



2023 Individual Honorees



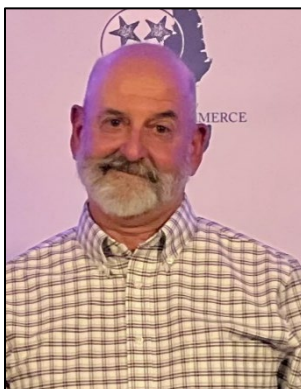
Sophie Sluss
Anderson County Youth

Sophie's enthusiasm and positive attitude are contagious and she makes her peers want to be better people by volunteering. Sophie has tutored at the Boys and Girls Club, she mentors 9th grade students at ORHS during her lunch hour, and she has helped with elementary. She has also volunteered as a peer mentor for special education students who participate in the Special Olympics. Her empathy and compassion allow her to connect to the people she's serving. Her impact on her school and community will be felt for years to come.



Jaycie Bateman
Bedford County Youth

Jaycie has served as a member of Best Buddies International for two years. Best Buddies is a non-profit organization that focuses on peer-to-peer matching between people with and without disabilities. To start a chapter of Best Buddies at her high school, which doesn't have a special education department, Jaycie contacted the principal and special education director of a nearby elementary school and teamed with them to create the new chapter. She is working towards bringing Best Buddies chapters to all schools in Bedford County. Her chapter has parties, makes friendship bracelets, take selfies, play with playdough - anything to spend quality time with those kids who are so often forgotten.



Ben Marks
Benton County Adult

As the second-generation owner of Marks Building Supply, Ben Marks has invested in his community in countless ways including Second Harvest Food Bank's Project Grow, which has generated food to provide meals for 2,000 individuals. This means that Ben's contributions provided meals to approximately 59% of those facing hunger in Benton County. In addition to Second Harvest, Ben serves his community on many levels, donating time and goods to other local charitable organizations, serving on the school board, and jumping at every opportunity to volunteer, most recently as a consultant for a new student-lead school gardening program. Every county should be so lucky as to have a community member like Ben Marks.





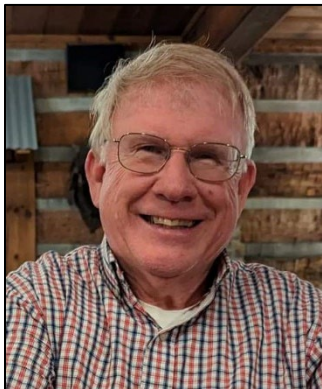
Nicholas Addison Dudney
Benton County Youth

Addison goes above and beyond the call of duty! Everything he does is for the betterment of his community. He has dedicated his junior and senior years of high school to setting an example of volunteerism and leadership for his peers. He has a heart for his community and wants to do everything in his power to make his community the best he can for his peers. He is very generous and always willing to roll up his sleeves and pitch in to help anyway he can. He is a blessing to Benton County!



Whitney Winston
Blount County Adult

Whitney often says that attending summer camp as a young person significantly impacted her life. In 2003, she returned to summer camp as a volunteer. Since then, she has served in a wide variety of roles, leading up to her current position as executive director. When asked about her goals, Whitney shared, "Summer camp is a vehicle for building relationships and creating positive communities, as well as opening up new opportunities to families. My goal is to work beyond that and to create lasting change that opens up a lifetime of opportunities for our campers. They deserve the best."



Robert Donaghy
Bradley County Adult

Mr. Donaghy is retired from the Army and was instrumental in helping start a Veteran Treatment Court in the Ocoee Region, which includes Bradley, McMinn, Polk and Monroe counties. The Veterans Treatment Court works to reintegrate veterans into society by helping them to find stable employment and housing. In his role as a mentor, Mr. Donaghy works with the veterans in the program to ensure they keep their appointments for mental health services and legal proceedings. He is also active in many other civic organizations in the Ocoee Region.





Beau Snyder
Bradley County Youth

Beau is a 2nd Grader at Prospect Elementary in Bradley County who loves Braves baseball and helping others in the community. Beau is not shy and makes friends wherever he goes. One of the sections he was help place wreaths in was in a section that has Unknown Civil War Soldiers. Beau assisted in carrying wreaths to sections of the cemetery and showing the proper placement for the wreath. Beau can often be seen helping others in the community and at the nursing home where he visits his great grandmother, where he can be found talking with other residents there and trying to help when needed.



Patricia Siwinski
Campbell County Adult

Patricia has served as the director of the Campbell County Animal Center for the past eight years. In this capacity, she has turned down the salary for the position so that the funds can instead go to help the center operate. She has made the center a place where animals can receive medical care and enrichment programs until they can find their forever home. One of Patricia's newest projects is the Critter Cupboard, a community pet food bank that provides a resource for pet owners who may be experiencing economic hardship so that they do not have to surrender their pet to the animal center.



Bella Flemming
Campbell County Youth

Bella is a senior at Campbell County High School and has always had a heart for giving back, especially to children. Despite the demands of being a busy student athlete and in a dual enrolment program at Roane State Community College, Bella still finds time to help others. She is a member of the Beta Club, volunteers at fundraisers for Community Health of East Tennessee, and coaches a youth cheer and dance team. After seeing firsthand the difficulties some students have in keeping up with their peers, Bella began offering free private tutoring to students in need.





Pam Inman
Carroll County Adult

“When in doubt, you call Pam.” Pam is always busy working - for her family, her church, her employer, and her community. When needs arise, she is there to help. A native Carroll Countian, she serves as City President at Centennial Bank in Trezevant where she mentors new employees so that they can be the best community bankers possible. She also teaches Financial Literacy classes at local schools and other venues. Pam cares about people and devotes her career to serving customers’ needs. She sees banking as more than lending; she has made hotel reservations, organized medical bills, and helped someone pick out a headstone.



Mayce Mitchell
Carroll County Youth

Mayce, a senior at West Carroll High School, began mowing yards for the elderly in her small town free of charge. This act of volunteerism soon sparked the interest of many in her community. Others noticed her work ethic and skill, and she is now a proud small business owner, providing lawn care services across Carroll County. Mayce volunteers in her church nursery every Sunday morning during sermon time. Her volunteer efforts span from caring for our youngest citizens to assisting the senior citizens of Carroll County.



Andrea Lewis
Carter County Adult

Andrea is the Business Development and Event Coordinator for Northeast Community Credit Union and serves as an amazing ambassador for Carter County. Andrea shows up to countless events in our community to support new businesses, new programs, community events and more. She welcomes new residents to our region and offers connections and resources to get involved in the community. Andrea works with multiple programs in our schools to encourage students in healthy financial habits. She volunteers with countless nonprofits and supports our local farmers market, minor league baseball team, and Parks and Recreation programs.





Frances Fambrough
Cheatham County Adult

Ms. Frances has been volunteering for the Bethesda Center for 20 years, almost as long as it has been servicing Cheatham Co. The Bethesda Center helps feed, clothe, and assist with utilities bills for families who qualify. Ms. Frances sorts through bags of clothes, purses, shoes and countless other items that are donated to the Center. She started after her husband passed away to have something to do. She continues to volunteer because it makes her feel good to help others.



Pam Goad
Clay County Adult

Pam's enthusiasm, collaboration, and dedication has given a new meaning to Halloween in Clay County. Ten years ago, Pam started a Trick-or-Treat program which has grown from 700 children that first year to now serving over 1,400 children, with participation by businesses, families, and the county as a whole. Her dedication to this work has put smiles on many children's faces but has also provided an avenue for so many to give back to their community.



Kyndra Reagan
Clay County Youth

Kyndra is the personification of community pride. She has spent countless hours utilizing her photography skills for local football and basketball games, dedicating her time to attending both home and away games and always seeking to get the best shot of each player. She has also volunteered to take photos at the local fair. Kyndra has put her heart and soul into her school spirit and her hometown pride for her county.





Amanda Cole
Cocke County Adult

Amanda is a two-year AmeriCorps Alumni. She has started many initiatives in the Newport and Cocke County community including Christmas for Kids, back to school block party, job fairs, and the “Color Your Dreams” room makeover. Amanda makes hundreds of calls to local senior citizens to comfort them, prepares and hands out meals, and decorates local buildings for each holiday. Her newest project, “The Great Promise” helps students attend their high school prom by covering costs to make it a memorable night, all funded by donations. Amanda makes the world a better place with her compassion, drive, commitment and dedication to helping others.



Pam Bussell
Coffee County Adult

Pam is a driving force when helping those in need. Her volunteer efforts include working with the Salvation Army in many capacities such as the Angel Tree, Kettle Drive, and more. She has served on the board of the Tullahoma Housing Authority for nearly ten years and assisted with many food drives and fundraising events. After the flooding in Waverly, Pam coordinated a food & clothing drive. After two tornadoes struck Tullahoma, she provided assistance to victims and first responders. She has raised funds for teachers and their school supplies and has often helped with various food pantries. She also formed Better Together, a resource group over nearly 100 churches, agencies and businesses in Coffee County, coordinating ways to help people while preventing duplication of effort.



Hannah Matlock
Crockett County Adult

Hannah’s impact is in how she leads and empowers young girls to become involved and serve the community. She has served as an emcee and volunteer, and participates in events like Crockett’s Witches Ride, Pink Out Night, Runway for a Cure, and Relay for Life. She also does graphic design, social media management and other promotional activities at her own time and expense. Her efforts have helped develop young leaders who continue to be involved as they become adults. As a Miss Tennessee Volunteer Director, she works to make sure all of the titleholders from Crockett County have opportunities to serve their community. She works side by side with these young ladies, teaching and mentoring them to always do their best and reach out when there is a need.





Katherine West
Crockett County Youth

Katherine is a young lady striving to make change in her community. She has created "Bloom" - an original concept to provide feminine products in a cute bag containing wipes, liners, and pads. The bags were donated to the local schools for distribution to students in need. To date over 400 bags have been delivered throughout the Crockett County schools. She also created "Girl Talk", a video production for grade school students. She participates in Go Pink, Relay for Life, Crockett Witches Ride, Operation Christmas Child, just to name a few. She also organized a special fundraiser for a fellow student who lost her home due to a fire. She is an individual who leads through action.



Jason Sitton
Cumberland County Adult

Jason is an essential volunteer and board member for We Are One Global Inc., a Cumberland County nonprofit, and has been a member since its inception in 2022. Initially, Jason helped organize an event to provide Christmas presents for the underprivileged children of Cumberland County. This event has continued and has expanded to another event in August for the entire community that provides everything from groceries to haircuts and prayer. Jason also organized a children's golf program in Crossville that went on to become the Cumberland County chapter of First Tee of Tennessee, a youth development organization that empowers kids to build their strength of character through the game of golf. Jason goes above and beyond the call of duty by not just volunteering his time, but also by being a critical organizer in the groups of which he is a member.



Lexi Christian
Cumberland County Youth

Lexi is committed to inspiring her community one step at a time. She has served her community for the past four years through Cumberland County Future Farmers of America and the Cumberland County High School Student Council. Lexi saw a need for increased awareness of the importance of agriculture in her community, so she started establishing Little Free Libraries (LFL) around her county, specifically offering books related to agriculture. Currently, she has placed one LFL at Frank P. Brown Elementary School and is in the process of completing two more. Her goal is to have five LFLs placed around her county before her senior year is over. Lexi Christian's character can be described as loving, cheerful, energetic, and passionate. She believes in the future of agriculture and believes that children are the future of agriculture.





Donald Lee
Davidson County Adult

Dr. Lee is the founding director of the Vanderbilt Orthopaedics Outreach Day. He founded and has directed this program for seven years. The Outreach Day program provides free orthopaedic surgeries to uninsured and underinsured patients from across Middle Tennessee. To date, 90 patients have received free orthopaedic surgeries through this program. Orthopaedic Outreach Day focuses on treating conditions such as carpal tunnel syndrome or ganglion cysts, which can be painful and debilitating. Dr. Lee evaluates patients in his own clinic over the months leading up to the Outreach Day, carefully evaluating their surgical candidacy and preparing them for surgery. His dedication to providing charitable orthopaedic care to underserved populations has made an extraordinary impact in the community.



Chloe Graham
Davidson County Youth

Through Chloe's volunteering efforts with Mother2Mother, she has partnered with her school and Harpeth Hall to serve families in need. She organized a holiday gift drive where she gathered about 150 gift bundles for children in need, including each child's individual holiday wish, along with books and other essentials. Chloe gathered a team of volunteers from her school to load up the Mother2Mother van and delivered the gifts to the families in time for the holidays. Chloe also co-founded the very first all-girls high school ice hockey team in the state of Tennessee. Now the girls at Harpeth Hall have a safe space to try something new. She is a strong believer in fair opportunities and has made it her mission to see that come true for the individuals in her community.



Kerry Pruett
Dickson County Adult

Kerry is a person with many talents who enjoys helping others develop those skills. His involvement in the Dickson community comes in various ways, from his business resources to his personal time and contributions. He has been instrumental in establishing a scholarship fund in honor of the late Elaine and Larry Toy, a local drywall contractor, to annually give \$1,000 to a Dickson County or Creek Wood High School senior planning to enter a construction or mechanical field. Kerry has served on the board of directors for numerous organizations in Dickson County and he chairs the Building and Grounds Committee on the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum Board. He also sponsored and helped build a new home with Habitat for Humanity.





Courtney Campbell
Dickson County Youth

Courtney has a passion for helping youth in her community feel safe and secure. With the help of the 4-H All-Star group, she partnered with a local expert to organize free self-defense classes for 6th through 12th graders. Courtney is a Volunteer Firefighter and has had the privilege of helping tornado victims, clearing trees off roadways, and testing fire hydrants. She has also presented kitchen safety and fire safety programs to 4-Hers. She places a high value on actively contributing to and assisting her community, which she has shown through volunteering at her local elementary school, grading papers, painting walls, and tutoring and mentoring students. Courtney is a prime example of what it means to build your community up.



Danny Walden
Dyer County Adult

Danny serves Dyer County in a variety of ways. To name a few, he is the president of the Dyer County Historical Society, treasurer of the Prevention Alliance, and chair of the Yokefellows at Church Grove Baptist Church. As a retired educator, Danny's interest in local history prompted him to spearhead the county's effort to organize the celebration of the county's bicentennial, with events including visits to the Dyersburg Army Air Base in Halls, lectures by Tennessee State Historian Dr. Carroll Van West and Tennessee History for Kids Director Bill Carey.



Spencer Burns
Dyer County Youth

Spencer is very involved in many activities in his community. He has made it a point to serve on many different committees and organizations, including playing a vital role on the Youth Health Council. Spencer is always eager to be a part of any activity or event, and he works hard to bring positive words and awareness to his community. He is a hard worker and puts his heart into every event and activity he is a part of.





Lisa Hannah
Fayette County Adult

Lisa has volunteered with the Fayette County Animal Rescue, a no-kill animal rescue in Rossville, since 2017. She is now a member of the board, has fostered more than 75 dogs, taken thousands of photos and videos to promote the organization's rescues, and has taken the initiative to create a volunteer-led dog training program. Lisa is never afraid to take on a challenge and has fostered some of the most feral dogs, patiently working to make them feel safe and at home. Lisa has been a huge asset to the Fayette County Animal Rescue, and countless pets have been adopted because of her efforts.



Joshua Long
Fayette County Youth

Joshua approached the Fayette County Animal Rescue, a no-kill animal shelter, with the idea of completing an Eagle Scout project to benefit the rescue. He talked to the staff about what their needs were and how he could help. Those discussions culminated in Joshua producing a flyer of wish list items such as dog/cat food, cleaning supplies, cat litter, straw, dog houses, and more, including a link to the organization's Amazon Wish List and a QR code so that people could easily donate online. Joshua's efforts allow FCAR to continue their mission of saving animals in the county.



Jacob Rosenbaum
Fentress County Adult

Jacob has proven to be an exceptional servant leader by volunteering in numerous ways. As Executive Director of the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce, and his prior job as editor of the local newspaper, he became actively involved in his community through volunteering with the local Rotary Club, the Senior Citizens Center and a multitude of other projects. Jacob has made an extraordinary impact on those around him, including allowing high school students to job shadow the staff of the Chamber of Commerce, co-facilitating the Leadership Fentress and Youth Leadership Fentress programs and co-hosting the Annual Back-to-School Bash which provides school supplies to nearly 750 children in the community.





Nekia Clark
Fentress County Youth

Nekia plays an active role in many different things and is always the first one to volunteer for a task when help is needed. As an intern for the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce, Nekia helped organize their Annual Back to School Bash. She's also an active member of the Fentress County Agricultural Youth Fair Board where she spends many days working on all aspects of the fair. One of the largest tasks that Nekia took on was being a group leader for Tennessee Teen Institute.



Randy Roberts
Franklin County Adult

Randy Roberts grew up with epilepsy, but he did not let that stop his volunteer heart. Having been a 4-H camper since fourth grade, Randy was asked to serve as a teen leader at the camp during his seventh grade year in school. Randy fell in love with 4-H camp and has served as a camp volunteer leader since 1983. He has volunteered annually at 4-H Junior Camp, and has volunteered at 4-H Electric Camp, 4-H Wildlife Camp, 4-H Congress and 4-H Round-up on multiple occasions through the years. A proud moment came when the fire department and responders were awarded the "Star of Life" award for their response and assistance with a train accident involving a young woman who had to be airlifted after being hit by the train.



Amelia Maxon-Hane
Franklin County Youth

Amelia has served as a mentor and tutor at the Campora Family Resource Center for the last four years, directly impacting 105 youth. Amelia successfully initiated a high school athletes' trunk-or-treat, engaging all area high school sports team in the event which reached over 1,000 youth in the community in its first year. She also served as a teen leader at 4-H summer camp where she created safe spaces for all campers, engaged youth in growth mindsets, and helped campers learn responsibility, decision-making, and transcendent awareness, resulting in directly mentoring over 25 girls and overseeing 400 campers at a five-day overnight camp.





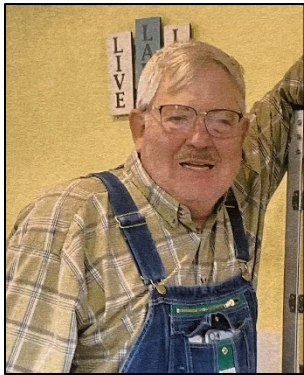
Melissa Ryckman
Gibson County Adult

Melissa has dedicated much of the past few years to her local community. Through the Helping Hand of Humboldt, she started weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings. Melissa also provides clothes for local inmates who are being released or going to rehab, began a school uniform program for students in need, and started a weekly online auction to fund feeding the hungry in the community. She became an ambassador for the “return to work” program for those who lost work due to on-the-job injuries. Melissa gives out coats to individuals in need, makes toiletry bags to give to those who are homeless, and she started a clean clothes program to allow those without means to wash and dry clothes for free.



Hannah Clark
Gibson County Youth

Hannah was taught from an early age about the transformative power of community engagement. As a pastor’s daughter, her family has always cared for those in need in their church. She also volunteers at a thrift store called Twice Blessed where she coordinates donations and organizes deliveries to those in need. She has a passion for helping the homeless and has assisted several people secure housing in assisted living facilities. She feels that serving others is priceless and does it without hesitation. Her mission “journey of service” drives her to continue in the betterment of her community.



Randall Gordon
Giles County Adult

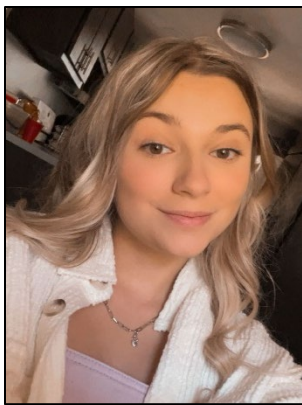
Randall volunteers with various tasks at the senior center. He is a caring and upbeat person with the seniors at the center and brightens the day for many children when he volunteers at the Pumpkin Patch.





Teri Winton
Grundy County Adult

Teri can be found in the middle of most everything taking place in Grundy County. Teri volunteers at the Isaiah 117 House, where she serves on the board and as a volunteer helper with any need that might present itself. She coaches multiple youth sports teams throughout the year. Teri also helps at any and all events at her church, organizes numerous benefit tournaments to help those less fortunate in our community, and hosts community fellowship night and ladies' weekly walks.



Gracie Walters
Grundy County Youth

In 2012 Gracie was a camper at the first year of Discover Together's Camp Discover. She enriched the camp's programming and brought with her an extended family that has always supported Discover Together. While she initially appeared petite and shy, Gracie proved to be a leader and a wonderful volunteer with a true servant's heart, always ready to step up when needed, encourage others to settle down when rowdy, and smile her welcoming smile to newcomers.



Angela Carpenter
Hamblen County Adult

Angie has served at Ministerial Association Temporary Shelter (MATS, Inc.) for two years, helping clients learn their way around the kitchen and teaching them how to prepare meals. She guides clients in their plan and adds a personal touch of friendship to all. This impacts the community by helping clients remain independent once they attain housing.





McKenna Necessary
Hamblen County Youth

It goes unsaid too often when volunteers serve beyond the cause, McKenna is that volunteer who cultivates compassion. She is service minded and values the inspiration received from devoting her time to her community. She is an embodiment of integrity and leaves a lasting impression on anyone she meets. Future Farmers of America is a youth organization that promotes, supports, and educates on agriculture, which resulted in McKenna's research. She, and others, are making waves in a small town, by altering a course of unhealthy lifestyles. As a service-driven young woman, McKenna is more than deserving as Hamblen County's Youth Honoree.



Sue Olson
Hancock County Adult

Since Ms. Olson moved to East Tennessee and settled in Hancock County upon her retirement, she has made a substantial impact on the community. She got involved with the Sneedville/Hancock Chamber of Commerce, Of One Accord Ministry and the Over-Home "Animal Rescue". She is the Co-Chair of the Chamber and single-handedly organizes the majority of community events including the Spring Car Show, the County's Appreciation Day for elected officials, the Labor Day Celebration complete with fireworks, a Fall Festival that thousands attend, the Trunk or Treat event and the Christmas Parade.



Pam Mayo
Hawkins County Adult

Pam is a remarkable volunteer who has made a significant impact in her community through her long history of community service. She helps with eye screenings and fundraising efforts for the Lions Club of Hawkins County, spends months planning and fundraising for the Relay for Life March, works to further the mission of the Business and Professional Women's Club, and flexes her leadership skills as President of the United Way of Hawkins County Board of Directors. Pam's integrity and name are impeccable, and her dedication is truly inspiring.





Kinslee Shea Mowell
Hawkins County Youth

Kinslee is a shining example of dedication and compassion with a servant's heart. She volunteers through organizations including the Heritage Lites Youth Leadership, Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce, and Persia Baptist Church Youth Group. Kinslee's goal is to be a family nurse practitioner and she has volunteered over 200 clinical hours to date. Through the Heritage Lites, Kinslee volunteers for seasonal decorating of historic Rogersville, as well as assisting with downtown events like Trunk-or-Treat and Heritage Days. She volunteers with the Hawkins County Humane Society, assists the local food pantry, and works with the local Parks and Recreation to host summer Children's Camps. As the 2023 Miss Chamber of Commerce, Kinslee assists

with running the office and helping with programs done by the Chamber.



Carolyn Flagg
Haywood County Adult

Ms. Carolyn has been a vital part of revitalizing Brownsville and has championed many causes that have improved the community. Ms. Carolyn organizes one of the largest public events in Haywood County, National Night Out Against Crime. Each fall, she gets businesses, schools, and civic groups to set up "campsites" to serve food and give away goodies to the public. She arranges entertainment and a speaker to discuss the impact of drugs and violence on the community. With her experience as the director of the Brownsville Housing Authority, Ms. Carolyn is instrumental in obtaining housing, utility assistance, and other help for community members to ensure that people in need have a decent place to live.



Wanda Davis
Henry County Adult

Even while recovering from injuries from a serious car accident, Ms. Davis put in countless hours of selfless work serving as treasurer of her local Hospital Auxiliary. By volunteering in the gift shop at the hospital, she made it a fun, well-organized place for people to shop while visiting their loved ones.





Melinda Conwell
Houston County Adult

Melinda is a faithful volunteer helping vulnerable senior citizens in Houston County by delivering weekly meals for Mid-Cumberland Meals-on-Wheels. She is currently serving as the president of the Erin Rotary Foundation which is the sponsor for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Houston County and has personally registered hundreds of children for the Imagination Library program. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Area United Way and for five years has served as the volunteer chairperson of the annual Houston County Irish Celebration vendor's committee, organizing hundreds of craft and food vendors for the event. Melinda assists numerous United Way efforts in Houston and Montgomery counties, including giving out hundreds of back-to-school backpacks during back-to-school events and supporting fundraising efforts.



Sarah Bell
Humphreys County Adult

When Mrs. Sarah's mother told her to make sure she also does for others, Mrs. Sarah took that to heart. Mrs. Sarah has volunteered countless hours in her community. She has delivered meals for Mid-Cumberland Meals-on-Wheels for over 15 years, delivering over 3,000 meals and driving over 5,000 miles. Mrs. Sarah assists with many functions at the local United Way as well as at the McEwen Senior Center, where her famous fried pies have helped in fundraising efforts. Mrs. Sarah also volunteers her time during the United Way Radio Auction to help make and sell lunches.



Elizabeth Huff Bennett
Jackson County Adult

Ms. Liz has helped drive economic development, tourism, and history in Jackson County. In 2010, under her leadership, Sutton Homestead Historic Home opened its doors as a unique attraction that takes visitors back in time, and she has continued to develop the tour experience to bring people back year after year. Because of Ms. Liz's efforts, Granville recently received an award as the "Best Small Town in America." Additionally, Ms. Liz helped develop the Pioneer Village in Granville, connecting new artisans with like-minded people and expanding their work. She also developed a school program for all third and fourth graders of Jackson County, introducing the students to history in a fun and educational way.





Aria Biehl
Jefferson County Adult

Aria has been with Wolf Paws sanctuary for a year and a half as an animal caretaker. She is an animal lover, and the safety and well-being of the wolf-dogs at the facility is always her top priority. Aria is an outstanding volunteer because of her dedication to the animals in her care. She is a great educator, sharing her knowledge and passion with visitors who come to the sanctuary to learn about wolf-dogs as part of her informative private tours.



Hannah Osborne
Johnson County Adult

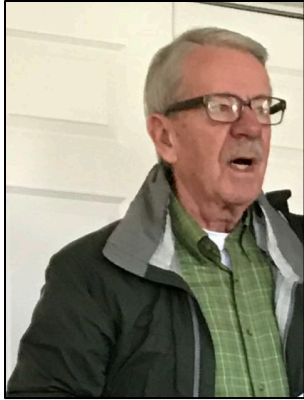
“Doing for others brings me joy,” says this year’s Johnson County GVSA recipient, Hannah Osborne. Hannah has touched the lives of countless individuals and families in her community, and the impacts of her volunteerism have been felt across Johnson County. Football team mom, board member, church volunteer, and mentor are just some of her many roles. She has a passion for agriculture and has found success as the Johnson County High School Greenhouse technician, which allows her to work closely with youth, developing their talents and offering encouragement. She also serves as a board member for the Johnson County Equine and Agriculture Association which hosts events to educate and engage the public.



Bailey Townsend
Johnson County Youth

As a teen leader and volunteer, Bailey is passionate about helping others and giving back to her community. Throughout her high school career, Bailey was an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, National Technical Honors Society, Future Farmers of America, and 4-H. Bailey excelled as a leader, working with youth in both 4-H and her local clogging group, the Stateline Stompers. Bailey is currently enrolled at East Tennessee State University pursuing a degree in elementary education, and she continues to give back in her community and impact youth through her church, where she leads weekly children’s church and volunteers with their vacation bible school.





Dale Teague
Knox County Adult

Dale was nominated for his 25-year commitment to budget tutoring and his significant impact on the families he's generously assisted. Dale's enduring dedication, compassion, and expertise have created invaluable connections, making him an indispensable community asset. What truly distinguishes Dale is his adaptability, continuous learning, and tailored support for families. Beyond budget education, he serves as a mentor and steadfast support for those pursuing home ownership and financial stability, demonstrating empathy and empowerment, and serving as a catalyst for realizing dreams. Knoxville Habitat for Humanity is profoundly enriched by Dale's selfless dedication. He exemplifies volunteerism and community engagement, inspiring all fortunate

enough to collaborate with him. Dale's journey is a shining testament to the significant change one person can bring about and the transformative power of one individual's efforts in our community.



Mia Sumara
Lake County Youth

Mia learned community service at a young age. She gave her own toys to children in a neighboring community who did not have toys for Christmas. While donating the toys, Mia and her family made a monetary donation to Samburg Pentecostal Church to help with the purchase of new toys. Riding her bike with the training wheels still on, Mia participated in a "Walk for Life", fundraiser for Life Beat Pregnancy Center, a local non-profit in Tiptonville which provides people with an alternative to abortion. Mia helped her family select and purchase gifts to give to an economically challenged family in Tiptonville so they could have a Merry Christmas.



Tracy Holder
Lincoln County Adult

Tracy has served as a volunteer, team leader, committee chair, and board member of the American Cancer Society, working in every capacity on the local Relay For Life since 2008. In 2016 Tracy successfully organized "The Night of Hope Ball", which combined dinner and dancing, raising many dollars for ACS. Tracy serves on the Board of Directors for Leadership Lincoln where she has worked to raise money to support the annual class projects. She has put her leadership skills to the test while volunteering for various community activities, and she mentors graduating high school students through TN Promise.





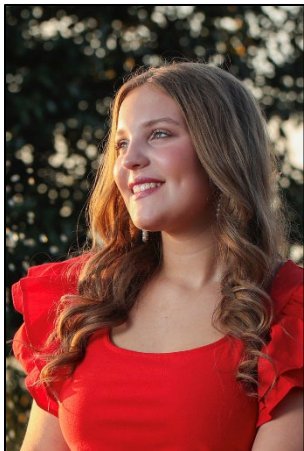
Charlie Burk
Lincoln County Youth

Charlie has a heart for servant leadership and a mind to take on challenges other students might not consider. Charlie is studying nursing and has been assisting in evaluating patient services within his community, researching all the mental health facilities in Tennessee. He has used that data to demonstrate that his area is underserved and in need of other options. This will be an ongoing project, but one that is very much achievable and one that Charlie can greatly impact.



Barry Newberry
Macon County Adult

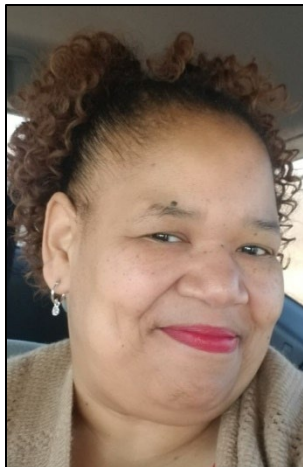
As a former volunteer firefighter, Barry has witnessed the devastation that house fires cause, so he started a nonprofit called Stuff Helps to provide clothing, appliances, and furniture to families who have lost everything in fires. He picks up donations from locations across Middle Tennessee and delivers them to local daycare centers, the senior citizen center, an assisted-living facility, the local women's rehabilitation home, and the homeless in Macon County. He distributes food to local jails in Macon, Trousdale, and Smith counties in Tennessee, and Allen County in Kentucky.



Ella Flynn
Macon County Youth

A senior at Macon County High School in Lafayette, Ella serves as class president. She has been actively involved with 4-H for several years and has received achievements at the county, region, state, and national levels. Ella was chosen to serve on the 2023 National Champion Consumer Decision Making Team. She has been very successful in the clothing and textile competition at the regional level, advancing to compete in the National Fashion Revue Contest, placing sixth. At the county level, she has received the highest available awards in each grade division throughout her 4-H career. She plans to continue her volunteerism throughout college and the rest of her life.





Yalunda Whiteside
Madison County Adult

Yalunda volunteers her time every Monday at the Regional Inter-Faith Association's Soup Kitchen, serving the homeless and those in need while showing unmatched love, care and compassion to those she serves. She also helps organize the food donations and the clothing, blanket, and bedding donations that take place every week after the meal.



Barbara Woods
Marshall County Adult

Barbara Woods has served Marshall County as a teacher, principal, and mayor of Lewisburg. She has been a member of many committees and boards, including the Beautification Committee, Community Development Board, Planning & Zoning Board, Historical Downtown Board, Tree City Board, and others. From her time as an educator through her work for the Beautification Committee, Barbara's commitment and service to this community is unmatched. She has been involved in planning, setting, and implementing policy. She has been involved in works of charity and volunteerism. Lewisburg and Marshall County are better off because of her work and service, professionally and as a citizen. Barbara's service as mayor continues to leave a lasting positive impact, but she has given as much or more time as a volunteer pulling weeds, planting and pruning trees, picking up trash, and more.



Rabeth Ryan
Marshall County Youth

At Delk-Henson School, Rabeth served and delivered meals at the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner through the Beta Club. She also served on the Lewisburg First National Bank Student Advisory Board, where her group provided food for the animal shelter and supported the Angel Tree program. As a 4-H All-Star, she participated in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox and the Angel Tree program. She volunteers at Horton Haven Christian Camp cleaning cabins, doing kitchen chores, and conducting camp tours. At her church, she assists in the nursery and with the children's music program and helps supervise activities for the youth group.





Josiah Russell
Maury County Youth

Josiah is most comfortable serving others. An active Maury County 4-H member since 2005, he is always eager to serve, helping set up for meetings, cleaning up after events, encouraging younger youth to participate, and assisting with camps and conferences. In 2023, he served as a volunteer for Crazy Critter Camp and Jr. 4-H Camp and was selected as a volunteer for the state-wide Target SMART camp. He never goes into the Extension office without offering to help with whatever is going on that day, and he leaves by asking them to please call if there is anything else he can do.



Dee Wolters
Maury County Adult

For over a decade, Dee has taught, mentored, judged, and encouraged countless 4-H members. She leads a homeschool 4-H club, facilitates clubs, and assists with our county-wide middle- and high-school 4-H club meetings. Dee has also served on the State Committee of 4-H Volunteer Leaders. In that role, she has assisted with the State 4-H Congress and State 4-H Round-Up for many years. Dee holds a leadership role with the Tennessee Sheep Producers and serves as the Tennessee Director of the Make It with Wool contest, both volunteer roles.



Chris Adams
McMinn County Adult

Chris keeps his finger on the pulse of the community, always looking for opportunities to connect resources with those in need. As former executive director of the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties, Chris raised funds for a variety of community organizations to help neighbors in need. Since leaving that role, he supported United Way as a Campaign Co-Chair and is currently completing his first of two terms as President's Council Co-Chair. He has been a faithful volunteer for decades, ensuring that United Way meets its ongoing obligations to serve our community. Chris was a past president of the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA, Tri-County Center, and the Athens Kiwanis Club, helping meet the needs of local families.





Jonathan McDaniel
McNairy County Adult

Eager to be an active participant in the community, Jonathan found his niche at Arts in McNairy. Over the last six years, he has directed children's plays and various artistic endeavors. He founded a weekly after-school art club for high school students and he plays a vital role in organizing the annual McNairy Art Show. Through his involvement in cosplay, he has volunteered at Super Hero Day for the McNairy County Carl Perkins Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and has visited children's hospitals where he appears as Spiderman and other superheroes. Jonathan prepares free meals for those in need at Thanksgiving, and on Christmas Day he hosts a soup kitchen, providing a hot meal, a toy giveaway, and companionship to those who might feel lonely during the holidays.



Kessler Jones
McNairy County Youth

Kessler demonstrates remarkable dedication to civic engagement, local government, and volunteer service. In the aftermath of a devastating tornado, he volunteered with the local Jesus Cares organization, sorting through clothes and aiding in cleanup efforts. Recently elected as the president of the Ramer Ruritan Club, he promoted the Ramer community during the Ramer Days Festival, helped with the new Ramer Museum, and volunteered for service projects. Kessler also serves as a poll worker for the McNairy County Election Commission, helping to uphold the democratic process and ensuring fair and transparent elections.



Lynn Stokes
Montgomery County Adult

Lynn's compassion leads her to build up organizations by bringing diverse groups together to serve the greater good of her community. She has served for seven years with Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, where her service helps provide stable housing to low-income families and her leadership style sets an excellent example for fellow volunteers. Lynn has also volunteered for three years with VITA/United Way, providing free tax-filing assistance to the elderly and individuals with limited income, disabilities, or limited English-language skills. As a volunteer, she also serves as Chief Financial Officer for the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation where she builds recognition for Fort Campbell's role in the history and culture of Clarksville-Montgomery County.





Cedarius Doss
Montgomery County Youth

Cedarius volunteers to support the social, emotional, and academic needs of students in the Clarksville area. Every Tuesday he takes time from his busy schedule as a student at Austin Peay State University to visit with students at Norman Smith Elementary School. Cedarius has been able to build relationships with students when others could not, discussing life and other topics of the students' choice when eating lunch, playing board games, or enjoying recess. Cedarius holds students accountable for their actions and for completing their work. One student in particular has become interested in learning for the first time, all because of Cedarius' high expectations for him.



Chris Dickey
Moore County Adult

Chris has contributed to numerous volunteer activities for the past 20 years. As a member of the Metro Moore County Volunteer Fire Department, when the fire alarm goes off, he is there sliding on the heavy gear without hesitation. If other counties need backup, he is there to help them as well. He has also put in many hours at the fire station cleaning equipment, grilling and selling corn for a fundraiser, or making chili on Halloween night. Chris takes vacation from his regular job to help at 4-H's Camp Woodlee. If he is not in the kitchen making biscuits and preparing meals, he is out among the youth, making the camp a great success for the youth that call it summer vacation.



Chloe Anderson
Moore County Youth

Through serving her community, Chloe has learned how to think beyond herself and develop a more expansive view of life. She says, "One thing I like about community service is that there are opportunities to improve and leave your mark on your global and local community." Chloe has been an active member of 4-H for over eight years, where one of her roles has been working with youth at 4-H Weekend Camp for youth in grades 4 through 12. Chloe and other high school teens are the leaders and educators for this camp, responsible for entertaining over 80 campers. Chloe loves camping, so she volunteered to attend the Junior High 4-H Camp for five days in Crossville where she served meals, participated in games, cooked breakfast on an open fire, and worked in the craft shop.





DeAnn Kirgan
Morgan County Adult

DeAnn has served the Morgan County Tourism Alliance since 2014 representing MCTA at regional tourism council meetings, writing grants for tourism funds, scheduling ads and social media posts, and finding new ways to spotlight Morgan County. For the annual Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival, DeAnn incorporated activities such as hot air balloon rides, road bowling, and on-site t-shirt printing with an antique printer. She organized the Tennessee Music Pathways Concerts to promote the county's rich music history and she has been active in the annual TN Songwriters Contest and the 911 Color Run honoring first responders. Additionally, DeAnn serves at the MCTA Tanner Historic Cafe, on the board for the Sheltoewe Trace, promotes the Historic Rugby Volunteer Program, is an active volunteer for the annual British Festival and the Thanksgiving Tea.



Daniel Garrett
Morgan County Youth

Daniel Garrett took the culinary course at Central High School and trained at Morgan County Tourism Alliance's Tanners Historic Cafe, where he did so well that he was hired. The volunteers and servers liked working with Daniel, and patrons loved having him serve them. He is always willing to help when he can. Daniel has also served as a member of the Morgan County Tourism Alliance and volunteers at many events including the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival, the Christmas Market, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and more. Additionally, Daniel is a pianist at his church and volunteers there as well.



Rachael Morrow
Perry County Adult

As a new resident to Perry County, Rachael has made a positive impact on the community by volunteering in the schools. She single-handedly coordinated a "Thankful for Our Schools" service project which provided all 200 Perry County School District employees with a homemade dessert or dish to share over the holiday break, an event which has turned into a highly anticipated annual tradition. To ensure students were prepared for TCAP testing, Rachael organized a supply drive, providing each student with a new pencil, snack, water bottle, and peppermint for the exams, helping test takers feel mentally and physically prepared on those stressful days. During "Read Across America," Rachael held read-alouds for each grade on both elementary campuses, providing students with homemade color-changing crayons and educators with activity sheets for the stories she read.





Wyatt Carroll
Perry County Youth

Wyatt has an eagerness to work to raise funds for those in need, serving at dozens of local benefit dinners that support community members experiencing severe illness or disasters. After floods, tornados, and fires, Wyatt volunteers his time cleaning up debris, clearing roadways, and helping the community rebuild. Additionally, Wyatt has served as an officer and active member of the Future Farmers of America organization at Perry County High School, where he has served the community in food distribution, Christmas toy deliveries, and local park clean up.



Leon Locke
Rhea County Adult

Leon has impacted the Rhea Community through his many years of service in the Rhea County Rescue Squad, the Rhea County Fire Departments, the Rhea County Parks and Recreation Department, and the Spring City Chamber of Commerce. Leon has gone above and beyond for his community and has served the community for many years in many different capacities, helping countless numbers of citizens.



Anne Pirtle
Roane County Adult

Anne volunteers her time assisting the Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition in disseminating prevention and recovery educational materials to adolescents and adults. She regularly attends RCADC's coalition meetings, supports their social media presence, and checks in periodically to fill any need RCADC may have. In addition to her work in the recovery community, Anne has also volunteered with Prevention Pool Nights, the Roane Chamber Ambassadors, and Prom Promise.





Brody Kolski
Roane County Youth

Brody's unwavering commitment to the goals of the Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition is an inspiration to both his peers and the broader community. He is a dedicated, passionate youth volunteer and an outstanding contributor to the organization's mission. Brody, a freshman at Roane County High School, has demonstrated exceptional commitment and leadership in promoting substance misuse prevention among his peers. His impact is particularly notable through his establishment of "Kids Who Kare," a youth organization that collects and distributes hygiene products to students facing challenges. His leadership showcases not only his compassion for others' well-being, but also his proactive approach to making a positive difference.



Buddy Frank
Robertson County Adult

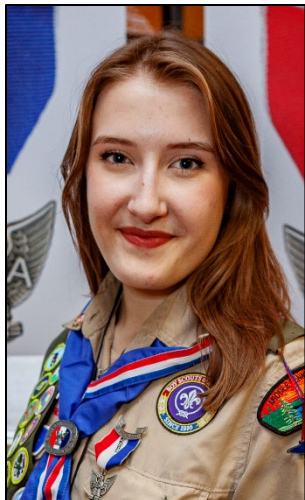
Recognizing the growing problem of hunger and food insecurity in Robertson County, Mr. Frank was called to action in his community. Mr. Frank has been actively volunteering for over 5 years at United Ministries to address this need. He has made a significant impact by making himself available to serve and being an example to others, both those whom he serves and those who serve with him.



Marilyn Rogan
Rutherford County Adult

For the past 14 years, Marilyn has been the acting program lead for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, a non-profit organization dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military personnel and disabled veterans in Rutherford County. Soldiers benefit through fly fishing and associated activities, education, and outings. Marilyn's duties include leadership, organization, planning and fundraising for the local program. Marilyn not only works as a group facilitator, but also spends one-on-one time with veterans who need further assistance, minimizing the frustration that some feel in a group environment. She opens her home to assist with building fishing rods and directs biography writing so participants can qualify for national trips.





Rachel Oppmann
Rutherford County Youth

Rachel has donated her time, skills and talent to the Rutherford County community as a Scout leader and volunteer for local theater companies. Rachel was a charter member of Murfreesboro's Troop 2019, recognized as the nation's first all-girl troop in the Boy Scouts of America. Rising to Eagle Scout and serving in a variety of leadership roles in the troop, Rachel logged hundreds of volunteer service hours. These ranged from multi-day events benefiting local charities, churches and conservation projects, to small efforts she directed or assisted as part of the troop's activities. For her Life Scout project, she worked with Civil Air Patrol to help coordinate a Wreaths Across America holiday remembrance of veteran graves at the Stones River National Cemetery. For her Eagle Scout project, she raised money and completed displays for the Rutherford County Courthouse Museum recognizing the positive impacts of including women in Scouting.



Rhonda Ratcliff
Sevier County Adult

Rhonda has been volunteering for over 23 years as a leader in the Smoky Shadows Service Unit for the Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians. Rhonda is very active in Girl Scouts as well as in her church where she works in the nursery on Wednesday nights. She has volunteered with the ski patrol at Ober Gatlinburg for over 20 years. She has also served as a swim coach and instructor with the Red Cross. She and her husband Craig have helped teach many girls first aid. Rhonda has volunteered to serve her county as product chair and been the go-to person for help with the Girl Scout exhibit at the Sevier County Fair each year. She also spends her spare time visiting with residents at local assisted living communities.



Jamie Cogdill
Sevier County Youth

Jamie is very active in the Smoky Shadows Service Unit for the Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians as well as in other organizations. Jamie is an active member of the Beta Club, DECA, SADD, and Keystone clubs and she works with the Boys & Girls Club of the Smokies where she mentors the younger kids. She strives to volunteer enough hours to earn the Presidential Service Award each year. So far, she has earned her Bronze and Silver Awards in Girl Scouts and is scheduled for her training for her Gold Award. Additionally, Jamie is helping to co-lead a new Daisy troop for kindergarten and first grade girls, providing leadership and showing these girls how to serve their community.





Eryn Rogers
Shelby County Adult

Eryn firmly believes that wherever her career takes her, it is important to invest in the community where she lives. As an active volunteer with Arise2Read, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to close the literacy achievement gap, Eryn works with two students each week from September to April, motivating them to fall in love with reading and learning. The two students she served last year at Shelby Oaks Elementary gained an average of three grade levels in reading fluency because of her consistent presence. Eryn even highlights her love for the students she serves as well as the Arise2Read program on social media and TV.



Joshua & James Martin
Shelby County Youth

Joshua and James are brothers who volunteer together to build a better tomorrow. Over the last few years, they have served as Salvation Army Bell Ringers and volunteered with the Memphis Union Mission, Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association Meals on Wheels on Program, Bellevue Loves Memphis Workdays, and the Neighborhood Christian Center. One of their favorite things to do is deliver meals to homebound seniors and neighbors in need. If they see a need they fill a need, whether that is picking up trash in their community, bringing snacks to police officers, or delivering popsicles to people working in the sun. "You get served every day by other people, so it is only right if you serve them," said James.



Phil Dunn
Stewart County Adult

Driving everything Phil does is his ambition to build a better life for the people he reaches daily and build a better world for all of us. Phil has positively impacted his community by making it a better place to live and by giving opportunities to those who are sometimes forgotten. He conducts a weekly jail ministry and classes in the Stewart County jail, helping inmates develop job-seeking and communication skills. He works with the school system's Backpack Program to help combat student hunger. He is also a member of the Stewart County Health Council and volunteers his time as a camp counselor at Lylewood Christian Camp for children and youth where he models Christ to campers through his words and actions.





Kallee Cunningham
Stewart County Youth

Kallee is a senior at Stewart County High School who has always exhibited a heart for helping. As an elementary student, she volunteered to help prepare special needs students for the Special Olympics. In middle school, Kallee became involved in the local chapter of Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). She also volunteered at the local historical museum, constructed floats for parades, and conducted after school leadership workshops for FCCLA chapters in neighboring counties. Throughout high school, Kallee has been an advocate for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, receiving their Volunteer of the Year award. Locally, she assists with the school backpack program, collects items for local food pantries, and is involved with the local Humane Society.



Liza Harmon
Sullivan County Adult

Liza believes that saying yes to a friend's invitation to join her cooking team was one of the best decisions she has ever made. Liza began volunteering as a cook and then transitioned to a driver for Meals on Wheels in 1986. Today, as overall coordinator of the First Presbyterian Church kitchen operation for Meals on Wheels, Liza oversees the preparation of nearly 140 hot meals every weekday. Liza also volunteers as a Tennessee Non-medical Reserve Corp member. She has many strengths that enable her to carry out her volunteer duties effectively, including patience, flexibility, reliability, the ability to work well with various volunteers, and attention to detail.



Brylee Thomas
Sullivan County Youth

Although only 11 years old, Brylee has demonstrated the characteristics of a true leader and positive role model, volunteering for several years with organizations like Sullivan County Toys from Cops, Sullivan County 4-H Honor Club, and the Dairy Alliance as the 2023 Chairperson for Sullivan County. As a volunteer advocate, Brylee has been featured on local television, participated in local events like the 4th of July Parade, and was a guest speaker at Kingsport Rotary Club, promoting the importance of consuming dairy as part of a balanced diet.





Tanya McPherson
Sumner County Adult

As the co-owner of Cafe 393 in Hendersonville, Tanya sees the needs of her community first-hand and takes action. Since 2018, the cafe has provided 1,000 free Thanksgiving meals to those in the community, whether it be First Responders on duty, someone in need, or an individual looking not to spend the holiday alone. Tanya also serves her community in numerous capacities across several non-profit organizations, including the Junior Service League of Hendersonville, Senior Citizens of Hendersonville, and Live Love Nashville. Tanya also leads Adopt a Teacher, established in 2019.



LeJulian Roy
Tipton County Adult

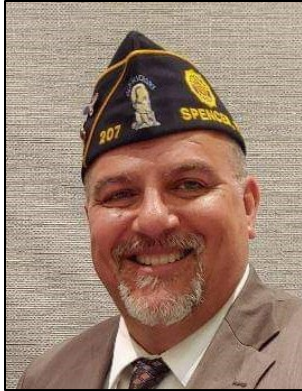
LeJulian "Trooper" Roy exemplifies service above self. Trooper volunteers as a Rotarian to clean up Shelton Park in Covington. Trooper Roy has volunteered at his local food pantry delivering groceries and at the Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region, sharing his love of being a State Trooper with the young children in the community. In addition to this work, Trooper still finds a way to serve his community through opportunities such as providing blankets and pillows to families in need.



Rosemary Gregory
Trousdale County Adult

Rosemary has dedicated 25 years of service to making the Community Help Center of Trousdale County operate. Rosemary generously gives as many as 35 to 40 hours per week on a volunteer basis in helping with the Center's operations and serving on the Board of Directors. In addition, she serves in many other facets of the organization, such as coordinating, accepting, and sorting donations, assisting in the food pantry, helping clients pick up their food boxes and bags of clothing, stocking the thrift store and serving as a cashier whenever needed.





Hansel Moore
Van Buren County Adult

Mr. Moore is the American Legion Post 207 Commander in Van Buren county, one of the least populated counties in the state. In that role, he has been instrumental in securing funds and resources for the American Legion project to build tiny homes for unhoused veterans, which they hope to open in May 2024.



Dean Stegall
Wayne County Adult

Ms. Dean believes that we are here to serve, and she gives her time and energy to that service on a daily basis. After being diagnosed with cancer, she started the LIPS (Ladies in Pink Society), a community outreach and support group for anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer. They meet monthly to discuss helping people battling cancer. She teaches Bible class at church and is involved in many community projects and activities. She believes in the youth and helps with 4-H activities.



Danny Jones
Weakley County Adult

Danny is a great example of a community lifeline, making every attempt possible to ensure everyone has appropriate care. Danny has worked numerous hours in all capacities of volunteering in helping people in need. He has worked with the youth at his church, going on mission trips and helping people return their lives to normal. In 2021, after a tornado hit Dresden, Danny worked day and night assisting people wherever he was needed. He sponsors fish fries, takes people to the doctor, helps with their yards, and delivers food where needed, once even traveling as far as Houston, Texas to rescue an individual that became ill and needed to get back to Dresden.





Kyle Winnett
White County Adult

As a first responder, Kyle has demonstrated unwavering dedication, courage, and selfless commitment to the well-being of his community since starting his volunteer service in 1998 at the age of 15. With unwavering dedication, he has provided critical assistance, comfort, and support to those in distress. His sacrifice doesn't end when the flames are extinguished or the crisis is averted, since responders carry the weight of the experiences they've encountered, the lives they've touched, and the memories they've witnessed. It's a burden he bears with pride, knowing he made a difference in someone's life when it mattered most.



Kaden Sparks
White County Youth

Growing up surrounded by the values of volunteer service and dedication, Kaden embraced volunteerism from a young age, proudly serving alongside his father as part of the volunteer fire department in his community. He holds great value in upholding the legacy of the volunteer fire department and is committed to safeguarding lives and property by being a volunteer fireman. Beyond his commitment to firefighting, Kaden actively engages in community outreach programs, educating fellow youth about fire safety and the importance of emergency preparedness. His leadership qualities shine through as he inspires other young people to serve their community through emergency services.



Cassandra Ridley
Williamson County Adult

Cassandra is a tireless volunteer for Williamson County, having volunteered 250 hours in the last two years for the Hard Bargain Association. She is also an active volunteer for My Friend's House, where she is known for being willing to be all things to all people in order to build unity in her community. Cassandra also volunteers for the African American Heritage Society, Boys and Girls Club, and the Tom Murdic Prom Scholarship Committee. She loves everyone with all of her heart and is the true meaning of love your neighbor as yourself.





Anita Woolard
Wilson County Adult

Anita has a giving heart, helping anyone in need no matter the time, money or sweat needed. She is an active volunteer with All For Him Ministry where she serves food every Sunday to the homeless community, fills the blessing boxes around town, stocks the warehouse, and distributes food, clothing, tents, toiletries, and other basic necessities. Anita also transports people to doctor visits and job interviews and helps them submit paperwork for government assistance, job applications, voter registration and drivers licenses. Anita has assisted many in the homeless community get a fresh start with housing, employment and budgeting assistance.



Lexi Potter
Wilson County Youth

Lexi has been working on her Kindness Clay bracelets for a year. Lexi makes her Kindness Clay bracelets without charge to spread her kindness act with others. Any donations she receives for her bracelets are donated to charity. Lexi's calling is a unique and creative volunteer service because she takes her time and skill to give back to others in our community. Lexi attends as many events as possible in our community and will public speak about her Kindness Clays by Lexi. She takes orders and makes her bracelets after school, nights and on weekends. Lexi was already making an impact on her peers and students at school. Now, she is partnering with our county government to spread the word too. Lexi is an inspiring youth putting her community at the top of her list.

