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Department of Cultural Affairs Awards Stoffel Governor's Volunteer Award

DUBUQUE, Iowa – There is no question that contributions from volunteers greatly enhance our cities, our towns, our schools and our state. The most recent "Volunteering in America" study shows that volunteers in Iowa collectively contribute 89.3 million hours of service and have an estimated economic impact of \$1.7 billion annually.

Each year, regional Governor's Volunteer Award presentation ceremonies are held across Iowa to recognize and thank hundreds of volunteers for the commitment, service and time they donate to benefit others. Only people or groups who volunteer their time with a state or city government agency or an Iowa nonprofit organization are eligible to receive a Governor's Volunteer Award. They may be selected for an award in one of three categories: Individual; Group; or Length of Service. For 2009, a special category was added to recognize disaster assistance and recovery volunteers.

Jan Stoffel, arts and cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Dubuque, was nominated by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for her service in 2009 and selected for her award in the Individual category.

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