



Franklin Tomorrow  
Exemplary Community  
Volunteer Awards

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# *2015 Nomination Packet*

## Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards



*Including the Anne T. Rutherford Award, Volunteer Spirit Awards, Youth Initiative Awards, Civic Group Award, Corporate Team Award, and Corporate Volunteer Achievement Award*

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 • Franklin Theatre, 400 Main St., Franklin, TN 37064  
For more information contact Franklin Tomorrow—615.794.0998—mindy@franklintomorrow.org

**2015 EVENT CHAIRS: J. Edward & Brenda Tuck Campbell**

Download the 2015 Nomination form at [www.franklintomorrow.org](http://www.franklintomorrow.org)

Dear Nonprofit Leader:

As chairmen of the 2015 Franklin Tomorrow Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards, we would like to invite you to review the nominations packet and consider nominating one or more volunteers from your organizations for the eighth annual awards process.

The awards will be presented July 22 during an event at the Franklin Theatre. Through these awards, Franklin Tomorrow hopes to show what can happen when volunteers come together to make an impact on our community.

In 2007, Franklin Tomorrow established the Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards to honor the decades of service and tremendous impact of Anne T. Rutherford, a founding member of Franklin Tomorrow and an active volunteer for many community organizations. The award recognizes the collective effort of an individual's work and the impact on the agencies themselves and the community at large. One award is given annually.

The Volunteer Spirit and the Youth Initiative Awards were created to allow more people to be honored for selflessly supporting local non-profit organizations or agencies. The Ned Lea Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 2011 to posthumously honor an exemplary volunteer. While not presented annually, nominations are accepted each year. Other awards may be created by the Board of Franklin Tomorrow to recognize significant achievement.

In its second year, the Civic Group Award will honor representatives of civic, membership, congregation or non-corporate groups that volunteer together for a cause, while the Corporate Team Award will recognize companies that see the value of giving back to their community through successful volunteer programs with high levels of participation and impact.

Finally, the Corporate Volunteer Award will recognize an individual who as part of a company-sponsored volunteer program or event has made a significant contribution to one or more organizations.

A \$500 grant to the winner's non-profit of choice accompanies the Anne T. Rutherford Award, while a \$250 grant accompanies the other awards.

A complete nomination form, with rules and additional information, is attached to this email. A one-page statement describing the service of the nominees **MUST ACCOMPANY** the form.

Completed nominations should be submitted to [donna@franklintonmorrow.org](mailto:donna@franklintonmorrow.org) by June 1.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,



J. Edward & Brenda Tuck Campbell

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# General Information

## **The Awards**

In 2007, Franklin Tomorrow established the Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award to honor the decades of service and tremendous impact that Mrs. Rutherford has in Franklin, Tennessee. In the following years, the Awards grew to include Volunteer Spirit Awards and the Youth Initiative Award. We are honored to celebrate the lives of those in our community who give selflessly to support and encourage in our local organizations. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, a cash contribution will be made on behalf of each award recipient to the non-profit of their choice.

## **Anne T. Rutherford**

Anne T. Rutherford is a longtime Franklin resident whose volunteer spirit has aided numerous organizations, including Franklin Tomorrow, United Way, and the Historic Carnton Plantation. The Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award was created by Franklin Tomorrow to honor her commitment to our community and celebrate her legacy of service.

## **Franklin Tomorrow**

Franklin Tomorrow is a community-wide effort to engage the community, foster collaboration and advocate for a shared vision for the future of Franklin. Franklin Tomorrow began in 2000 as an outgrowth of Leadership Franklin and the continuing effort to identify needs in our community. Our strategy groups are constantly evolving to reflect today's challenges and form a vibrant Franklin Tomorrow. We are a non-profit, 501c(3) organization focused on communicating the shared vision through focus, education, advocacy and accountability.

## **9th Annual Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards**

Information will be sent in June and reservations will be required prior to the event. One complimentary ticket to the Volunteer Awards event is available to each of the finalists, allowing them to attend. Finalists will be named in June. Additional tickets for guests and nominees may be purchased in advance through the Franklin Theatre Box Office. There will be no reserved seating. RSVP is required for all Volunteer Awards nominees.

## **Nomination Tips**

Here are some tips to writing nominations that really stand out and reflect the true commitment of your nominees. Remember that you may know your volunteer really well, but the one-page description you submit is how the Awards Committee gets to know your nominee.

- Include compelling examples and/or stories of the nominee's volunteer service with the agency and/or clients.
- Describe how the nominee stands apart from all the rest.
- Cite any special challenges the nominee has overcome.
- Discuss the impact of the nominee's service on the overall work of the agency or organization.

Taking the time to write a thorough nomination could provide a wonderful, lifetime memory for your volunteer or organization.

# Eligibility and Selection Process

## **Eligibility**

Deserving volunteers may be nominated by any community member or staff person.. Nominees must be actively volunteering at one or more organizations in Franklin/Williamson County. If the nominator is not with the volunteer agency of the nominee, please provide contact information for the agency. Please note that some are not eligible for participation, including past award recipients, individuals involved in “court mandated community service” or those receiving compensation for service rendered.

## **Nomination Process**

Multiple nominations may be submitted in each category, however, only one nomination per agency will be eligible for the finalist in each category. An exception is made for umbrella agencies with multiple site locations that operate independently. Each independent site may submit nominations. This exception does not apply to multiple programs or departments within one agency.

Nominations must be accompanied by a Nomination Form, a one-page statement, and a photo of the nominee. The one-page statement is very important as it introduces our Awards Committee to the nominees. Nominations submitted without the one-page statement will not be included in the Awards selection process. A photo is also required (digital photos are highly preferred.). The photo will be used to recognize the winners as well as allow the Awards Committee to get to know the nominees more personally.

The deadline for submitting nominations is end of business on Monday, June 12, 2015. Nominating persons will receive an email confirmation within three business days of submitting nominations. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Franklin Tomorrow at 615.794.0998 or [donna@franklintomorrow.org](mailto:donna@franklintomorrow.org).

## **Selection Process**

The Awards Committee will be responsible for screening and selecting the finalists in each award category. The Awards committee is made up of community volunteers, volunteer administrators, business leaders and civic leaders. The winners will be selected through a voting process within the Franklin Tomorrow Board of Directors.

## **Finalists Notification**

Finalists and their nominators are notified in June. Phone calls will be made to all finalists. Emails will follow to the finalists and their nominators. Names of the award recipients are kept confidential until the presentation at Volunteer Awards on July 22, 2015 at the Franklin Theatre. Advance tickets are required for the event. See General Info—9th Annual Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards for more details.

# Award Categories

## **Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award**

Individuals eligible for this award are involved in a variety of community activities. The collective effect of their work has impact on the agencies themselves and the community at large. Consideration is given to each nominee's variety of work and overall impact. One award is given in this category annually. We look for a heart for service and a dedication to the community at large. **2014 Recipient:** Ernie Bacon for his work with the Downtown Neighborhood Association, Franklin's Charge, Heritage Foundation.

## **Volunteer Spirit Awards**

Individuals eligible for these awards are involved either in a variety of community activities or primarily in one organization as a significant volunteer. The effect of their work, either collectively in the community or primarily in one organization, has a profound impact. This individual stands out as altering the environment around them simply by their service and heart for their community. Three awards are given in this category annually. **2014 Recipients:** Margaret Bugbee, Graceworks; Craig Owens, Franklin Police Volunteers and the men and women of the Franklin Police Department; Robert "Bob" Rudman, Heritage Foundation, Serra Club, and Good Neighbor Foundation.

## **Youth Initiative Award**

Individuals eligible for this award are under the age of 21 and are involved either in a variety of community activities or primarily in one organization as a significant volunteer. The effect of their work, either collectively in the community or primarily in one organization, has a profound impact. This individual stands out as setting a standard of service for the youth in our community. **2014 Recipients:** Lathram Berry, New Hope Academy; and Samantha Ponder, Snowball Express.

## **Ned Lea Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award has been established to honor the contribution of a volunteer posthumously. Individuals eligible for this award were involved in a variety of community activities and would be considered eligible for the Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer award. Up to two awards are given annually. We look for heart of service and a dedication to the community at large. **2014 Recipients:** The late Pat Hesson and the late Gracie Atkinson.

**Civic Group Award** will honor representatives of civic, membership, congregation or non-corporate groups that volunteer together for a cause. **2014 Recipient:** Soroptimist International of Franklin

**Corporate Team Award** will recognize companies that see the value of giving back to their community through successful volunteer programs with high levels of participation and impact. **2014 Recipient:** Noranda Aluminum Holding Corp for work with Community Child Care Center of Franklin and for work with other United Way of Williamson County agencies.

**Corporate Volunteer Achievement Award** will recognize an individual who, as part of a company-sponsored volunteer program or event, has made a significant contribution to one or more organizations. **2014 Recipient:** Daryl Walny of Carbine & Associates supervised construction of a home in Arrington for a U.S. Air Force veteran and his young family.



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## FRANKLIN TOMORROW EXEMPLARY VOLUNTEER NOMINATION APPLICATION

Nominations are due no later than Monday, June 12, 2015. Please submit by email to [donna@franklintomorrow.org](mailto:donna@franklintomorrow.org) by Monday, June 12. A one-page descriptive letter describing the specifics of the work of the nominee is REQUIRED.

### NOMINEE for Volunteer Award:

Name:		
Address:	City:	Zip:
Daytime Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:		
Agency/agencies of Volunteer Work:		

### NOMINATED BY:

Name:	Title:	
Company Name:	Website:	
Address:	City:	Zip:
Daytime Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:		

### **PLEASE INCLUDE:**

- **A one-page statement describing the service of the nominee(s). Nominations will not be accepted without this.**
- **Digital photo of your nominee(s) for event promotion is preferred.**

**Type or paste your one page nomination on the following page or provide it separately.**

If provided separately, please include the following information at the top of your nomination page.

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Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

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