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Governor Presents Union College and Project Impact with Prestigious Points of Light Volunteer Award

Lincoln, Neb. – In 1981, Union College had a vision of providing a day of service to needed individuals in the Lincoln community. Ten years later it evolved into Project Impact which is a day of service planned, led and executed by Union College student leaders. Each fall the students and staff take a day off of classes and introduce by example the value of service and connecting with the Lincoln community. This is the largest and longest running community service project of any college or university in the nation. In 2011, Union College partnered with 72 different community service agencies in Lincoln to thank them for their services by offering a day of service to them. With over 90% participation in one day, the volunteer event resulted in 4000 hours of service. The day's activities not only serve the community but they expose the students to the joy of service which is continued in individual ways throughout the year. "What impresses me the most about the Project Impact program is that Union College sends students out here every Friday night school is in session to help serve supper at the Mission," Amy Cink, People's City Mission. Union College and Project Impact is very deserving of the Points of Light award for their 30 years of service.

Also recognized at the ceremony and receiving the Youth Award was Mikayla Savell-Flott, a freshman at Creighton University for her volunteer efforts and service to the Omaha community. Receiving the Adult Award was Dr. Roger Fisher of Lincoln for his work with Clinic With A Heart in establishing a dental program.

Each quarter, a panel of judges from across Nebraska reviews award nominations and make final recommendations to the Governor. To nominate individuals and groups for the Governor's Points of Light Awards who have made a difference through volunteerism, visit the ServeNebraska website at www.serve.nebraska.gov or call Kimberle Hall 800-291-8911 or 402-471-6228. **The next nomination deadline is March 15, 2012.**

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