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## Press Release -

Williamsport, PA – Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity today announced it has awarded 13 volunteers with the PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service.

Established in 2003, the AWARD is available on an annual basis to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering. As one of thousands of Certifying Organizations participating in the AWARD program, Greater Lycoming Habitat confers the award to recognize the outstanding achievements of its volunteers.

Receiving the Gold Level Award for 500 hours or more of volunteer service are Kay Dando and Norma Shannon. Earl Kinter and Ray Bomboy will both receive Silver Level awards for completing 250-499 volunteer hours. The Bronze Level Award for 100-249 volunteer hours will be given to Dale Metzker, Frank Bardo, Jim Boose, Karen Tyler, Mabel Welsh, Marilyn Kistner, Mary Shelinski, Rosemary Kinter, and Thomas Dietrich. Each award recipient will receive a certificate, a lapel pin, and a congratulatory letter from President Obama.

Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity has a long history of volunteer service, and more than 600 volunteers perform community service each year on behalf of the organization. In 2009, over 13,000 hours were spent constructing homes, working with local families, helping with administrative work in the Habitat office and serving the community in the ReStore.

“These recipients of the PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD are role models for all Americans,” Habitat Project Services Coordinator, Kristine Combs said. “Each volunteer hour contributed makes a difference in improving the quality of life for others,

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and I encourage everyone to contribute to our community by volunteering. Volunteers bring us closer together as families, as communities and as a Nation, through their commitment.”

The AWARD is issued by the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group created by President Bush to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making to our Nation. Chaired by two-time Super Bowl Champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn as honorary co-chairs, the Council comprises leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofits and volunteer service organizations, and community volunteering.

For more information about volunteering for Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity, please contact the Habitat office at 322-2515 or [contact.us@lycominghabitat.org](mailto:contact.us@lycominghabitat.org)

For more information about how to qualify for the PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD and to find out how to identify additional volunteer opportunities in this area, visit [www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov](http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov) or call 1-866-545-5307.

### **About Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity (GLHFH)**

GLHFH works to reduce poverty housing in Lycoming County by building workforce housing (decent, affordable homes) for families using donated resources in a manner which increases family stability, self-sufficiency, empowerment, devotion to work ethic through the sweat equity requirement and raises the level of civic pride within the affected neighborhoods. Habitat families work with volunteers not only to build houses, but to build strong relationships as well.

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