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## Join ServeNebraska in Celebrating Volunteers at the Eighth Annual Step Forward Awards

The ServeNebraska Step Forward Awards recognizes exemplary volunteers across the state for their time and service aimed at making our communities better.

What: The Step Forward Awards are the most prestigious awards given for volunteerism in the state of

Nebraska

Where: Omaha, Nebraska; Register at serve.nebraska.gov

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022

**Time:** 11:00 am

Eleven Nebraskans will be honored at this year's Step Forward Awards held on Thursday, October 27 in Omaha.

Special recognition will be given to the 2022 Lifetime Achievement and the Jamesena Moore Making a Difference Service Awardees. The Lifetime Achievement award is the highest honor bestowed upon a Nebraska citizen for their volunteer service. Henry Potter of Willow Island is the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Awardee and is being honored for his founding of the organization L2 for Kids and its mission to provide children with clothes for the first day of school.

The Jamesena Moore Making a Difference Service Award was named in honor of founding ServeNebraska Commissioner, Jamesena Moore. The award was created in 2019 as a part of the 25th-anniversary celebration of ServeNebraska. This year's award will go to Congressman Bacon for support of several initiatives to remove barriers to members serving their communities nationwide.

"Volunteers are part of what makes Nebraska such a great place to live," said Cathleen Plager, executive director of ServeNebraska. "We're proud to partner with the Governor's office to celebrate them for all they do for our communities."

For more information and to register to attend the Step Forward Awards, please visit <u>serve.nebraska.gov</u>. Registration closes October 5, 2022.

# **2022 Step Forward Award Honorees:**

Adult Volunteer: David Hogsett – Lamar, Neb.

Youth Volunteer Leadership: Raelynn Terveer – Norfolk, Neb.

**Veteran Volunteer:** Rhonda McClellan – Lincoln, Neb.

**Senior Volunteer:** Kris Peterson – Lincoln, Neb.

National Service: Zoey Ballard – Lincoln, Neb.

Volunteer Group: North Platte Buffalo Bill Kiwanis – North Platte, Neb.

### **Corporate Community Volunteers:**

Small Business: Fusion Medical Staffing – Omaha, Neb.

Large Business: Bosselman Enterprises – Grand Island, Neb.

**Disaster Volunteer:** Dodge County Amateur Radio Emergency Services – Fremont, Neb.

Jamesena Moore Making a Difference Service Award: Congressman Don Bacon – Omaha, Neb.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Henry Potter – Willow Island, Neb.

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#### About ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, coordinates and supports community involvement by Nebraskans to address the needs of our communities. We coordinate AmeriCorps programming, ServeNebraska Week, a coordinated statewide week of volunteerism, and celebrate volunteer achievements through the annual Step Forward Awards.