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## **Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes to recognize outstanding individuals and organizations for their service at the 2021 Governor's Service Awards on August 4, 2021**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes will attend the 2021 Governor's Service Awards to honor nine individuals and five organizations from throughout the state for their outstanding volunteerism and service to the people of Wisconsin. The honorees' volunteerism and service addressed critical issues impacting Wisconsin communities throughout the last year, including COVID-19 response, food insecurity and nutrition, health care access, and academic and social support gaps for students.

In addition, Governor Evers and Serve Wisconsin will recognize 221 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who have volunteered to help our fellow Wisconsinites for 20 years or more. This recognition was added to the annual ceremony this year and will become a yearly tradition.

Recipients will be honored at the Governor's Service Awards ceremony, to be held at the Monona Terrace in Madison at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

Governor Tony Evers will be opening the ceremony with recorded remarks and Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes will be present to conclude the ceremony with his closing remarks and to take photographs with the honorees. In addition to attending in person, media and the general public can virtually attend the awards at the following links:

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FpGPVqXPkJO>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/525154281905981/>

Additional information about the Governor's Service Awards, including past winners, can be found at <https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/governors-service-awards>



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## **2021 HONOREES**

### **AmeriCorps Member of the Year Honoree:**

Tre' Wafford – College Possible Milwaukee (Milwaukee, WI)

### **AmeriCorps Program of the Year Honoree:**

Department of Public Instruction AmeriCorps Farm to School Program (statewide)

### **AmeriCorps VISTA Member of the Year Honoree:**

Colin Mackey – Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin (Baraboo, WI)

### **AmeriCorps VISTA Program of the Year Honoree:**

Wisconsin Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (statewide)

### **AmeriCorps Alumni of the Year Honoree:**

Katherine Matisse – originally served with Teach For America Milwaukee and currently the Executive Director of TwoBirds Tutoring Co. (Milwaukee, WI)

### **AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer of the Year Honoree:**

Mildred "Dolly" McGeshick - Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Senior Companions Program (Crandon, WI)

### **AmeriCorps Seniors Program of the Year Honoree:**

Copper Lake / Lincoln Hills Foster Grandparent Program (Irma, WI)

### **AmeriCorps Seniors Lifetime Impact Volunteer Honoree:**

Betty Elsner – RSVP of Dane County, Inc. (Stoughton, WI)

### **AmeriCorps Seniors Lifetime Impact Volunteer Honoree:**

Sally Vyvyan – Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program – Foster Grandparent Program (Westby, WI)

### **Volunteer Coordinator of the Year:**

Maryssa Paulsen – MCHS Volunteer Wisconsin at New Leaf Foods, Inc. (Green Bay, WI)

### **COVID-19 Response Service Award:**

Lisa Penterman – Be Well Fox Valley AmeriCorps Program (Appleton, WI)

### **COVID-19 Response Service Award:**

Don Strube – RSVP Program of Portage County (Stevens Point, WI)

### **COVID-19 Response Service Award:**

Marshfield Clinic Health System AmeriCorps Volunteer Wisconsin (statewide)

### **COVID-19 Response Service Award:**

Silver Threads – RSVP Program of Portage County (Stevens Point, WI)

## ***AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteers with 20+ Years of Service***

### **ADVOCAP RSVP**

Paul Reiden  
Janet VanLankVelt

### **CESA 10 Foster Grandparents Program**

Kathleen Margraf  
Barbara Robinson  
Mildred Schweinler  
Lorraine Schluter

### **Northwest Wisconsin Community**

#### **Services Agency RSVP**

Virgina Benninghoff  
Reino Hill  
Mary D Hudson  
Jeanne Hultman  
Rita Kovach  
Sharon Manthei  
Doris Morello  
Donna Roguski  
Ruth Smith  
June Steel  
Patricia Summerfield  
Mary A. Sveda  
Shirely Thoen  
Jean Vandevoorde

### **RSVP of Brown County**

Barbara Beaver  
Dorothy Perpich  
Yvonne Ward

### **RSVP of Coulee Region**

Betty Baier  
Pat Blanchard  
Sister Fran Browning  
Patricia Forer  
Betty Fukuda  
Gerrie Gerke  
Evelyn Hammes  
Mary Hanson  
Velma Lutz  
Carol Parker  
Dorothy Paulikas  
Marilyn Pertsch  
Charlotte Phelps  
George Renner  
Dorothy Ricke  
Winnie Solberg

### **RSVP of Dane County**

Barbara Arntz  
Bill J. Arthur  
Melvern L. Bankes  
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Joanne Berschet  
Valerie Birrenkott  
Dorothy Blotz  
Walter Brinkmann  
Barbara L. Bristol  
Paul L. Brown  
Marge Bucholz  
Ruth Conrad  
Lynne S. Diebel  
Kathryn Disch  
Marian Drake  
Irene Draper  
Mary Lee Eaton  
Mary Eichelkraut  
Betty Elsner  
Jeannette M. Erickson  
Karen J. Foy  
George E. Fuller  
Grant Gelhar  
Marlene Gerner  
Dorothy I. Handrick  
Caroll Heiderman  
Robert W. Hoffman  
Marcia C. Holman  
Lee Ihlenfeldt  
Berneice Jelle  
Margaret Jensen  
Everett E. Johnson  
Phyllis J. Johnson  
Gary W. Karl  
Dorothy Karls  
Janet J. Knutson  
Doris Koster  
Terry L. Kringle  
Frederick Kruger  
Ethel Lamboley  
Adolph E. Leueberger  
Saul Levin  
Francis C. Long  
Virginia A. Lunde  
Julie Madden  
Louise Maier  
Charlotte Marshall  
Jim D. Meyer  
Margaret E. Meyer

Wayne G. Meyer  
Robert Moe  
Sharon M. Mogensen  
Nancy Nesheim  
Marie Oakeson  
Peter Orlik  
Pat Osborn  
Shirley Outerbridge  
Sharon A. Owen  
Barbara Palmer  
Suzanne Penfield  
Helen Pertzborn  
Kenneth J. Pippert  
Georgia Post  
Elizabeth Rewey  
David Rice  
Rob Rodini  
Charles Rose  
Dick Royston  
Robert L. Ruder  
Harold Sabot  
Joan Schneeberger  
Kay L. Schoonmaker  
Florence Smith  
Susan Sorrentino  
Mary Stamstad  
Henrietta Statz  
Dawn E. Stucki  
Robert F. Syvrud  
Judy Tegtman  
Bill Thiede  
Jeanne Topel  
Robert Topel  
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Roger D. Utermark  
Charlotte Viney  
Delories Vosen  
Evelyn Wagner  
Bruce Whiting  
Colleen Winckensten  
Doris Zweifel

**RSVP of Kenosha County**

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Eleanor Gapko  
Catherine Higgins  
John Hoffman  
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Carol Knight  
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Maxine Silvius  
Marilyn Strangberg

**RSVP of Portage County**

Holly Ballenger  
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Janice Catlin  
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Julie Firkus  
Joyce Gilligan  
Carol Grasamkee  
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Judith Lechelt  
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Norma Olin  
Joann Petersons  
Eva Pickett  
Phil Pickett  
Alfred Pinnow  
Beth Schmuck  
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Marcia Stenberg  
Marge Terneus  
Dorothy Warriner  
Gene Wenham  
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Nancy Schmidt  
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