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Gov. Beshear Honors Kentuckians From 13 Counties at Annual Service Awards Ceremony

List of honorees comprises 30 volunteers, organizations

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 16, 2024) – Gov. Andy Beshear recognized exceptional volunteerism and service contributions at the 28th Annual Governor’s Service Awards located at The Foundry in Frankfort.

“Today, we recognize selfless individuals and organizations that have made a significant impact in our communities,” **said Gov. Beshear**. “Even small acts of kindness can have a powerful effect by showing what is possible. Every Kentuckian has a unique talent that can be shared.”

Serve Kentucky, an agency within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, coordinates the annual awards ceremony, which included 14 individual and 16 group awards.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Eric Friedlander said he’s inspired by those who light the world with their service: “From foster care to after-school tutoring, hunger relief to mobile dentistry, conflict resolution and so much more, you make a tremendous difference in the lives of Kentuckians. Congratulations to the class of 2023 and thank you for your service.”

“Kentucky is stronger because 30 volunteers and organizations accepted the challenge to positively impact their communities,” **said Joe Bringardner, Serve Kentucky executive director**. “By bearing each other’s burdens we can comfort those in need, create connection and drive positive change.”

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

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



In addition to coordinating the Governor's Service Awards, Serve Kentucky currently administers 23 AmeriCorps program grants with more than \$14 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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