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Gov. Beshear Honors Kentuckians from 10 Counties at Annual Service Awards Ceremony

List of honorees comprises 12 volunteers, organizations

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 25, 2025) – On Wednesday, April 23, the 12 winners of the 29th Governor’s Service Award were recognized for exceptional service and dedication to their communities.

Serve Kentucky hosted the ceremony during National Volunteer Week at The Foundry on Broadway in Frankfort.

Rocky Adkins, senior advisor to Gov. Andy Beshear, attended this week’s event.

“I’m truly honored to be here today,” said Adkins. “I want to thank everybody in this room for what they do to help us build a better Kentucky... Every day the people in this room wake up and try to think of ways to make someone’s life better.”

Serve Kentucky, an agency within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), coordinates the annual awards ceremony, which included eight individual and four group awards.

“The recipients of these awards deserve recognition for the hard work they perform for the citizens of their communities,” said Gov. Beshear. “Their selfless acts can have a profound effect and encourage and uplift everyone around them.”

Awardees were recognized for their various contributions to their communities, including support for youth, addiction recovery, and advocating for individuals with disabilities.

“This is how we work together. This is how we make Kentucky better – it’s not about dividing,” said CHFS Secretary Eric Friedlander. “We have a state motto: United we stand, divided we fall. Let’s live by that.”

A list of honorees and their hometowns can be viewed and downloaded [here](#) along with [photos](#).

For more information about the Governor's Service Awards, Kentucky's AmeriCorps programs and volunteerism, visit: serve.ky.gov.

In addition to coordinating the Governor's Service Awards, Serve Kentucky currently administers 25 AmeriCorps program grants with more than \$13.8 million in federal grant funds along with supporting other community service programs across the commonwealth.

State Service Commissions oversee the annual grant competition that awards funding to AmeriCorps State programs, determine social needs in their states, set policy and program priorities, provide training and assistance, support national days of service and promote service and volunteering.

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