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### LOCAL STUDENTS HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

**(Name, grade)** was named the **(school or organization name)** Volunteer of the Year in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program today. In addition, **(names, grades)** received Certificates of Merit for their volunteer community service.

Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the awards recognize outstanding community service by young Americans. **(Last name of top Honoree)** is now eligible for the **(state)** youth Volunteer of the Year awards. Two State Honorees, one middle level and one high school student, will be named in February. Each will receive a \$1,000 award, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., for recognition ceremonies with a parent or guardian next May. Other honorees will receive bronze medallions or Certificates of Excellence.

At the Washington event, ten National Honorees will be named by a distinguished national selection committee, and each will receive an additional \$5,000, a gold medallion, a crystal trophy for his or her school or organization, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a nonprofit charitable organization of his or her choice.

"Young people who contribute their time and talents to their communities are role models for all of us," said Prudential Chairman and CEO John R. Strangfeld. "We salute their dedication, their achievements, and their spirit of community."

**(Include a sentence about each Local Honoree and what he or she was recognized for achieving.)**

"These Honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate—that volunteering within the community is an essential part of one's life," said NASSP Executive Director Gerald Tirozzi.

**(Principal's name, title or organization director's name, title)** praised the students for their volunteer service. **(Add a short quote.)**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are supported by Girl Scouts of the USA, National 4-H Council, American Red Cross, YMCA of the USA, HandsOn Network (generated by the Points of Light Institute), and many other national youth, service, and education organizations.