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Arkansas Volunteer Communities of the Year Announced

Twelve communities have been selected to receive the 2012 Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Award. Chosen to receive recognition for their volunteer efforts were: Benton, Bentonville, Blytheville, Clarksville, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Maumelle, Mountain Home, Norfolk, Van Buren and Warren.

A panel of citizens from across the state served on the selection committee. All recipients have received the award in the past. However, some of this year's recipients have not received the award in many years.

The award presentations will take place at the Arkansas Municipal League's Winter Conference, which will be held January 16-18, 2013, in Little Rock.

The Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Awards are sponsored by the Governor's Office, the Arkansas Municipal League and the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support. The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department provides signs announcing the Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year designation. The signs are placed at prominent locations along highways outside of the winning cities.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support promotes and supports volunteerism in the private, nonprofit and governmental sectors as a means of enhancing the quality of life for all Arkansans. Consulting and training services for volunteer program management are available by calling (501) 682-7540 or (toll free) 1-800-482-5850.