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### **Governor Proclaims September Arkansas Volunteer Month**

Arkansas volunteers are being honored this fall. Governor Mike Beebe has proclaimed September "Arkansas Volunteer Month." During September, organizations throughout the state will give special recognition to their volunteers. This year, the theme "**Heroes Aren't Born, They Volunteer**" has been adopted.

Sherry Middleton, Director of the Department of Human Services' Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support, explains, "Arkansas volunteers contribute abilities and resources to provide services and problem-solving skills to people and communities throughout the Natural State. These volunteers constitute Arkansas' most precious natural resource. It is the spirit of helping one another that we hope to promote, and it is those who have demonstrated this spirit that we hope to recognize during this month."

The DHS Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support is the nation's oldest state office of volunteerism. This Division promotes and supports volunteerism in the private, nonprofit and government sectors, as a means of enhancing the quality of life for all Arkansans. For more information about Arkansas Volunteer Month, call Beth Jacks at DHS DCSNS, 501-682-7540.