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### **Volunteer Louisiana Seeks Champions of Service Nominations**

Volunteer Louisiana is currently seeking nominations of outstanding volunteers and national service members for its Champions of Service Awards Gala. Nominations are open to any person, group, or business who has demonstrated compassion and dedication, leadership and initiative, or innovation and creativity in addressing community challenges and serving others. Volunteer Louisiana will recognize one champion from each of the six geographic regions throughout the state as well as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and corporate volunteer champions.

“Volunteerism shows the strength of Louisiana’s character and the resilience of our spirit,” said Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser. “I am proud to help celebrate the achievements of our service champions because their hard work and dedication assists us in times of disaster and everyday life.”

Volunteer Louisiana, in its 26<sup>th</sup> year as the State Service Commission, presents this annual award and gala as a way to highlight the legacy of national service and volunteerism in Louisiana. According to Judd Jeansonne, Executive Director of Volunteer Louisiana, “Volunteers and national service members are Louisiana’s unsung heroes. This is a great way to honor their achievements and raise the profile of service and volunteerism in our great state.”

Volunteer Louisiana and Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser will host the Champions of Service Gala at the Capital Park Museum in Baton Rouge, Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Tickets and sponsorships will be available through the Volunteer Louisiana Foundation.

The Champions of Service nomination deadline is December 15, 2018 with winners announced in early February, 2019.

Volunteer Louisiana, the State Service Commission, manages AmeriCorps State programs, promotes volunteerism, and coordinates spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers in times of disaster. It is supported by grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service and is housed in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. For more information on nomination guidelines or to submit a nomination, visit

<http://www.volunteerlouisiana.gov/volunteering/grant-opportunities>

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