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Hoosiers have until Friday to make Governor's Service Award nominations

Ind. Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives asks that Hoosiers lift up local examples of service and volunteerism

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INDIANAPOLIS - Only a few days remain to make nominations for Indiana's most prestigious awards celebrating the accomplishments of Hoosiers who have a heart for service and volunteerism. Award nominations will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, July 27.

As a function of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) and a partnership with SAVI, a program through The Polis Center at IUPUI, the Governor's Service Awards are presented annually at the Governor's Conference on Service and Nonprofit Capacity Building. To promote the awards, the OFBCI has released a public service announcement which may be downloaded here and used for broadcast: <http://tinyurl.com/PSA4GSA>

Individuals and organizations from any of Indiana's 92 counties may be nominated for the following categories, including:

- Corporate Service
- Youth Service
- National Service
- Service Learning
- Faith-Based Service
- Communities of Service
- Volunteerism
- Lifetime Achievement

The awardees will be recognized at a special event to be held at the Governor's residence on the evening of October 1.

PSA text:

"This is Jim Huston from the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Service and volunteerism are second-nature to Hoosiers. The Governor's Service Awards recognize outstanding achievement in service. If you know someone who should be nominated for this distinguished award, please go to www.in.gov/ofbci and click on 'the Governor's Service Awards' or call 317-233-4273. Don't wait, nominate!"

To nominate an individual, a group, or yourself, download the nomination form from the website at <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2390.htm>. Once the form is completed, it can be submitted electronically or by mail. The OFBCI requests that all nominations be submitted by July 27, 2012. For more information, visit www.in.gov/ofbci or contact Derek Trovillion at dtrovillion@ofbci.in.gov or 317-234-4031.

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About the Indiana Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI)

Indiana enjoys a rich tradition of Hoosiers working together to help themselves and their communities. In that spirit, the mission of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) is to connect organizations and communities to grants, services, and each other; promote volunteerism and service to improve the lives of Hoosiers; encourage public and private resources to seed and sustain innovative and high quality community and faith-based initiatives; and highlight the good works of individuals and their communities with best practices and innovative models.

Based on the [State Service Plan](#), OFBCI strives to be a statewide public champion for service, a strong local, regional and national partner, an efficient grant maker, and a broker of new and increased federal and state resources allocated towards service and volunteerism. OFBCI's goals are to: 1) increase the visibility of service and volunteerism statewide, 2) increase statewide partnerships around service and volunteerism, 3) effectively administer grant programs and national best practice service programs, and 4) align staff and financial resources towards strategic priorities and desired outcomes. For more information, visit www.in.gov/ofbci.



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