

## Civic Group Award Nominees

**Backpack Giveaway Committee**, nominated by Cathy Montgomery, for organizing the 22nd annual Big Backpack Giveaway in 2025 by coordinating volunteers, fundraising, assembling over 1,600 backpacks, and distributing 1,066 backpacks in a drive-through event.

**Brentwood Franklin Woman's Service Club**, nominated by Bree DeMoss, for its longstanding service to the Brentwood and Franklin communities and its contributions to Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury, where members provide and personally deliver fully stocked bookcases to new homeowners, while also supporting education, literacy, family services, and community well-being through decades of compassionate, hands-on volunteerism and charitable leadership.

**Franklin's Charge**, nominated by Bob Ravener and Mary Pearce, for preserving threatened Civil War battlefields and historic properties in Williamson County, educating the public on local Civil War history, and securing land for permanent open space and public access.

**Franklin Firefighter Charities**, nominated by Sarah Glenn, for their annual toy and clothing drive benefiting children throughout Williamson County, and for donating excess supplies to other charities, military programs, and organizations across Tennessee.

**Franklin High School Band Boosters**, nominated by Shay Hall, for 14 months of dedicated support preparing The Franklin Band for the 2026 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade through fundraising, logistics, uniform management, and chaperoning.

**Franklin Noon Rotary**, nominated by David Comer, for giving \$350,000 back to the community in 2025 and leading an international Rotary project in Colombia to provide clean water to a small community.

**League of Women Voters of Williamson County**, nominated by Dorinda Smith, for their 250 volunteer hours in 2025, educating, empowering, and encouraging informed voter participation through candidate forums, voter registration drives, educational sessions, and poll monitoring.

**Page High School Girls Cotillion**, nominated by Chris Barnhill, for volunteering with FrankTown Open Hearts through hands-on Creation Station programming, fundraising to donate a van to a local family, and collecting nearly 200 food items for holiday support.