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**SERVENEBRASKA ANNOUNCES 5th ANNUAL STEP FORWARD AWARDS; SEEKS
NOMINATIONS**

Lincoln, NE – ServeNebraska is seeking nominations for the 5th annual Step Forward Awards. As the most prestigious awards offered to volunteers in Nebraska, the Step Forward Awards serve to honor those volunteers who have worked to make their community a stronger place. Finalists and award recipients will be selected by the governor. Businesses, civic clubs, schools, and other organizations are asked to submit the name of individuals whose efforts are worthy of this recognition. Nominations will close August 30th.

Nomination categories include: Adult Volunteer, Youth Volunteer, Senior Volunteer, Volunteer Group, Corporate Community Volunteer, National Service, Veteran Volunteer, Disaster Volunteer, Community Media Partner, and Lifetime Achievement.

“Every day, volunteers across Nebraska step forward, going the extra mile by providing essential services or meeting critical needs in their communities,” said Cathleen Plager, executive director of ServeNebraska. “The Step Forward Awards provides an opportunity to recognize these individuals or groups for their time, dedication, and work in service to others.”

For more information about ServeNebraska and the Step Forward Awards, or to submit a nomination, visit www.Serve.Nebraska.gov

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About ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska is governed by a 17-member, bi-partisan board appointed by the governor. ServeNebraska’s mission is to mobilize Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through collaboration, volunteering, and national service. ServeNebraska oversees AmeriCorps programming, hosts the state’s most prestigious volunteer awards, and provides training and technical assistance to program staff throughout Nebraska. To learn more, visit www.serve.nebraska.gov