Little Rock Man Receives Award for Furthering Volunteerism

The Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support (DCSNS) is proud to announce that Dr. David Sink of Little Rock is the recipient of the 2013 Billie Ann Myers Paragon Award. The Paragon Award is presented each year to a person who works to further the ideas of volunteerism in the state of Arkansas.

Dr. Sink was chosen for the award because of his many years of passionate work in the nonprofit sector. As one of the inaugural professors at the William J. Clinton School of Public Service, Dr. Sink is a firm believer in the power individuals have to make changes in their community. Each day, he conveys this message to students enrolled in his classes at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the Clinton School.

"To be recognized as a Paragon Award winner puts me in fine company," said Dr. Sink. “I know each of the previous 12 winners, including Billie Ann Myers, for whom the award is named. They are all giants in the field of volunteer management. To be mentioned with them humbles me by association."

The long-term challenge of providing a workable solution for Little Rock's homeless population is one of Dr. Sink's greatest service contributions. Through his leadership, the city developed a 10-year plan aimed at ending chronic homelessness. He continues to serve on the Mayors' Commission on Homelessness and assist with the plan's implementation.

Dr. Sink will receive the award during The Summit, the annual conference sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Human Services DCSNS held on April 18 and 19. The Paragon Award is named after the first director of the state Division of Volunteerism, Billie Ann Myers. Myers has been active in volunteerism in the state for more than 40 years.

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The Summit is a conference where volunteers, philanthropists, and nonprofits leaders can enjoy professional development workshops and networking. This year there will be motivating new sessions such as: Building Partnerships to Benefit Your Bottom Line, Winning the Money Race, Do You Need a Marketing Plan, Building a Diversified Development Program, Get Grant Funded and Rethinking Volunteer Management, among others. To register and view the program, please visit our website: http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dcsns.