

~ F&A Community Service Merit Award ~

As Aesop's fable suggests, "no act of kindness is ever wasted," it is important to show solidarity in support of each other, to strengthen bonds, and protect and empower family, colleagues, and the communities in which we live.

Do you know someone within your work family that engages in their community by unselfishly giving their time, services, and resources? Individuals are given a chance through the giving of their resources to leave their mark on the community they serve. Community service leaves an indelible mark that can transform many lives now and for generations to come.

Community service activities may include cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historic, citizenship, environmental, or conservation. Giving back and assisting others in improving their communities is an opportunity to help individuals get through life's big and small obstacles, and it builds long-lasting improvement in the lives of those you touch as well as your own.

A few examples of community service include:

- Caretakers of historical places, cemeteries, and parks
- Library, museum, hospital, hospice, and administrative volunteers
- Foodbank collections, organizers, and hot meal preparers
- Coordinators of charity fundraisers, special community activities, exhibits, summer camps
- Animal welfare volunteers at zoos, shelters, humane societies, and rescue organizations
- Mentoring (K-12, collegiate, career, community)
- Youth sports and elderly program volunteers
- Assisting a special project or a fundraiser to bring awareness to a local need

The F&A Recognition Committee will honor a colleague annually for the **F&A Community Service Merit Award** for their contributions irrespective of job classification or title.

Eligibility: Nominations of all staff – **except** those in contract positions (primarily those at the level of assistant vice president or above) – will be considered for the Community Service Merit Award at the discretion of the selection committee.