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Nominations Sought for Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Awards

Nominations for the 2012 Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year awards will be accepted July 1 through September 30, 2012.

Each year, the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support (DCSNS) partners with the Governor's Office and the Arkansas Municipal League to sponsor the awards, which honor 12 communities throughout Arkansas for their volunteer efforts. A committee of citizens who represent a cross section of the state population will select the winning communities. The awards will be presented at the Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference in January 2013. Each community will have signs from the Arkansas Department of Highway and Transportation placed on roads near their communities designating them as a Volunteer Community of the Year.

Recipients of the 2011 awards were Benton, Bentonville, Booneville, Clarkridge, Clarksville, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Heber Springs, Maumelle, Mountain Home, Quitman and Van Buren.

Volunteers in these communities donate thousands of hours yearly toward supporting on-going local activities and meeting the needs of their fellow citizens.

For a nomination form or more information, visit the DCSNS website:

<http://www.humanservices.arkansas.gov/dcsns>, or contact Selena Ellis at DHS Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support, P.O. Box 1437, Slot S-230, Little Rock, AR 72203, or call 501-682-7540.