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2008 Volunteering in America Report Released Today

Oregon Ranks 7th for Average Volunteer Hours Per Capita Annually
Portland Takes 2nd For Large Cities

Today, the Corporation for National and Community Service released its annual ***Volunteering in America Report*** which looks at volunteering trends across all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 50 large and 75 mid-sized cities.

Oregon's Rankings and Information:

Climbing three spaces to the 13th spot in the state rankings, Oregon's overall rate of volunteers was 33.9 percent. In 2008, 1.015 million volunteers in Oregon dedicated 120.5 million hours of service to their state.

Oregon also benefited from the intensive service of more than 46,000 people of all ages and backgrounds who are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through 153 national service projects across the state. Serving through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America, these citizens tutor and mentor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, conduct neighborhood patrols, restore the environment, respond to disasters, build nonprofit capacity and recruit and manage volunteers. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service will commit more than \$36.1 million to support national service programs in Oregon communities.

Here's how three selected Oregon cities ranked:

Eugene:

- Ranked 17th on the list of the nation's 75 largest mid-size cities for volunteer rate in the country – 36.6 percent of the city's residents volunteer, compared to the 2008 national average of 27.0 percent.
- Ranked 7th for volunteer hours per capita, having an average of 49.8 volunteer hours.

Portland:

- Ranked 2nd in the list of the nation's 51st largest cities for volunteer rate in the country – 36.7 percent of the city's residents volunteer, compared to the 2008 national average of 27.0 percent.
- Ranked 4th for volunteer hours per capita, having an average of 47.1 volunteer hours.

Salem

- Ranked 24th in the list of the nation's mid-size cities for volunteer rate in the country – 33.0 percent of the city's residents volunteer, compared to the 2007 national average of 27.0 percent.
- Ranked 23rd for volunteer hours per capita, having an average of 41.1 volunteer hours.

Financial Impact of Volunteering in Oregon:

On average (between 2006-2008), residents of Oregon annually contributed almost 120.5 million hours of volunteer service totaling \$2.7 billion.

Of this total:

- Portland contributed almost 75.1 million hours, accounting for service valued at \$1.6 billion for 2008.
- Eugene contributed more than 13 million hours, accounting for service valued at \$263.25 million for 2008.
- Salem contributed more than 14 million hours on average, accounting for service valued at almost \$283.5 million for 2008

These figures are based on the Independent Sector's annual estimation of the dollar value of a volunteer hour for 2008, which is currently \$20.25.

Volunteering In America Study Information:

Based on data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau, this report presents an overview of formal volunteering at both the national and regional levels, as well as state and city rankings determined by volunteering indicators such as volunteering rate, intensity of volunteering, total hours donated, the types of activities volunteers perform, the types of organizations where people volunteer, and civic engagement. All volunteer rankings are based on a three-year average (using data from 2006-2008).

VolunteeringInAmerica.gov:

As noted above, the Volunteering In America profile data is available online in an easy-to-use, interactive Web tool. When you visit VolunteeringInAmerica.gov, you can test your volunteering knowledge, learn about other states and cities and their volunteering habits, as well as seek out volunteer opportunities in your state or city. This comprehensive Web tool was updated today by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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