

## Group Nominations

# 2023 Giving From the Heart Volunteer Awards: Submission #9

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### ► SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Category	Group (2 or more)	
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Denny Schell	Denny Schell Dennis Hampton David & Aaron Williams Jack Randall
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address		
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address		
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number		
Volunteer Job Title:	ECCCM Weekend Grocery Drivers	
Years volunteered with organization:	10	
Hours volunteered per week:	8	
Organization Name:	Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry	
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address		
Nominator	Allen Sherrill ECCCM	

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**Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteering with the agency/organization they serve. (250 words maximum)**

These guys come in, rain or shine, and go to the local grocery stores and pick up the groceries for us every weekend. They have a rotation of which days and weekends are their's and they stick to it. They are reliable as clockwork, and if they can't do it, they let the staff or each other know well in advance and make sure everything is covered. They also cover a lot of the holidays for us.

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**Describe nominee's accomplishments and how their service has helped meet critical needs in our community. (300 words maximum)**

Getting these groceries are essential to ECCCM's operations. The food they pick up on the weekends is what we use to serve folks on Mondays, which tends to be one of our biggest days. These drivers come in on their own, take the company van around to the stores, bring everything back, and then load everything in the coolers for us to have ready for Mondays. It is such a huge help for us to come in Monday mornings, and have all of this food ready to go.

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**Describe nominee's special skills, qualities and/or leadership qualities. (250 words maximum)**

This job comes with a lot of responsibility. These drivers are given keys to the building and have access to our van as well. They are also representatives of who we are out in the community while they are out on these runs. These guys never disappoint. They always handle their business and keep everything together. If something goes haywire or questions arise, they will let the staff know immediately, and things will be handled. These guys not only provide a lot of great help, but also a great deal of peace of mind for our staff.

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**Explain why you nominated this person(s) for the Giving From the Heart Award. (300 words maximum)**

These drivers help us with a critical task and take a lot of pressure off our staff. These grocery pick ups have to be made, and if we don't have volunteers to do it, then it up to the staff. We have a very small food pantry staff with a lot on their plates. Having these weekend runs to do as well as their weekly activities would be even more draining on a staff that already has the odds stacked against them. It's really thanks to these drivers that our staff is able to get the rest they need on the weekend, so that we can come in and take care of everything and everybody during the week. ECCCM is a team effort. And these weekend grocery drivers are an essential part of that team.

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<b>Category</b>	Group (2 or more)
<b>Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name</b>	Nancy M Wall, ECCCM Thrift Store Golden Girls (Nancy Wall, Carol Dickinson, Jane Wesdyk, Ramona Ervin, Sylvia Hansmann, Betty McGee)
<b>Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Nominee/Group Contact Email Address</b>	
<b>Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number</b>	
<b>Volunteer Job Title:</b>	ECCCM Thrift Store Donation Sorters
<b>Years volunteered with organization:</b>	10
<b>Hours volunteered per week:</b>	30
<b>Organization Name:</b>	ECCCM
<b>Volunteer Organization Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Nominator</b>	Cailee Swallow ECCCM

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**Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteering with the agency/organization they serve. (250 words maximum)**

Our group of thrift store volunteers have serving our organization for over 10 years. Combined, these ladies provide us with at least 30 hours of manpower on a weekly basis. Without their invaluable help, the store wouldn't have the success its had this past year and be the pillar it has become in our local community.

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**Describe nominee's accomplishments and how their service has helped meet critical needs in our community. (300 words maximum)**

ECCCM's donation sorters make our thrift store run smoothly. Without their dedication & assistance, Thrifty Treasures & Threads wouldn't be able to bring out new items daily and give our customers the initiative to return on a regular basis. They help keep our sales high and our thrift store a constant success within the community.

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**Describe nominee's special skills, qualities and/or leadership qualities. (250 words maximum)**

Donation sorting, item pricing, hanging clothes, setting up holiday displays, running a cash register

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**Explain why you nominated this person(s) for the Giving From the Heart Award. (300 words maximum)**

One morning when our thrift store volunteers were sorting through a bin of clothing donations, Nancy came across \$2,000 cash in a women's coat pocket. She immediately informed the store's manager, Cailee, who then turned the money over to the Executive Director of ECCCM. The office staff later found out that the donor recently lost his wife and she left that money for him. The grieving donor, who had no idea about the money, was so touched that the organization would reach out to him and give back such a large amount of cash. Had it not been for the kindness of our thrift store volunteers, this donor might have never known about the generous gift his late wife left him.

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## ► SUBMISSION INFORMATION

<b>Category</b>	Group (2 or more)
<b>Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name</b>	Frances Reese
<b>Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Nominee/Group Contact Email Address</b>	
<b>Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number</b>	
<b>Volunteer Job Title:</b>	Sandwich Makers/Food Delivery
<b>Years volunteered with organization:</b>	5
<b>Hours volunteered per week:</b>	10
<b>Organization Name:</b>	The Corner Table
<b>Volunteer Organization Mailing Address</b>	
	The Corner Table
<b>Nominator</b>	

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**Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteering with the agency/organization they serve. (250 words maximum)**

Every Thursday morning Frances Reese and her niece Debbie Isenhower comes to The Corner Table at 8:15 (no matter what the weather is) to make 150-300 sandwiches for our weekly To Go Bags. They immediately get their baggies, meats, bread and necessary supplies and get to work. Every sandwich is made like a professional. Once this task is complete, they go to work preparing their weekly deliveries from our Debbie Payseur Frozen Meal Program. They deliver meals all over Catawba County to shut-ins from St. Stephens Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (their home church). They make sure there is a meal for five days and each one is different for each recipient. They hand out over 50 meals a week. There have been some days when the weather was so bad that we encouraged Frances and Debbie to wait until the next day to deliver meals. However, they feel their shut-ins rely on them weekly. In some instances, Debbie goes in and puts the meals in the freezer for their "clients" and just checks in to say hello. We might add that Uber Driver Frances is 85 years old.

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**Describe nominee's accomplishments and how their service has helped meet critical needs in our community. (300 words maximum)**

Along with Frances and Debbie's commitment to The Corner Table, Frances started the program, "Lunchbox for Seniors" at her church. Five years ago, Frances decided there were too many shut in members at her church that didn't get a lot of visits or warm, homecooked meals. For a while she was cooking beans, macaroni, and anything she could come up with in her home and then delivering Tupperware bowls to a few people. However, that became impossible as the list of needs and recipients was growing by leaps and bounds. The Pastors were calling her at home and asking her if she could add this person and that person to her meal list. Then, she decided to ask for volunteers from the church, and the next thing you know they are cooking the 3rd Tuesday of each month for approximately 50-60 people in a church kitchen. The Corner Table assists them with food donations and desserts to prepare the meals. Frances lines up drivers and meals are delivered by 11:30 AM. She and Debbie prep everything days before/plan the meals and gather up what is necessary to get the job done. At 85 years old, Frances always says "those sweet old people need a visit and a good meal", and that is exactly what is received each month.

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**Describe nominee's special skills, qualities and/or leadership qualities. (250 words maximum)**

Frances and Debbie both love to help people. They are also great cooks! They knew getting involved with The Corner Table would allow them to use both of their passions to make a difference. They are extremely hard workers, organized, and very dependable volunteers. They are willing to oversee programs or activities and assist in their growth. They are leaders among our volunteer base as well as their church congregations. They possess all the qualities we look for in volunteers!

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Explain why you nominated this person(s) for the Giving From the Heart Award. (300 words maximum)

Frances Reese and Debbie Isehower are two of the most Christian women you will ever meet. They are compassionate and the kind of people that would go out of their way to help the less fortunate, the homebound or anyone who else who needs it. They are perfect examples that the mere act of giving fills a person's life with joy and his/her happiness multiplies. They care about everyone and believe every life is precious and important. Their genuine happiness comes from giving to others. The Corner Table appreciates everything these two do for us on a weekly basis, and shut ins they serve throughout the county appreciate them as well. Both of these ladies certainly give of their hearts each day.

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Category	Group (2 or more)
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Ringo Nguyen
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	Director of Marketing Media & Advertising
Years volunteered with organization:	1
Hours volunteered per week:	20
Organization Name:	VOICE-Volunteer Outreach In Community Efforts
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	Marcia Hubbard VOICE- Volunteer Outreach In Community Efforts

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**Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteering with the agency/organization they serve. (250 words maximum)**

Ringo is a student at LR and was team leader of 3 other students to build a website for VOICE. He has inspired his fellow students to go above and beyond to help out VOICE. Now Ringo and fellow student Jordan Shealey are officers within VOICE. With a team of now "VOICE Innovators" the other 2 students are already implementing a chapter of VOICE at LR.

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**Describe nominee's accomplishments and how their service has helped meet critical needs in our community. (300 words maximum)**

Ringo along with Jordan Shealey, Brian Kirkland and James Meannle all LR students not only built VOICE a website but went beyond their classroom assignment. Creating a Video for VOICE, flyers, brochures and implementing a shoe drive on campus. They are dedicated to help VOICE bring Awareness to the needs of homeless and Veterans in Catawba County.

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**Describe nominee's special skills, qualities and/or leadership qualities. (250 words maximum)**

Ringo inspires others to push hard and excel. He spent over 43 hours editing the VOICE video. As their professor said all the work the students put in wasn't part of their grade that they put their heart into this and fully embraced it.

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**Explain why you nominated this person(s) for the Giving From the Heart Award. (300 words maximum)**

I nominated Ringo Nguyen along with Jordan Shealey, Brian Kirkland and James Maennle - "VOICE Innovators" because of their caring hearts as young students to want to help the community. Their enthusiasm for being involved in processes to bring assistance to the homeless and Veterans. And to volunteer their time with busy schedule of college and jobs.

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