

# River Region Volunteer of the Year 2019 Nomination Packet



This packet includes:

Nomination Form, General Information, Award Category Descriptions, Eligibility and Selection Process, and a listing of the 2018 Award Recipients

An electronic version of this form is available at: [www.handsonriverregion.org](http://www.handsonriverregion.org)

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: 4 pm, March 4, 2019**

*Presented by:*



**2019 River Region Volunteer of the Year Celebration**

**April 11, 2019 at 3:30pm**

Trinity Hall, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1728 South Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

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# 2019 River Region Volunteer of the Year NOMINATION FORM

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4 pm on March 4, 2019**

***Please select the category for your nominee:***

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (19 - 64) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (18 & under)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Group     | <input type="checkbox"/> The Arts     | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group (18 & under) |

**NOMINEE:** (Person or group you are nominating. *Please inform your nominee of this special recognition.*)

Individual Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**OR**  
Volunteer Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* If nominating a group, please attach the names and addresses of all group members for invitations/certificates. \*\***

**NOMINATED BY:** (Person or group submitting the nomination.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION PACKET SUBMISSIONS:** Should include the Nomination Form, picture, and narrative that encompass responses to the following:

- ❖ What are some compelling examples of the nominee's service and volunteerism?
- ❖ How does this nominee stand apart from all the rest?
- ❖ What is the impact of the nominee's service on the community, agency, or organization?
- ❖ Cite an example of initiative or extra effort given by the nominee.
- ❖ Cite any special challenges the nominee has overcome.

Please email packet to **leslie@handsonriverregion.org**. You are also encouraged to include up to **3 letters of support and news articles**.

Remember, you may know your nominee very well, but the packet you submit is the basis for the judges' decision!

**Please return your nomination to:**

HandsOn River Region  
101 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, AL 36109 or  
leslie@handsonriverregion.org or fax to 334-264-9182

# 2019 River Region Volunteer of the Year

## Celebrating the Spirit of Volunteerism

The Volunteer of the Year Awards Celebration has become the River Region's largest annual event recognizing individuals and groups who have given selflessly of their time and talent to improve their community and the overall quality of life. The awards celebration is held each year during National Volunteer Week in April and is co-hosted by HandsOn River Region and the Junior League of Montgomery.

**The Volunteer of the Year ceremony provides an excellent opportunity for you to recognize and express appreciation to community volunteers. We hope you will consider recognizing outstanding volunteers in a memorable and inspiring way at this event given in *their* honor.**

## General Information

**HandsOn River Region - Mobilizes volunteers and connects people, information, and services to meet local needs and build a strong, caring community.** Founded in 1974 by the Junior League of Montgomery and United Way's Community Council, HONRR is an agency of the River Region United Way and an affiliate member of the Points of Light Foundation, HandsOn Network, and the Alliance of Information & Referral Services.

**The Junior League of Montgomery** - Founded in 1926, the Junior League of Montgomery is one of 290+ leagues across 4 countries representing almost 175,000 women. JLM is composed of nearly 800 members who donate approximately 20,000 hours of volunteer service annually. JLM reaches out to all women regardless of race, religion, color, or national origin.

## Awards

Awards are given to outstanding individual volunteers and volunteer groups whose efforts have brought about a positive impact on the River Region. Thanks to the generous support of our event sponsors, a \$300 cash contribution will be made on behalf of each award recipient to the nominating nonprofit agency.

### Categories (Eligible for Nominations):

- **Adult Group** - Groups eligible for this award represent colleges, civic organizations, faith-based groups, or corporations. Consideration is given to the groups' collective approach to problem solving and improving the community.
- **Adult Volunteer (Ages 19 – 64)** - Individuals eligible for this award may be involved in a variety of community activities or may have a concentration of service with a particular cause. The collective effect of their work has an impact on agencies and the community at large. Consideration is given to the nominee's longevity, focus or variety of work, and overall impact.
- **Senior Volunteer (Age 65+)** - Individuals eligible for this award have participated in hands-on, direct service with one or more agencies. Their service is considered extraordinary. Consideration is given to the nominee's longevity, focus, and impact to the agency, its constituents, and/or the community.
- **The Arts** - Individuals eligible for this award are recognized and celebrated for their contributions and accomplishments in the advancement of the arts, history, and culture in our community.
- **Youth Group (18 & under)** - Groups eligible for this award may represent schools, faith-based organizations, or service clubs. Consideration is given to the group's team approach to problem solving and improving the community.
- **Youth Volunteer (18 & under)** - This award recognizes a youth who incorporates volunteerism into his/her life and serves as an inspiration to others.

**Lifetime Achievement Award** – The HandsOn River Region Board and community partners reserve the right to honor those individuals who have provided lifelong exceptional service to others and improved the quality of life in the River Region through volunteer action.

## Eligibility and Selection Process

**Eligibility:** Deserving volunteers may be nominated by anyone in the community or by a school, business, faith-based organization, government entity, or 501(c) (3) nonprofit agency. Nominees must currently be active volunteers (or active within the past 12 months). Volunteers at for-profit hospitals or hospices are eligible for nomination. National Service program participants (AmeriCorps VISTA, Learn & Serve, RSVP, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, etc.) are also eligible based on their volunteer involvement in their service assignment. Individuals involved in court mandated community service or those serving as loaned executives are not eligible. Persons who receive compensation for service rendered (excluding AmeriCorps living allowance) are also not eligible.

**Nomination Process:** Nominations may be submitted for each category; however, only 2 nominees per category will be accepted from an agency or individual. An exception is made for umbrella agencies with multiple sites that operate independently. Each independent site may submit 2 nominations in each category. This exception does not apply to multiple programs or departments within one agency. Nomination narratives are very important as they introduce the nominee and their commitment to service to the judges. Nominations not accompanied by the narrative will not be accepted. Pictures, newspaper articles, and up to 3 letters of support are encouraged but will not be returned to the nominator.

- The nominator is responsible for informing all persons they have nominated.
- **Those submitting nominations will receive an email confirmation within three business days of nomination submission.** If you do not receive a confirmation, please call Leslie Martorana at 334.264.3335.

**Screening and Selection Process:** HandsOn utilizes outside judges who are selected for their involvement in and knowledge of the community. Judges individually select three finalists in each award category. The judges then meet formally to review the finalists and select the recipients for each category. All nominees are formally recognized at the reception and receive certificates of appreciation.

**Finalist Notification:** Award winners and their nominators will be notified at the awards ceremony.

# 2018 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**2018 Adult Award Winner: Joan Wood** provides vital assistance to those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces through her service with the American Red Cross.

**2018 Adult Group Award Winner: Hamilton Lodge and The Blueheart Foundation** join forces to empower and educate underserved youth.

**2018 Arts Award Winner: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Docents** lead school and adult groups in the Museum and studio and act as Museum ambassadors to the public.

**2018 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner: Laura and Barrie Harmon** were selected in honor of their dedication, compassion, and lifetime of philanthropy to our community.

**2018 Senior Volunteer Award Winner: Dennis Charlesworth** serves vulnerable youth to help them lead a productive adult life through his service with the Sherman Foundation, Communities of Transformation, and Aldersgate UMC.

**2018 Youth Award Winner: Micah Cobb** raised funds for several AmTryke therapeutic tricycles that provide mobility and independence for the disabled, then assembled and delivered them to area children.

**2018 Youth Group Award Winner: Pink and Pearls for Girls**, an organization of girls ages 3 to 18 years old, participate in projects that focus on family involvement, education, and behavioral social skills.