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## **Nominations Sought for First Lady's Service Awards**

(Lincoln, Neb.) ServeNebraska is accepting nominations to honor volunteerism and service throughout Nebraska with the annual First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards. **The nomination period for these awards is November 15, 2012 through February 15, 2013.** Honorees will be recognized at the First Lady's Awards Luncheon on April 12, 2013 in Kearney.

The First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards reflect Nebraska First Lady Sally Ganem's passion for education, and honor adult, youth and group nominees in a variety of categories. Eleven awards will be presented, one in each of the following categories:

- Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service
- Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer Group of the Year
- Service-Learning Program
- Community Partnership in Education
- Business Support for Education
- School Volunteer Program
- Student Leader
- Community Service Project
- National Service Award
- Professional Commitment to Service: Debra Hartman Award

Among the Awards is the Debra Hartmann Award which honors a staff member whose efforts in the areas of professional commitment to national service or volunteerism have significantly improved the quality of life of their fellow Nebraskans.

"The Good Life we enjoy and the high national volunteerism ranking we honor will only continue if the ethic of service and commitment to community we all have is continued in future generations of Nebraskans," First Lady Sally Ganem.

Details including award categories, the nomination form and instructions, and past honorees are available online at [www.serve.nebraska.gov](http://www.serve.nebraska.gov) or contact Kimberle Hall at 402-471-6228 or [kim.hall@nebraska.gov](mailto:kim.hall@nebraska.gov).

ServeNebraska mobilizes Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

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