



## **2026 Volunteer Service Champion Award Recipients**

### **Rookies of the Year**

**Lev Grodzinskiy**, Financial Coaching  
**Paul Cummiskey**, English as a Second Language  
**Kayla Laughlin**, Tax Help  
**Tiera Buchanan**, Healthy Food Pantry  
**Fatema Alrubaye**, Learning Centers

### **Service Excellence**

**Julie Engleman** "Life Saver", Tax Help  
**Audrey Strauss** "Can-do Captain", English as a Second Language  
**Greg Eland & Connie Hoffman** "The Extra Mile Champions" Welcome Home Basics  
**Heather Schuelke** "Sunshine Spreader", Learning Centers  
**Susie Whisnant** "Enthusiasm Embodied", Learning Centers & Tax Help  
**Karen Carrizales & Robin Carlin** "The Ultimate Hosts Champions", Supper Clubs  
**Kylie & Debbie Liu** "Dynamic Duo", Healthy Food Pantries  
**Ella Pelz** "Unsung Hero", Health Coverage  
**Ashley Pierce** "Force Multiplier", Healthy Food Pantries

### **Award for Dedication of 90 or More Hours of Service** **90 – 199 Hours**

**Anne Boyd**  
**Karen Pernell**  
**Marie Thorne**  
**Frank Kittredge**  
**Joey Lazarus**  
**Julian Vaca**  
**Gregg Vunderink**  
**Gary Wheat**  
**Elizabeth Schwartz**  
**Marianne Reat**  
**Angela Ward**  
**Barbara Schmitt**

**Lea Isgur**  
**Birgit Gabig**  
**Pat Hayes**  
**Barbara Reiss**  
**Linda Paulson**  
**Susan Soderstrom**  
**Paul Herman**  
**David Pugh**  
**Diane Mazuca**  
**Gary Amaon**  
**Victor Surita**

**Katy Ou**  
**Deirdre Kilgard**  
**Shannon Lollar**  
**Syna Sogi**  
**Bill Kilgore**  
**Harish Agarawal**  
**Dan Michener**  
**Aletha Huston**  
**Sally Adair**  
**Lousie Hrncir**  
**Mike Cassell**  
**Terry Mccoy**  
**Jewel Arrington**

**Chet Mehta**  
**Jo Kallison**  
**Roger Bailey**  
**Gail Romney**  
**Kathy Melde**  
**Mike Galpin**  
**Judy MacKenzie**  
**Valera Giarratano**  
**Sarah McCleary**  
**Tzu-Fang Ho**  
**Ba Fillo**  
**Kayla Laughlin**  
**Chris Bartz**

## **200 – 299 Hours**

**Rachel Sosa  
Tricia Ragland  
Jeff Smith  
Shane Cook  
John Whisnant  
Susan Battle  
Michael Hanlon  
Jer-el Martinez  
Susie Whisnant**

## **300 or More Hours**

**Johnny LeBlanc – 355 hours  
Lynn Dille – 356 hours  
Sue Weaver – 451 hours**

## **Dedication to Service – 10 Years in with Foundation Communities**

**Cheryl Bellesen  
Jeanette Cates  
Bill Kilgore  
Jeff Smith  
Jer-el Martinez  
Gail Sofer  
Kal Kallison  
Mark Smith  
Jane Hedgepeth  
Oak Hill United Methodist  
Tom Jeffrey  
National Charity League**