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Governor Beebe Proclaims September Arkansas Volunteer Month

Governor Mike Beebe has declared September “Arkansas Volunteer Month” to honor the thousands of volunteers who make this state a better place to live.

During September, organizations throughout the state will recognize these volunteers who serve in hundreds of different capacities.

“Arkansas volunteers provide services and problem-solving skills to people and communities throughout the Natural State,” said Sherry Middleton, director of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support (DCSNS). “These volunteers constitute Arkansas’s 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.”

This year, the theme “Volunteers: Hands that serve, Hearts that care” has been adopted. Last year, 846 volunteer organizations in Arkansas reported volunteers serving a total of 22,744,121 hours, according to an annual study conducted by DCSNS. The estimated value of those hours totaled \$624,340,124. The 2013 DCSNS study will be released in October.

DCSNS 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 501-682-7540