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Governor Tony Evers Presented the 2019 Governor's Service Awards

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[Madison, Wisconsin] – Recognizing the power everyday contributions made by engaged citizens Governor Tony Evers recognized 11 individual and two programs at the 2019 Governor's Service Awards ceremony for their significant service to Wisconsin citizens and communities on June 6, 2019.

The Governor's Service Awards honors outstanding volunteers, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants, programs, and AmeriCorps alumni that address serious social needs across Wisconsin.

"Every day ordinary people roll-up their sleeves and help their community and neighbor. Not with the expectation of recognition or a paycheck but rather out of the kindness and generosity of their hearts. I want you know that your service and volunteerism sets an example for your friends and families and people across the State" the Governor declared.

"AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and VISTA members and volunteers are making remarkable contributions to Wisconsin. stated Jeanne Duffy This year's honorees are helping bridge the educational achievement gap, supporting people through recovery from opioid addiction, honoring veterans, providing transportation to our senior citizens, helping children and adults find housing and, perhaps most valuable of all, offering a listening ear and a strong desire to help "

Details on each honoree and the service they perform for Wisconsin can be found at

<https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/governors-service-awards>



The 2019 Governor's Service Awards Honorees:

AmeriCorps Member of the Year

Alexis Dean, United Way of Dane County – Schools of Hope – Madison, WI

AmeriCorps Program of the Year

Marshfield Clinic Health System AmeriCorps Recovery Corps – Service Area: Oneida, Vilas, Price, Iron, and Forest Counties and Potawatomi, Lac Du Flambeau, and Sokaogon Chippewa Tribal Nations

AmeriCorps VISTA Member of the Year

Marco Marquez, Milwaukee Succeeds – Milwaukee, WI

Senior Corps Volunteer of the Year

Richard Hoffman, RSVP of Dane County – Stoughton, WI

Senior Corps Volunteer of the Year

Mary Ann Steep, Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program FGP – Argyle, WI

Senior Corps Program of the Year

RSVP Interfaith of Washington County – West Bend, WI

Veteran Volunteer of the Year Service

Steve Conto, Veterans of Foreign Wars – Menasha, WI

Volunteer Coordinator of the Year

Rachel Guenther, The Beacon – Madison, WI

AmeriCorps Alumni of the Year

Khong Meng Her – originally served with Marshfield Clinic Afterschool, currently working with Blugold Beginnings – Eau Claire, WI

AmeriCorps Alumni of the Year

Ashley Lee – originally served with Teach for America, currently the Executive Director of Public Allies Milwaukee – Milwaukee, WI

AmeriCorps Alumni of the Year

Adrienne Strelcheck – originally served with Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services, currently working with Pathfinders Milwaukee – Milwaukee, WI

AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni of the Year

Ellen Carlson – originally served with Schools of Hope Literacy Project, currently the Executive Director of Middleton Outreach Ministry – Middleton, WI

Marty Stein Friend of National Service Exemplary Supporter

Brian Blahnik, Marshfield Health Care System AmeriCorps Program – Appleton, WI

Together, Serve Wisconsin and the Corporation for National and Community Service Wisconsin State Office sponsor the Governor's Service Award Ceremony

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