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Springfield Girl Receives Governor's Points of Light Youth Award

Lincoln, Neb. – Governor Dave Heineman presented the Nebraska Governor's Points of Light Awards at a ceremony in Warner Chamber at the State Capitol in Lincoln on February 16 at 10:30 a.m.. The awards are presented quarterly in recognition of volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to help Nebraskans build stronger communities.

As a junior at Platteview High School in Springfield, Nebraska, Taylor Grace has organized over 100 volunteers to participate in a beautification project at the Omaha Salvation Army Lied Renaissance Center campus and established an on-site vegetable garden. She has over 200 volunteer hours logged for both projects. Through her outreach efforts for community donations towards the vegetable gardens she has kept the annual budget to under \$50.00. The produce from the gardens is available to those using the campus Food Pantry and residents of Durham Booth Manor, the senior housing center. Taylor is very deserving of the Governor's Point of Light Award and an outstanding volunteer in her community.

Also recognized at the ceremony and receiving the Adult Award were Bill and Evonne Williams, Omaha, for their volunteer efforts in organizing the Heartland Honor Flights for WWII veterans. The Group Award was presented to Mourning Hope Grief Center in Lincoln for their dedicated and trained volunteers in working with bereaved children and families.

Each quarter, Commissioners from ServeNebraska review award nominations and make final recommendations to the Governor. The Points of Light awards are sponsored by Woodmen of the World.

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 800-291-8911 or 402-471-6228.

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