

City of Kent Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Awards

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, **April 6 - 13, 2014**

City of Kent Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Awards is our community's way of honoring and applauding the outstanding, but often unrecognized efforts of our community volunteers.

Award selections are based on the nominee's volunteer efforts and commitment of time, accomplishments, community impact and enhancement of the lives of the residents of Kent, Ohio.

All nominations will be turned into the Mayor of Kent's office; the deadline to submit the nominations is 5:00PM on April 1, 2014.

The nominations will be reviewed and the award recipients will be selected by a committee comprised of:

Jerry Fiala, Mayor of Kent

Dave Ruller, City Manager

Michelle Lee, City of Kent Police Chief

John Tosko, City of Kent Fire Chief

Dr. Shay Little, Kent State University's Dean of Students

Pete Mahoney, Kent State University's Special Coordinator

Hanna Ward, Kent State University's USG-Community Relations Director

Chris Hibbs, Theodore Roosevelt H.S. Teacher

The Mayor of Kent at a City Counsel meeting on Wednesday April 9, 2014 will recognize the award recipients.

Friday April 18, 2014 will be deemed Volunteer Appreciation Day in the City of Kent.

Awards Categories

Theodore Roosevelt High School Volunteer Service Award: Recognizes a Theodore Roosevelt High School student who has demonstrated significant contributions to volunteer efforts/programs. The nominee should serve as a model and inspiration to other volunteers.

Theodore Roosevelt High School Group Volunteer Service Award: Recognizes a group of Theodore Roosevelt High School students, who come together on their own to make a difference in their community. This may be a one-time service project or ongoing effort.

Kent State University Volunteer Service Award: Recognizes a Kent State University student who has demonstrated significant contributions to volunteer efforts/programs. The nominee should serve as a model and inspiration to other volunteers.

Kent State University Group Volunteer Service Award: Recognizes a group of Kent State University students, who come together on their own to make a difference in their community. This may be a one-time service project or ongoing effort.

Adult Volunteer Service Award: Recognizes an individual who has met a community need in an innovative and effective manner. The nominee may have demonstrated exceptional service above self that has made a great impact through changed lives and/or community conditions as a result of service efforts.

Group Volunteer Service Award: Recognizes a group of individuals, who come together on their own to make a difference in their community. This may be a one-time service project or ongoing effort.

Business/Corporate Award: Recognizes a business that has made a substantial impact through innovation, employee volunteer programs, volunteer hours, number of volunteers, monetary support, etc. This may recognize the historical record of supporting volunteerism through policies and practices. The nomination must be able to demonstrate ongoing community impact.

Lifetime Volunteer: Recognizes an individual who has dedicated many years to improving the community through their volunteer service in any area.

Award Criteria

Any individual, family or group that meets the program's criteria can receive Mayor's recognition for volunteer hours served over a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime. Nominees do not have to be a resident of the City of Kent, but should meet the following criteria:

- The volunteer service has to be performed in the City of Kent
- Their unpaid volunteer contributions provide extraordinary help or care to families or groups in Kent.
- They continually commit their time, talent and energy, without pay, to improve the quality of life in Kent.
- They have been voluntarily involved in a program or project that has had a lasting benefit for the City of Kent and its residents.
- Awards are issued for service hours served within a 12-month time period or over the course of a lifetime.
- Awards are issued for volunteer service only. Additional levels of participation with the organization, i.e. charitable support, are not a factor considered for the award.
- Not performed the services as part of their regular business or professional duties.
- Self-nominations are not permissible.
- Nominators cannot be family members.
- Group and Business/Corporate volunteerism nominations must be made by those external to the group or Business/Corporation.
- Court-ordered community service does not qualify for the award.