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## **Creighton Community Schools student receives Governor's Points of Light youth award for volunteer service**

**Lincoln, Neb.** – Carrie Lagen, a senior at Creighton Community Schools is a leader in the student body when it comes to volunteer service. Today she was honored by Governor Heineman and First Lady Sally Ganem with the Governor's Points of Light youth award at a ceremony in the Warner Chamber at the State Capitol. The awards are sponsored by ServeNebraska, Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and presented quarterly in recognition of volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to help Nebraskans build stronger communities.

Carrie has volunteered at the Creighton VFW serving breakfast, trick or treating for Creighton Goldenrod Hills food pantry, participated in purchasing, wrapping and delivering gifts for Gifts of Joy. She collected, boxed and delivered 234 pairs of shoes for the Orphan Grain Train. Additionally, Carrie has painted ball park bleachers, supervised elementary children during parent teacher conferences, planned games for, and helped host the elementary carnival on street safety, and constructed 17 pairs of shorts for a Catholic mission trip to Jamaica for a total of 60 FCCLA volunteer hours.

Carrie is an officer in FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) and motivates others to get involved in service work due to the example she sets. Carrie has collaborated with at least 10 different community organizations upon their request or her identification of a need.

Carrie has logged over 230 hours of volunteer service within the Creighton community. She assisted Creighton Chamber of Commerce with the city home show and Santa land display. She's active in her church, Zion Lutheran as an acolyte, VBS teacher, Sunday school teacher and assists with fundraisers. Carrie has volunteered with the Red Cross blood drive, assisted Creighton Community Schools with youth dance, cheer, wrestling and basketball. Carrie is a shining light in her community and is always ready to do any type of volunteer work, with any age and is able to motivate others to get involved.

To nominate a youth, adult or group for a Governor's Points of Light Award who have made a difference through volunteerism and community service, visit the ServeNebraska website at [www.serve.nebraska.gov](http://www.serve.nebraska.gov). The next nomination deadline is June 15, 2013.

ServeNebraska pursues its mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

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