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9th Annual Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards

Six Illinoisans and one business receive Governor’s Volunteer Service Award for service in West Central Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Commission) is presenting five Illinoisans and one business, for service provided in west central Illinois, with the Governor’s Volunteer Service Award during a special reception at the Old State Capitol.

The award recognizes volunteers and volunteer programs that have made a difference in Illinois and highlights the importance of volunteerism and community service. This event will take place April 18, 2018 at 1 p.m. It is part of the National Volunteer Week festivities and also a signature event of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.

“Illinois is a state that was truly born, built, and grown with the spirit of volunteerism and community service,” said Governor Bruce Rauner. “The individuals and businesses we’re recognizing have impacted millions of lives. We’re honored to highlight their service.”

“These individuals and businesses embody the true spirit of volunteering and are making a difference in their communities through a variety of activities such as helping the homeless, youth education, and assisting veterans,” said Commission Executive Director Scott McFarland. “We are proud to have them serving in Illinois.”

The Commission received more than 130 nominations in six categories (adult, AmeriCorps, business, senior, Senior Corps, and youth) from the Commission’s five service regions across the state (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern, and West Central). Commissioners reviewed the applications and selected 30 award winners.

The following are the 2018 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award recipients for service provided in west central Illinois. More information about the recipients is on the Serve Illinois website at www.Serve.Illinois.gov.

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**West Central Award Recipients**

**Adult:** Jenny Lee - Mackinaw  
For service to: TCRC and RSVP of Peoria and Tazewell Counties

**AmeriCorps:** Justin Krohn - Macomb  
For service to: Western Illinois Regional Council

**Business:** Kassing Lumber Company – Mt. Sterling  
For service to: Adams, Brown, and Pike Counties RSVP

**Senior:** William Durall - Pittsfield  
For service to: JWCC Southeast Education Center

**Senior Corps:** Joseph Urbanc - Peoria  
For service to: RSVP of Peoria and Tazewell Counties

**Youth:** Beckham Oldenettel - Jacksonville  
For service to: New Directions Warming and Cooling Shelter and other organizations

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