



COMMUNITY ACTION 2011: WORKING FOR OPPORTUNITY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY IN AMERICA  
MAY 2011 NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH TOOLKIT

## 2011 Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award NOMINATION

### Nominate Your Local volunteers DEADLINE JUNE 24TH!

***The nominating agency of the award winner will receive \$500 from the Partnership!***

The **Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award** was established by the Community Action Partnership in 1988 to acknowledge exemplary achievements in support of Community Action.

The Award is named after Jayne Thomas, who was an outstanding community action leader with Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke, Virginia, and the Community Services Block Grant director for that state.

The Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award is given to an individual each year who has shown outstanding dedication and made extraordinary contributions to a Community Action Agency.

#### Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must:

- Be a volunteer for a Community Action Agency
- Have made a significant and outstanding contribution toward accomplishing the promise of Community Action
- Be devoted to changing people's lives

#### Nomination Procedure

Community Action Partnership members may nominate a candidate from their agency by submitting the following:

- Official nomination form
- A narrative of no more than two pages of demonstrated contributions indicating the following: length of service with the CAA; degree of leadership in the CAA and/or the community; extent and scope of agency or community volunteer service; advocacy efforts to change people's lives; outstanding contributions toward giving a voice to the poor.
- At least one letter of support from the CAA executive director or other agency staff member explaining how the nominee meets the award criteria and including clear, concise, and descriptive examples of activities and accomplishments.

Please adhere to the nomination guidelines to ensure the candidate's eligibility. The nomination packet must include the official nomination form, narrative, and letter of support.

We strongly encourage you to resubmit the names of individuals who have been nominated for this award in previous years. ***If your state or agency recognizes special volunteers during National Community Action Month, or at any time during the year, please submit their names as nominees for the Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award.***

If your nominee is selected, the Community Action Partnership will request that you provide a three-minute videotape featuring your award nominee. We will share this video of the award recipient during the Awards Gala at the 2011 Community Action Partnership Annual Convention in San Francisco, California.

#### Selection

The executive director of the Community Action Agency for which the award recipient serves will be notified at least one month before the 2011 Annual Convention. The award is presented during the Awards Gala on Thursday, August 25. The Partnership provides a complimentary hotel room and convention registration for the award recipient.



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## ***2011 Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award* NOMINATION FORM**

*Nomination Form, narrative, and the letter(s) of support must be typed and postmarked on or before Friday, June 24, 2011.*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send nominations to:**

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