

2023 Giving From the Heart Volunteer Awards: Submission #4

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Category	Individual
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Patti Moore
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	Volunteer Coordinator/Front Desk Volunteer
Years volunteered with organization:	3
Hours volunteered per week:	10
Organization Name:	Women's Resource Center of Hickory NC
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	Melanie Turner, Director of Programs Women's Resource Center

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

Patti has really stepped up to the plate this year at Women's Resource Center! In addition to her consistent attendance and ability to be truly present with clients, she recently decided to take on an additional and new role at WRC as (volunteer) Volunteer Coordinator. She has handled the transition with grace. Her commitment to our center has never been more clear than the past few months as she has poured countless hours into transforming our volunteer program and ensuring our volunteers feel appreciated and seen (a vital task!). Donating her time and skills in organization, coordination as well as her innate creativity, Patti's dedication and commitment to Women's Resource Center is so very apparent and we are so very grateful to have her!

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

Here at WRC, we critically need our volunteers and couldn't operate without them! This being said, Patti recently stepped into the role of Volunteer Coordinator and since then, has invested countless time and energy into our team of volunteers. She is constantly offering positive feedback, thinking of ways to celebrate volunteer contributions and bring our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors together! She inspires others to pitch in when needed. She has helped support the expansion of our No Strings Attached (free menstrual hygiene) program to the local community college, ensuring no menstruating students ever have to go without proper hygiene products. Her smile and encouraging spirit constantly uplift and motivate our entire team to continue the work we do, especially on hard days!

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

Patti is without a doubt one of the most thoughtful, kind-hearted, gracious, compassionate and encouraging volunteers we have! Her leadership skills are evident through the way she harnesses her many strengths (organizing, coordinating, creative thinking, optimism, etc.) to bring our team here at WRC together.

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

Giving from the Heart is truly what Patti does. Not many could show up regularly with a smile and prepared to give whatever is needed to ensure the success of the center and wellbeing of the community, but that's what Patti does. She constantly encourages, empowers and uplifts our staff, volunteers and each client that walks in during her shifts at the center. Though she has not been in the role of Volunteer Coordinator very long, she has already singlehandedly created so much positive growth for the center and has positively impacted more people than she could know. Her compassion, creativity, dedication to WRC and willingness to give of her time and energy to the community make Patti the perfect person to win the Giving from the Heart award. WRC is better because of her!

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Category	Individual
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Richard Burgess
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	
Years volunteered with organization:	12
Hours volunteered per week:	4
Organization Name:	Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	Allen Sherrill ECCCM

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

Rick is always willing and able to come in and help whenever he's needed. All we have to do is call Rick and say we have something we need some help with, and he'll be there. Rick is as dependable as they come.

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

Rick mainly works at our warehouse. He unloads trucks and organize pallets at the warehouse. As we've grown in our operations, this has become invaluable as we haven't always had the staff availability to handle all these things. Rick is always happy to meet a driver over at our warehouse and unload the trailer. He will then organize all of the pallets and set things up to where all our drivers have to do is go in and grab. With our small staff and massive workload, having these things taken care of saves us so much time and trouble. Rick's efforts enable us to take more food and process everything much more efficiently. He'll also handle volunteer work groups over at the warehouse. He really helps us expand our capabilities dramatically with everything we're able to do at our warehouse.

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

Rick is also our company handyman. When anything breaks around the office, we give Rick a call. He will come in short order and get things fixed. If we need to order a new part, Rick will take care of it, and make sure we get what we need. It's hard to say how much money and time over the years Rick has saved us by being able to take care of the countless repairs around our facilities. It's also funny how sometimes things work a little better after Rick's had a look at it.

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

Rick is indispensable. He takes care of so many different things that it's hard to totally calculate the impact he has on our organization. He also does everything with a smile and ask for nothing in return. He's more than happy to run all over town to find the part we need to fix something or to spend all day in our non air-conditioned warehouse taking care of a project for us. He is just a blessing for this organization and everyone we're able to serve because of his efforts.

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Category	Individual
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Ruth Morgan
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	Mat Maker/Crocheter
Years volunteered with organization:	3
Hours volunteered per week:	25
Organization Name:	VOICE-Volunteer Outreach In Community Efforts
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	Marcia Hubbard VOICE- Volunteer Outreach In Community Efforts

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

Ruth has been really busy creating the sleeping bags from recycling of plastic bags despite health challenges.

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

Ruth designed a poncho from recycling and helped to create the first sleeping bag from recycling of bags.

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

Ruth stays very busy and completes on average 3 sleeping bags a week to ensure people who are homeless has a protective barrier to sleep in. She never complains and with the biggest smile is happy to help.

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

I nominated Ruth because of her caring heart to help people who are homeless and her commitment to VOICE and compassion to make a difference. She is very dedicated and always helps out with events and participates in meetings.

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Category	Individual
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Sandy Austin
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	Sheriff's Office Volunteer & Project Lifesaver Coordinator
Years volunteered with organization:	12
Hours volunteered per week:	25
Organization Name:	Catawba County Sheriff's Office
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	Thad Scronce Catawba County Sheriff's Office

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

Sandy is extremely committed to serving our citizens especially those that suffer with cognitive issues. Sandy owns her own business but will drop anything she is doing to help a citizen in need. Sandy has been a vital part of our Community Relations Division and assist the Sheriff's Office in almost every aspect of our Community Relations. Last Year alone Sandy Volunteered over 800 hours of her time to assisting our agency with a variety of events, programs and presentations.

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

Sandy Austin is committed to getting the word out to our citizens about our Sheriff's Office programs especially Project Lifesaver which is a program that is used to help locate people who have cognitive ailments and may have wandered off, or even drove off. Sandy is serving our community weekly and is also involved with helping neighboring Law Enforcement agencies by keeping them informed and offering to help in their communities as well.

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

Sandy is an amazing person, once you meet her you would not forget her. She is very outgoing and strives everyday to serve our community. Project Lifesaver is her passion and she enjoys spending her time sharing and informing the citizens of all that she and the Sheriff's Office can do. Project Lifesaver its self is a non-profit organization as well and is a lifesaving program and device that will bring a loved one home and save the family hours if not days of worrying. Sandy is also a certified Instructor for Project Lifesaver International.

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

Sandy Austin is a volunteer with our Community Relations and Support Services Division.

Sandy began volunteering in the Unifour area with community watch programs and other service organizations before joining our Sheriff's Office in 2012. Sandy started her work with our office in what was our Crime Prevention Unit. That unit was expanded in 2019 to what is now our Community and Support Services Division. Sandy's volunteer service includes assisting with Project Lifesaver, Senior Expo, Scam Jam, Christmas Social for Seniors, Meals on Wheels, and R U Ok programs. Sandy typically spends 20-30 hours a week volunteering with our Sheriff's Office.

Outside of her volunteer efforts Sandy serves our communities through her business, Sandy's Private Care, which offers home health services that focus on keeping residents in their homes. Sandy has been involved with this work for over 20 years.

Sandy's primary focus as well as her passion in volunteering with our office is best demonstrated through her commitment to the Project Life Saver program. Project Life Saver is an innovative rapid response program aiding victims and families suffering from Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease and other disorders such as Down Syndrome or Autism. This program utilizes monitoring bands worn by people meeting the afore mentioned criteria. Sandy has been quoted as saying "I just love helping people. My dad said that I can't save the world, but I'm going to give it a shot". Sandy has responded to many Project Life Saver call outs where she has assisted in located and returning people to their families.

Sandy truly has a servants' heart and is a vital part of our Community and Support Services Division. We commend Sandy for her volunteer work and for her dedication and commitment to serving people.

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Category	Individual
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Shirley Hefner
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	Client Service Volunteer
Years volunteered with organization:	15
Hours volunteered per week:	4
Organization Name:	Greater Hickory Cooperative Ministry
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	Jailen Howell Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministries

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

Mrs. Shirley has dedicated her time to volunteer within our Nutrition Center for majority of her tenor once the Nutrition center was transitioned she had agreed to continue her work no matter the job she has shown endless commitment to come in and volunteer her time to our organization the lives that she has touched behind the scenes has hit capacity she has served thousands by her assistance to our organization.

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

Mrs. Shirley would pack hundreds of food boxes a week the food boxes that she created would be distributed to households from range of 1 in the household and up. she also packed and help distribute food to neighbors and now works in client services working in our clothing closet as well assisting in other areas of the ministry when needed.

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

Mrs. Shirley is a hard worker she is dedicated to the cause and does not discriminate against work she is in her late 80s and continues to come in with a smile and a great attitude ready to work she has shown leadership throughout the years by taking on task and jobs without be asked taking ownership of each task she a great multitasker as well as a visionary for future ideas.

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

she is being nominated because she deserves recognition for her many accomplishment over the years her continued dedication to our organization and her need to continue to give her time unconditionally she has shown compassion for our clients and continues to show her worth to our organization

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Category	Individual
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Suzanna Cowen
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	Admin Volunteer
Years volunteered with organization:	8
Hours volunteered per week:	1
Organization Name:	Safe Harbor of NC
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	Lisa Reeves Safe Harbor

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

Suzanna has served in the administrative dept for 8 years. She gives up her lunch hour once per week to come in and help with filing, organizing, data entry, etc. She is always willing to do anything asked of her. She also does group volunteering at our thrift store with her church group from time to time.

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

By donating her time to miscellaneous office tasks, Suzanna has freed up hundreds of hours for staff to be able to complete more pressing tasks.

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

Administrative Skills
Organizational Skills
Paralegal
Notary

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

Suzanna started as a volunteer 8 years ago. She began working 4-hour shifts. As her career in the legal field grew she was unable to work 4-hour shifts but because she was committed to the Safe Harbor Ministry, for years, she has donated one lunch break per week to come in and help with office tasks. She is committed, reliable, and passionate about Safe Harbor.

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Category	Individual
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Tim Shuford
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	Homeowner Selection Committee member
Years volunteered with organization:	16
Hours volunteered per week:	10
Organization Name:	Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	Andrew Isola Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley

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

Tim has been a faithful and dedicated volunteer for well over 16 years. He has served on Habitat's Homeowner Selection Committee since 2007 along with serving on Habitat's Board of Directors. Tim has been a huge support for and representative of Habitat in his community and in the Ridgeview neighborhood. His community is a major resource for Habitat in terms of potential homebuyers. The Ridgeview neighborhood is the site of many Habitat homes. Tim's influence in Ridgeview has helped us in invaluable ways.

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

Tim has provided Habitat with goodwill in the neighborhood, understanding among the community of the value of homeownership, and valuable insights into how Habitat can serve and connect in the community. Tim has also given his community an appreciation and understanding of Habitat, and has given Habitat invitations and opportunities for connection with community members.

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

Tim serves as an invaluable representative for Habitat. He currently serves on our Homeowner Selection Committee and has served on Habitat's Board of Directors. Tim is an integral asset in the Ridgeview community. Tim has an ability to connect with those around him and he uses this ability to motivate others to see their potential for success.

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

Tim's main contribution to Habitat has been the goodwill he provides for us in his community over the decades. His willingness and passion as a representative for Habitat has been an immense force which has enabled us to connect and partner with families through Homeownership. Tim serves from the heart in word and deed.

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Category	Youth
Nominee - Individual or Group Contact Name	Aubrey Mitchell
Nominee/Group Contact Mailing Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Email Address	
Nominee/Group Contact Phone Number	
Volunteer Job Title:	intern
Years volunteered with organization:	0.3
Hours volunteered per week:	3
Organization Name:	Catawba County United Way
Volunteer Organization Mailing Address	
Nominator	John Bailey CCUW
Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteering with the agency/organization they serve. (250 words maximum)	Aubrey chose to work with the United Way as an intern, but was always eager to look beyond a task to what else she could do to help. Even when she was unable to be in the office, Aubrey was willing to work on projects at home. She also gave up a Saturday afternoon to help at the CCUW's annual Race United community event at the Hickory Motor Speedway.

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

The main project Aubrey worked on was updating the Catawba County Volunteer Center's database and contact list. Refreshing this list of more than a hundred volunteers, along with updating the volunteer needs of local non-profits helps the Center connect those looking to help with the agencies that need those extra hands to have a positive impact in our community.

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

Aubrey was a quick study, when it came to learning the database system for the volunteer center. She utilized those same skills to input and update the United Way's cross country coaches contact list, used for the CCUW's annual cross country invitational. When making calls on behalf of the United Way to other non-profits to update information, Aubrey was both professional and concise.

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

While Aubrey started working with the CCUW as an intern, she quickly became an extended member of the staff, always looking for ways to help beyond what was asked of her. She was always dependable, communicated well with everyone at the office and worked hard to complete every project.

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