



Announcing 2023 HONOREES

We salute the New Jersey State Governor's Volunteerism Awards Honorees
and applaud their exemplary service to the communities they serve.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Ann Rapisarda
Elaine LaCarrubba

COMMUNITY PILLAR

Diane Kellerhals
Barrington Civic Association
Russell Crosby
Mike & Kathleen Cruz
Jeannette Eckhardt
League of Women Voters of
Monmouth County

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP

PVH

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CHAMPION FOR JUSTICE

Asad Gilani
Shane Coyle
Danielle Jones
Nadeem "Nick" Saleem
Maya Sethuraman
Jimmy Small
American Muslims for Democracy
Coalition for Medical Marijuana-NJ, Inc.

EDUCATION

Palak Grover
Michael Bailey
Mihika Bajpai
Sarah Guzinski
Alan Hiller
Jennifer Mattox
Howard Medow
Debbie Neher
John (JD) Twilley

ELECTED OFFICIAL

Councilwoman Gail Rottenstrich

EMERGENCY SERVICES/ FIRST RESPONDERS

**Women Aware Domestic Violence Response
Team**
Joshua Enberg
Anthony Gabriel
Rebecca N Herzog
Tri-State Canine Response Team
Janice Campbell
Thomas Vogel
Tyler Weinmann
Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps (TVAC)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Stephen Quinn
Jessica Cuevas
Aaditri Gattu
Shital Rajan
Inge Regan, MD
Cindy Zipf

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Christopher Maher

FAITH-BASED SERVICES

Farhat Biviji
Mikayla Barrier
Geeta Chopra
Suryanarayana Maddula
Melissa Pettignano

Names in bold indicate medallists.

FEED THE HUNGRY/ HOUSE THE HOMELESS

Neal McGarrity
Sadia Akhtar
Julia Ebner
Annmarie Freund
Rylee Howerton
Shirley Thompson
Eat Clean Bro

FOUNDERS/INNOVATORS

Taha Umar
Davon Clark
Nancy Kelly
Medeaha Khan
Harita Suresh
Cassie Wang

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Arjun Kumar
Margo Brooks Carthon
Keisha Davis
Ashlee Carolina
Toribio Pizango
Soup for Rossmoor Seniors

HEALTH CARE SERVICE

Dr. Saravanan Ramalingam
Carole Beck
Karen Correa
Sai Ganti
Michael Murphy
Dhruv Parikh
Reese Passuth
Anuka Patel
Jhillika Patel
Rachel Rosenberg
Ralph Stowe
Jocelyn Thompson
Central Jersey Chapter - Sewa International
Myndful

LIFETIME SERVICE

Donna Roman Hernandez
James Brennan

NJ NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

Nina Bachrach
Desire Denizac
Jerry Gonzalez
Judy Lansing
New Jersey Youth Corps of Paterson (NJYC)

SERVICE BY/FOR ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS/VETERANS/MILITARY

Roy Plummer
Timothy Awojobi, USAF MPA
Frank Covaeskie
Mary Rorro

SERVICE THROUGH STEM

Reeva Khokhar
Anusha Bansal
Meera Nair
Kareena Shah
Sriya Tallapragada
Gangadhara Rao
Vakkalagadda
Kavya Venkat
Dylan Zajac

SERVICE TO YOUTH

Amy Phillips
Dr. Adela Ames
Aretha Bivins
Bridget Dudziec
Meghan Duthie
Cesar Garcia
Nina Gohel
Brayden Karpinski
Tawanna Sampson
Marykate Sharkey

VOLUNTEER GROUP

Strangers Helping Strangers: Just to Lend a Hand
Foundabilities
Kindness4Kids
Mercer Street Friends Food Bank Volunteers
NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs
Paperback Pals
Professional Service Group of Mercer County
Red Shoe Society
Warren Middle School PTO

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Doreen Monks
John Bertollo
Christine Carpenter
A'Dorian Murray-Thomas
Brooke Niemiec
Jessica Shah
Alishba Waqar
Jim Ward

YOUTH IN SERVICE

Kylie Balish
Aarti Advani
Anushka Dasari
Jocelyn Duquette
Advit Gangwal
Prajwala Reddy
Immaredy
Claire Jiang
Kayla Mackney
Danielle Penny
Lucy Sandor
Sri Nihal Tammana

YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP

Konnekt Global
Audubon National Junior Honor Society
Glassboro High School Interact Club
Morgan Marie Michael Foundation Autism
Acceptance Ambassadors
Peace Team Group
Project End Loneliness
St.Philip Neri Service Club
STEP For A Better World LEO Club
Student Ambassadors: Peer Support
West Orange High School Sports
Media Association (WOHSSMA)

The New Jersey State Governor's Volunteerism Awards were established to honor individuals for their achievements and contributions through public and community service. We are humbled by the selfless contributions of those recognized in 2023 and extend our gratitude to those who strive to serve others in need and improve the communities of New Jersey.

Learn more and nominate a volunteer today njgovernorsawards.com

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