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Arapahoe County honors hundreds of volunteers for their service

Volunteer service for County government surpassed \$743,900 in time spent in 2015

LITTLETON, CO. – Arapahoe County celebrated the work and time 779 volunteers gave in 2015 during the ninth annual appreciation event held April 19 in Aurora.

In 2015, County volunteers spent 32,249 hours volunteering in local government and sharing their time and talents in a variety of ways. The time donated is valued at \$743,993.68. Since the Volunteer Connections program began in 2005, volunteers have donated more than \$4.5 million in time.

County Commissioners thanked the volunteers for their service at the event that featured a catered dinner, human bingo, a caricature artist, giant board games and gifts courtesy of many generous sponsors.

“You each have made a positive difference in achieving Arapahoe County’s mission of being first in service to our citizens and enhancing the quality of life for all who reside here,” said Commissioner, Board Chair, Nancy Doty. “We realize that you have a choice of where to spend your time and talents, and we greatly appreciate that you chose Arapahoe County as a place to serve in 2015. You have helped us to reach youth, seniors, veterans, the disabled and many neighbors and friends. We are extremely grateful for all you have done.”

Of those recognized, 57 volunteers received the Presidential Service Award, a national recognition issued by the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation to adults who donate 100 or more hours of service and to youth who serve 50 or more hours in a year to a certifying organization.

In addition, Arapahoe County presented awards to several groups of volunteers who have shown an extended commitment to various departments including Human Services and Open Spaces, and events such as the Arapahoe County Fair.

The event concluded with Volunteer Coordinator Nira Duvan issuing a call to action for volunteers.

“Each one of you has contributed to making our Arapahoe County community a better place to live through your volunteer time,” said Duvan. “This work does not end here. We are growing quickly and need your help. One of the easiest ways you can help is by letting your neighbors know they are needed.”

Arapahoe County Volunteer Connections offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities to fit all skill levels interests and availability. Citizens can commit to a day, a month or even a role that lasts all year. Volunteer registration is open for the Arapahoe County Fair, July 28-31. To learn how to get involved, please visit www.arapahoegov.com/volunteer or call Volunteer Connections at 303-738-7938.

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