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Press Release

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20,000 Lafayette volunteer hours honored during City ceremony

Lafayette, Colo April 18, 2012 – In 2011 the City of Lafayette benefitted from the dedication of over 700 volunteers contributing 20,000 hours of service to the City. The sacrifice and commitment exemplified by these individuals was recognized last night with a ceremony and reception held in conjunction with the City Council meeting.

While the volunteer hours represent approximately \$142,500 in savings for the City, even more valuable is the community involvement and care demonstrated by these volunteers. "When we have volunteers participating in our programs, those programs tend to be that much more valuable," offered Susan Nagle, Volunteer Coordinator. "Their contributions are priceless to us and the community."

Each year the City accepts nominations and chooses a Volunteer of the Year Award in three categories; Teen Volunteer, Individual Volunteer, and Group Volunteer.

Teen Volunteer of the Year

Melisa Bullock – Volunteer with Teen and Children's Services at the Library since 2007 "Melissa helps keep the Teen Zone orderly, among her many other contributions to the Library...She approaches her work with dedication and enthusiasm and has fantastic follow through."

Individual Volunteer of the Year

Carol Poore – With 15 years of dedicated Service to Senior Services culminating in an amazing year in 2011 'in which she advocated for Josephine Commons Housing Project with Boulder Housing Authority...never missed an opportunity to discuss the importance of affordable, accessible and appropriate housing with seniors, members of the community, members of the Planning Commission, and members of City Council.'" Challenged the status quo to make sure that as many units as possible at the Josephine Commons housing project were visit – able."

Group Volunteer of the Year

Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission and Public Art Committee – This Committee advises City Council and City Staff on cultural arts planning and programs including the Art on the Street Program. “They have made the arts a significant part of the Downtown Vision Plan and have worked to engage the businesses and residential communities as collaborators in using the arts to strengthen our Old Town in every way.” The quality of their programs such as Art Night Out, Art on the Street, Arts in the Community and Arts in Education Grants, Poetry Readings, Carolers during Home for the Holidays, Meet the Artists Reception and more all have contributed to the vibrancy of our town.” Members include Michael Adams, Stacey Bernstein, Lisa Crandall, Judy Richards, Karen Raforth, Mimi McDavid, Lynn Wooton, Kate Simpson, Alan Crandall, Ashley Dzilvelis, Laura Mays, Pam Sherrick, Meridith Grundei and Rachel Hanson.

The City of Lafayette annually celebrates those who volunteer for programs such as the Library’s Summer Reading Program, Senior Services’ lap robe quilters, contributors to Boards and Commissions, and Recreation Department sports coaches. For more information on available programs and how to volunteer contact Penny Ford, pennyf@cityoflafayette.com, 303-665-5588 ext 3380. This summer the City will host an additional event at Festival Plaza to celebrate volunteers. Look for information on the City’s website, www.cityoflafayette.com, [Facebook page](#), and Comcast Channel 8.

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