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Dubuque AmeriCorps Volunteer Inducted into Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Partners in Learning AmeriCorps volunteer Becca Johnson has been selected as one of the newest members of the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame. Johnson and others throughout Iowa were honored by Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds during a recognition ceremony in Des Moines on April 8.

The Partners in Learning AmeriCorps Program, sponsored by the City of Dubuque in cooperative partnership with Clarke University, focuses on literacy and empowering youth to improve academically. AmeriCorps members create new programs, network with other community agencies for resources, and facilitate programs for at-risk children and families. Johnson volunteers at Sageville Elementary School, where she previously taught for 37 school years, helping students achieve academic success.

“Becca has been an asset to the AmeriCorps Partners in Learning Program since she began her service in 2011,” said Deb Bell, AmeriCorps Program Director. “She puts forth tremendous effort in creating strong, positive relationships with children and fosters a love of reading to those she works with. Becca is a leader who makes service to others a priority in her life.”

The Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame is the most prestigious state-level honor volunteers can receive. Inductees are honored for the impact they make on their community, state, nation, or the world with their volunteer service and action. In addition to receiving an engraved plaque

during the recognition ceremony, names of inductees are engraved on a special plaque on permanent display in the State Historical Museum.

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