

# Governor Announces Delaware's Outstanding Volunteers

*Recipients to Be Honored Oct. 22 in Dover Ceremony*

Twenty-five individuals, groups, and corporate groups will be honored at the 2013 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards on Oct. 22 at Dover Downs. These exceptional Delawareans participate in such diverse activities as advocating for causes important to them, educating others about the state's history, and raising thousands of dollars for community organizations.

"Carla and I strongly believe serving others binds us together as individuals and strengthens our connection to the larger community," Gov. Markell said. "This year's Volunteer Award recipients are just a few of the outstanding Delawareans who give their time and talents to make Delaware a better place to live and inspire others to do the same."

First lady Carla Markell is a champion of volunteerism, and, with the Governor, is doing much to encourage more people across the state to volunteer.

The recipients of the 2013 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards represent the efforts of thousands of Delawareans who make positive contributions to society and inspire others to do the same.

"By working together we can improve the lives of many and create a positive and healthy future for all," said Rita Landgraf, secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, which oversees the state's efforts to foster volunteerism and service.

At the Oct. 22 dinner and ceremony at Dover Down, more than 400 people are expected to honor the volunteers for their

outstanding service. The event will begin with a reception at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and the ceremony starting at 7.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$35 per person and are available by calling (302) 857-5006 or by visiting <https://volunteer.delaware.gov> to download the invitation and RSVP form.

The Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards are sponsored by the Office of the Governor, the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, the Division of State Service Centers, the State Office of Volunteerism, UnitedHealthcare, WSFS Bank, as well as the Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service.