



Press Release

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The deadline for submitting an application to the Arkansas Department of Human Services to nominate the City of Bentonville for a Volunteer Community of the Year Award is fast approaching. Mayor McCaslin said, "I know we have thousands of citizens who dedicate a good portion of their lives to helping others. These citizens know first-hand how tremendously gratifying it is to be of service to those in need. They participate in and support numerous activities sponsored by their churches, corporate offices and other civic and social clubs. I believe the Volunteer Community of the Year would be an excellent tribute to their good deeds."

The Volunteer Community of the Year Awards are presented each fall. The Awards are co-sponsored by the DHS Division of Volunteerism, the Arkansas Municipal League and the Office of the Governor, and are designed to congratulate and thank communities as a whole (rather than as individuals within the communities) for their volunteer effort in serving their neighbors. Communities chosen for the award receive two signs designating the city as a Volunteer Community of the Year for that year. The signs are donated by the Arkansas Highway Commission and are placed at the City's borders.

To help the City of Bentonville complete the application process, please contact Danielle Shasteen at (479) 271-6827 or via email at dshasteen@bentonvillar.com. The application requires an answer to the following questions:

1. Your organization's total number of volunteers
2. Total number of hours worked
3. Brief description of each event or activity

To be included, the volunteer hours performed must have taken place in Bentonville during the period of September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. The deadline for submission is September 3rd.