, Myrtie Davis, Moriah Gendy, Dr. Richard Gray, Mitzi Hahn, Herbalife, Deanna Perez, Jane Poe, Charles Poteat, Liz Price, Darlene Talbot, The Shepherd's Center Singers, Dr. Anne Wallen, Camilla Washington, Yvette Willard, Frances Wilson

Silver: Denise Hammond, Judy Manns, Merry Meals Volunteers, Dorothy Orzel, Gloria Samuels, Maria Talbert, Joseph Turner, Whole Man Ministries Food Bank

Bronze: Augustine Literacy Project Tutors, Elite Canine's Comfort Dogs, HanesBrands, Inc., Fran Hawkins, Colleen Lopina, Carol Strom, The Legendary Labelers, WestRock, Women Of Action

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A special "thank you" to our volunteer **selection committee** for their attentive and thoughtful consideration of the nominations to determine each of our category winners.

Jennifer Cobb
T. Sharee Fowler
Tahja Gaymon
Kenneth Holly
Beth Hoover-DeBerry

Emily James
Debbie Linville
Dianne Lytle
Betty Maine
Torry Reynolds

Daisy Rodriguez
Renee Rogers
Christina Stewart
Shannon Stokes
Cindy Strine

Natalie Webb
Meridith Whitaker
Kathleen Wiener
Susan Wiles

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The People's Choice Award is voted upon by members of the public through a portal on The Winston-Salem Journal's website after reviewing brief profiles of all of our nominees. This process is separate and different from the category winner selection process. Many thanks to the hundreds of our neighbors who voted! For the first time this year, the winner of the People's Choice Award was also a category winner, **Myrtie Davis**.



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- **The Salvation Army of Greater Winston-Salem**
- **The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem**
- **The Winston-Salem Foundation**
- **Walkertown High School**
- **Whole Man Ministries**

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