



## News Release

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### **Arapahoe County honors volunteers with President's Award**

**Arapahoe County, Colo.** – In recognition of National Volunteer Week, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners recognized six volunteers, Bob Eshelman, Minnie Kirscht, Darlene Purser, Phyllis Walsh, Marian Whitman, and LouGene Wolz, for their loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Arapahoe County.

The six recipients received the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national honor that recognizes individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering.

"In 2007, each of these volunteers contributed 100 – 249 hours of service to support Arapahoe County's Service First mission," said Commissioner Pat Noonan. "These key individuals have given so selflessly of themselves to compliment and improve the services of Arapahoe County."

The volunteers have all provided hundreds of hours supporting various programs and events including the Arapahoe County Fair, Judicial Services, Senior Resources, Administrative Services and CSU Extension.

LouGene Wolz, was recognized for her work at A/D Works! creating modules that teach job seekers the tools they need to secure employment. Bob Eshelman spreads his volunteer hours in a number of areas from veteran services, to wood working in the CSU youth development after school program, tutoring with the English as a Second Language program for A/D Works! and the Arapahoe County Fair.

Phyllis Walsh splits her time between Florida and Colorado. Like a homing pigeon, she always returns to Judicial Services' Useful Public Services program as a caseworker.

For more information about volunteering for Volunteer Connections, contact Val Purser at 303-738-7938 or [vpurser@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:vpurser@co.arapahoe.co.us)

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*Photo captions: (left to right)* Bob Eshelman, Marian Whitman, Darlene Purser, Phyllis Walsh, Minnie Kirscht and LouGene Wolz receive the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national honor that recognizes their hours of volunteer services to Arapahoe County.

Arapahoe County Community Resources Director Don Klemme, Commissioner Pat Noonan and Administrative Services Division Manager Darcy Kennedy present the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD to LouGene Wolz for outstanding service to Arapahoe/Douglas Works!