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**Volunteer Louisiana Seeks Champions of Service Nominations**

Volunteer Louisiana is currently seeking nominations of outstanding volunteers and national service members for its Champions of Service Awards Gala. Nominations are open to any person, group, or business who has demonstrated compassion and dedication, leadership and initiative, or innovation and creativity in addressing community challenges and serving others. Volunteer Louisiana will recognize one Champion of Service from each of six geographic regions throughout the state as well as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and corporate volunteer champions.

In 2018, Volunteer Louisiana will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the legacy of national service and volunteerism in Louisiana. According to Judd Jeansonne, Executive Director of Volunteer Louisiana, "There are volunteers and national service members in every community who work tirelessly to improve the lives of Louisiana citizens. We want to recognize the contributions of these everyday heroes and raise the profile of service and volunteerism in our great state."

Volunteer Louisiana and Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser will host the Champions of Service Gala at the Capital Park Museum in Baton Rouge, Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Tickets and sponsorships will be available through the Volunteer Louisiana Foundation.

"Volunteerism shows the strength of Louisiana's character and the resilience of our spirit," said Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser. "I am proud to help celebrate the achievements of our service champions."

The Champions of Service nomination deadline is January 17, 2018 with winners announced in early February. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit [VolunteerLouisiana.gov](http://VolunteerLouisiana.gov).

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Volunteer Louisiana manages 17 AmeriCorps State programs, promotes volunteerism, and coordinates spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers in times of disaster. It is supported by grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service and is housed in Office of Lt. Governor.