The 27th Annual
Cornucopia
Luncheon
2023

Get Involved Awards

Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21, 2023

NOMINATION FORM

One of our favorite things about being in the community engagement business is getting to honor and recognize outstanding volunteers with the Get Involved Awards at our Annual Cornucopia Luncheon.

- The 27th Annual Cornucopia Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.
- Any individual, family, or organization engaged in voluntary activities may be nominated.
- The volunteer activity can be in a structured or unstructured setting, must be nondiscriminatory, and must demonstrate community impact.
- Individuals, groups, agencies, and businesses may make one nomination per category.
- Past winners are not eligible in the category previously won. Please view this list on our website.
- For more information, contact Riley Taguwa at (806) 747-0551 or rtaguwa@volunteerlubbock.org

Nomination Category - please check the appropriate box

- ☐ Adult Group
- ☐ Adult Individual
- ☐ College Group
- ☐ College Individual
- ☐ Youth (12-18) Group
- ☐ Youth (12-18) Individual
- ☐ Youth (11 & under) Group
- ☐ Youth (11 & under) Individual
- ☐ Young Adult (under 40)
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Volunteer Coordinator (only category that can be paid staff)
- ☐ Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization or Agency
- ☐ Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Service

Nominee Information

Please be sure that we have complete contact information.

Group/Individual Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Cell: _____ Work: _____ Email: _____

Nonprofit Information

Please list the nonprofits where this nominee volunteers:

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Nomination Statement

Describe the nominee's volunteer efforts, what ways did the nominee affect the community at large or the clients of the agency served, special qualities that make the nominee outstanding, why do they deserve the award, and organizations that have benefited from the nominee's volunteer efforts. Give specific examples, personal comments, and include quotes (maximum 500 words).

You may also attach letters of support (maximum of 2).

Nominator Information

Nominator Name: _____

Relation to Nominee: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Cell: _____ Work: _____ Email: _____

If nominee is not selected, I would like my nomination kept on file to be considered for the next two years of "Get Involved" Awards.

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock, the media, or our sponsors may use any material submitted for publication.

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Receipt of Nominations will be acknowledged by the Volunteer Center of Lubbock. If you have not received an acknowledgement from the VCL within two business days, please call us at (806) 747-0551.

To Submit:
Download the PDF and fill out all fields
Send completed form via email to: rtaguwa@volunteerlubbock.org
Or
Mail the completed application with attached nomination statement and letters of support (if desired) to:
Volunteer Center of Lubbock
1924 Broadway
Lubbock, TX 79401

Nomination Statement (500 Words)

Past Get Involved Award Honorees

2022
- Adult Group: Christ the King Cathedral
- Business: Standard Energy
- Volunteer Coordinator: Katie Crump
- Youth Individual (11 & under): CJ Wilson & Grace Wilson; Linda Barbee
- Youth Individual: Bilal Kharrat
- Youth Group: All Saints Episcopal School NJHS
- Family: The Spore Family
- College Group: JoyCentric Organization
- Young Adult Individual: Kara Burrus
- Adult Individual: Greg Freeman/Dolores Garcia/Beverly Isbell
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Lubbock Habitat for Humanity
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Margaret Brannon Randle

2021
- Adult Group: Slate Group
- Business: H-E-B
- Volunteer Coordinator: Stephanie Wallace
- Youth Individual (11 & under): Sophia Herrera
- Youth Individual: Jilpa Patel
- Youth Group: Lubbock-Cooper High School Youth In Service
- Family: David & Sarah Cameron
- College Individual: Mary Oyewole
- Young Adult Individual: Anurud Rankoth
- Adult Individual: Beth Bridges/Tommy Tidwell
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: City of Lubbock Health Department
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Rose Wilson

2020
- Child Individual: Macey Brown
- Youth Individual: Tra'Shun Thomas
- Youth Group: Robin's Nest Tutoring
- College Group: ADPi -Epsilon Epsilon
- Young Adult: Abby Dye
- Adult Individual: Mina Bunyard/Kevin McConic/Tammie King/Lynnette Wilson
- Adult Group: Face Masks 4 Lubbock
- Family: Palmer Family
- Business: First Convenience Bank
- Volunteer Coordinator: Sandy Garcia
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: StarCare Specialty Health System
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Linda Gaither

2019
- Adult Group: Craig Finlayson and Mike Moss
- Adult Individual: Danny Norris
- College Group: TTU Honors College STEM and Leaf Corps
- College Individual: Emma Hightower
- Youth Group: Monterey High School CFA Leader Academy
- Child Individual: Aryana Garcia
- Family: Lesley and Katie Garcia
- Business: Michael Postar's Affordable Storage/Liggett Law Group
- Volunteer Coordinator: Dana Gustafson
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Homeless Outreach Team - Lubbock Police Department

2018
- Child Individual: Sophie Dudley
- Youth Individual: Gracie LaQuey
- College Individual: August Zimmerman
- Child Group: LCU Veterans of Faith
- Young Adult: Kristin Murray
- Adult Individual: Jon Mark Bernal/Julie Doss
- Adult Group: UMC NEIDS
- Family: Jonathan, Michelle, Palmer, and Graham Stephens
- Volunteer Coordinator: Dr. Bob McDonald
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Lubbock Professional Firefighters (Local 972)
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Dr. Frank M. Ryburn, Jr.

2017
- Adult Individual: Carol Alonzo/Dr. Mark Wilkinson
- Adult Group: Flatlander Harley Owners Group of Lubbock
- Young Adult: Jennifer Sowder Clements
- College Individual: Mayra Ramos
- College Group: Atkins Health Careers Club
- Youth Individual: Danisha Lewis
- Youth Group: Keep Teens Alive Youth Coalition
- Child Individual: Eboni Stewart
- Family: Jennifer and Isabella Garcia
- Business: Bahama Buck's
- Volunteer Coordinator: Patrick Tran
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Unified Juneteenth Commission
- Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service Award: Donna Chandler

2016
- Adult Individual: Ann Archer/Sharon Johnson
- Adult Group: The National Ranching Heritage Center's Ranch Host
- College Individual: Whitney Shaffer
- College Group: First Generation Transition & Mentoring Programs (formally known as PEGASUS)
- Youth Individual: Peter Martinelli
- Youth Group: The DECA Program at Frenship High School
- Family: The Tilden Family
- Business: Wells Fargo Bank
- Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa Gilbert
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Dismas Charities, Inc.

Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service Award: Vernita Woods-Holmes

2015
- Business: SERVPRO of Southwest Lubbock
- College: Lucy Ingaiza/ Texas Tech Catholic Student Association
- Education: George Dawson Arts: Holly Vinson
- Youth: Sunset Church of Christ Youth Group 2015 High School Mission Team
- Young Adult: Meredith Imes
- Volunteer Coordinator: Elizabeth Duran
- Individual Commitment: Jeff Klotzman
- Individual Commitment: Bonnie Hunt
- Family: Michelle and Madison Castillo
- Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Double T Health Service Corps

2014
• Business: Lowe's Heroes
• College: Elizabeth Roesler
• Education: Lubbock ISD Foundation for Excellence
• Arts: Victoria Timmons and Tatum Lowe
• Youth: Catherine Latour
• Young Adult: David Abercia
• Volunteer Coordinator: Michael Goen
• Individual Commitment: Keri Powell
• Family: The Ragsdale Family
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: South Plains Lion's Club
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Leslie Moss

2013
• Business: UMC Health System
• College: Lane Tyson/RaiderThon
• Education: Merinda Condra/Kids Hope USA
• Arts: Gary Bain
• Youth: Alejandra Estrada
• Young Adult: Katie Salter
• Volunteer Coordinator: Melissa Madrid
• Individual Commitment: Michael McKaskle
• Family: Vance & Maggie Guthrie and Koda & Brynne Bigham
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Mentor Tech Student Organization
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Bill Cox

2012
• Business: PlainsCapital Bank/Parkhill, Smith & Cooper
• College: David Bost
• Education: Dr. Sam Ayers
• Arts: Sandra Marberry
• Youth: Katy Roark/Arturo Rodriguez
• Young Adult: Ryan Curry
• Volunteer Coordinator: Jana Hunter
• Individual Commitment: Cindy Meason
• Family: Sharon, Timothy, and Rebekah McCartney; Betty and Zoe Bell
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: TTUHSC/Lubbock Impact Student-Run Free Clinic
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Nancy Clopton

2011
• Business: United Parcel Service
• College: TTU Sigma Lamdba Beta
• Education: Laura Vinson/Mitch Watson
• Cultural Diversity: Caprock Foundation
• Arts: Pat Maines
• Youth: Brittany Johnson/United Future Leaders
• Young Adult: Megan Graham
• Volunteer Coordinator: Sharon Thiel
• Individual Commitment: Olivia Hernandez
• Family: Kay & Bill Young
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization:West Texas Home Builders Assoc.
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Steve Rogers

2010
• Business: Betenbough Homes/Kohl's
• College: TTU Eta Omicron Nu
• Education: Cheri Isett
• Arts: Eric Lowe
• Youth: Sarah Jo Lambert
• Young Adult: Christie Devitt
• Children: All Saints Episcopal School 2nd Graders
• Volunteer Coordinator: Linda Thompson
• Individual Commitment: Dave Freriks/James Mahan
• Family: Wilkerson Family/Millie & Donnie Caldwell
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Downtown American Business Club
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Linda Greenstreet

2009
• Business: Smooth Fusion
• College: Kappa Alpha Theta
• Education: Jan Taylor
• Cultural Diversity: Debra Flores
• Youth: Nicole Carrillo/Roosevelt Student Council
• Young Adult: William Murray
• Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa Howe
• Individual Commitment: Sandra Schuetzberg
• Family: The Marricle Family
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: YWCA of Lubbock
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Evelyn Smith

2008
• Business: Hartsfield Design
• College: Double T Health Service Corps
• Education: Food 2 Kids
• Cultural Diversity: Cathy Allen
• Youth: Communities in Schools Champions Group at Cavazos Middle School
• Young Adult: Tonya Phifer
• Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Guetersloh/Cheryl Keefer
• Individual Community Service: Stu Childre/Bill Curnow/Eddie Owens
• Family: Jim, Carrie, and Morgan Larner
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Achievement Rewards for College Scientists
(ARCS)
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Donna Snodgrass

2007
• Business: Blackmon Mooring/City Bank Texas
• College: Aubrey Spear
• Education: Lubbock Association of Realtors
• Youth: Josh Ragan
• Young Adult: Kasi Boutwell
• Volunteer Coordinator: Dodie Northcutt
• Individual Community Service: Mary Hatfield/James Johnston
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Hospice of Lubbock Thrift Shop/Altrusa International of Lubbock
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Catherine S. Porter

2006
• Business: Home Depot
• College: Delta Tau Delta
• Arts: Redbud Baptist Church Quilters
• Youth: National Charity Leagues, Inc.
• Young Adult: John Steinmetz
• Volunteer Coordinator: Judy Powell
• Individual Community Service: Crystal Edwards
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Caprock AMBUCS
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Harold Jones

2005
• Business: Lubbock Cotton Kings
• Education: Joe-Ann Hill
• Arts: Jimmy Pendergrass
• Youth: Amaris Garcia
• Young Adult: Chris Sims
• Individual Community Service: Hank Behrens/Cayce Kaufman/Davor Vugrin, M.D.
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Friends of the Lubbock Public Library
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Carolie Mullan

2004
• Business: Atmos Energy/Johnny Carino's Restaurant
• Education: Reagan Riley
• Arts: Meredith Fortune McAlister
• Youth: Jordan Hefner/Henry Ramos
• Young Adult: Michelle Tosi-Stephens
• Volunteer Coordinator: Marcia Hogle/Reverend Renae Phillips
• Individual Commitment: Tavita Dorow/Gail Fargaso/James W. Graves
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Lubbock League of Women Voters
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Jackie Williams

2003
• Business: New Day Window Cleaning Service/KLLL - Next Media
• Arts: Conny McDonald Martin
• Cultural Diversity: Bobbie Snodgrass
• Youth: Women's Protective Services Youth Advisory Board
• Young Adult: Kara Donatil
• Volunteer Coordinator: Shelby Crews
• Individual Commitment: Regji Davis/Dr. Chester Golightly/Mary Ann Sanderson/Lt. Lance Slack
• Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization: Junior League of Lubbock
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Linda Miller

2002
• Business: KCBD NewsChannel 11/South Plains Mall/The Cactus Theater
• Young Adult: Melanie Ragain/Matt Stephens
• Volunteer Coordinator: Becky McPherson
• Individual Commitment: Charles Key/Doug Carlson/Lisa Smitherman/Larry Goldston
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Richard Ligon

2001
• Business: Wentz Orthodontics/College Flowers/United Supermarkets
• Young Adult: Shelby Anderson/Jill Baker
• Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Bulen
• Individual Commitment: Catherine Porter/Lee Ruth Kreig/James Bonner Bennett
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Bobbe Crawford

2000
• Business: Covenant Health System/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal /Fellers Marketing & Advertising/Oberkamp Supply
• Young Adult: Tommy Heisser/Steve Massengale
• Volunteer Coordinator: David McCulley
• Individual Commitment: Mia Diekemper/Dorine Harbin/Renee Underwood/Irasema Velasquez
• Lifetime of Community Service: Alan Henry

1999
• Business: Bell Dairy/LP&L/Pat Maines
• Young Adult: Julia Camp
• Volunteer Coordinator: Bill Barnett/Sue Caywood
• Individual Commitment: Pauline Lamb/Chris Lonngren/Dana Neugebauer/BrianQuinn
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Bill and Mary Louise Kingsbery

1998
• Business: Vintage Rose/Barnes and Noble/Watson Foodservice
• Young Adult: Mike McDougal/Chris Wallace
• Volunteer Coordinator: Jean Bardy
• Individual Commitment: Beverly McBeath/Suzie Thomas/Lisa Wright
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Betty Anderson

1997
• Business: Animal Medical Center/Cox Communications/Southwestern Bell
• Young Adult: Cory Powell
• Individual Commitment: George Elle/Harry Fry/Duane Kemp/Brad Underwood
• Ray J. Diekemper Lifetime of Community Service: Nicky Standlee