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Arkansas Community Service Award set for June 10

Arkansas volunteers from across the state will be honored at the 2016 Arkansas Community Service Awards at 6 p.m., on Friday, June 10, 2016, at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion, 1800 Center Street Little Rock, Arkansas.

Tickets to the awards, sponsored by the Department of Human Services Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support (DCSNS), KARK Channel 4, the Duncan Law Firm and the Governor's Office are \$50 each and include dinner. They can be purchased by contacting Laura Kellerman at LKellerman@kark.com. The event is black-tie optional and will be televised on KARK the following week after the event.

Since 1978, the Arkansas Community Service Awards have been presented annually to four categories of recipients: individual adults, youth, a National Service member and corporations. In addition, a distinguished citizen award is presented. Award honorees are selected on the basis of their outstanding volunteer service – for demonstrating conscientiousness and unselfishness that benefits the community at large and exemplifies the highest ideals of humanitarianism. Award recipients are selected by committees comprised of outstanding community leaders and volunteers – including past CSA winners – statewide. All candidates are judged according to specified nomination guidelines.

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Individual finalists for this year include Scott Pursley of Little Rock, Tenille Rauls of Mountain Home, Charolette Tidwell of Fort Smith, Dave Steinquist of Jonesboro, Derick Easter of Little Rock, and LaGranzie Kale of Jonesboro. The Youth Humanitarian Honoree is Kathryn Williams of Vilonia. The National Service Honoree is former AmeriCorps member Mike Machella of Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp Alternative Classroom Experience in Little Rock. The Corporate Humanitarian honoree is JPMS Cox, PLLC of Little Rock. The 2016 Distinguished Citizens are the Hickingbotham family, Frank and his two sons Herren and Todd Hickingbotham of Little Rock.

The DHS Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support (DCSNS) promotes and supports volunteerism in the private, nonprofit and government sectors as a means of solving problems for all Arkansans. The division has offered training, technical assistance, and information to all Arkansans since 1974. For more information or to nominate someone for the 2017 awards, visit www.arkansas.gov/dhs/dcsns or call DCSNS at 501-682-7540.

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