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Seeking Nominations for Governor’s Points of Light,
First Lady’s Outstanding Community Service and Impact Awards

(Lincoln, Neb.) The Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission (NVSC) is seeking nominations for awards that honor some of Nebraska’s most dedicated volunteers. The First Lady’s Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards and new Impact Awards are bestowed on individuals and groups at the annual Governor’s Conference on Community Service. This year’s Conference is scheduled for March 31 – April 1, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Omaha Convention Center.

The Quarterly Governor’s Points of Light Awards honor individuals, groups and youths who have provided exemplary community service throughout Nebraska. Nominations for these awards remain eligible for one year from the date they are received. The nomination form for this award is available at: http://www.nvsc.ne.gov/content/awards.html#pointsoflight.

The First Lady’s Outstanding Community Service Awards have a special emphasis on education, and honor adult, youth and group nominees in a variety of categories. These include Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism, as well as outstanding achievement in Service-Learning, School Leadership and Environmental Education programs. Nominations for these awards will be accepted until February 25, 2008. The full list of award categories and profiles of previous winners of the First Lady’s Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards are available online at: http://www.nvsc.ne.gov/content/awards.html#firstlady.

The newest awards for Nebraska’s volunteers – the Impact Awards – honor individuals and groups who have gone above-and-beyond in addressing the needs of their communities and bettering the quality of life for their fellow Nebraskans. An additional award encompassed within the Impact Awards is the Debra Hartmann Award. This award – named after former NVSC Executive Director Debra Hartmann - honors an individual whose efforts, through a paid professional position in the areas of volunteerism or national service, has significantly improved the quality of life of their fellow Nebraskans or Nebraska communities. Any staff member – regardless of title or sector – is an eligible nominee. Nominations for the Impact Awards are also being accepted through February 25, 2008. The online nomination form is available at: http://www.nvsc.ne.gov/content/awards.html#impact.

Nomination forms and additional information about NVSC’s Awards Program are available online at http://www.nvsc.ne.gov/content/awards.html.

The Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission pursues its mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

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