



2022 Governor's Medallion Award Recipients

Beaufort County

Alvin Powell

From Beaufort County, Alvin is a dedicated volunteer who works with at-risk youth and communities to give them access to resources and opportunities. Serving as the President of Inner Banks STEM Center, Alvin has obtained critical funding through his grant work to help extend his outreach to ensure community members, especially youth, could be supported in STEM careers.

Bertie County

Ronald D. Wesson

From Bertie County, Ronald has a significant impact on the lives of others around him. Through various volunteer efforts, he integrates every part of his work with community engagement. He volunteers with a range of organizations including Partnership for Bertie Co. Public Schools, Youth Bertie, Carolina Rebuilder's Ministry, Inc., and more.

Brunswick County

Cynthia Carver

From Brunswick County, Cynthia is a former nurse who uses her skills to volunteer and provide care to those in her community. She served every weekday at vaccine distribution sites—including traveling to rural locations to make sure folks could get vaccinated. She now is working with hurricane prep and veterans in her community.

Burke County

Roslyn O'Hearn

From Burke County, Roslyn takes care of seniors in her community and stepped up during the worst of the pandemic as Meals on Wheels was losing volunteers. She covered daily meal delivery routes and ensured that seniors who lived in remote areas had access to resources.

Cleveland County

Glen Lashbrook

From Cleveland County, Glen has a passion for his community and has been volunteering for more than 20 years with the Red Cross Disaster Action Team. He ensures all logistics for the organization are taken care of so that folks going through a disaster have a place to turn.

Cumberland County

Stacey Buckner

From Cumberland County, Stacey leads incredible volunteer efforts that assist veterans and homeless veterans in her county. Starting off at the local VA Hospital, she went on to create her own organization, Off-Road Outreach, that has assisted in a variety of capacities from feeding to community events.

Durham County

Vic & Anne Moore

From Durham County, this couple has been an integral force in their community. Together, they have served with Meals on Wheels and feeding efforts during the worst of COVID-19 and helped to fundraise with Pharm Assist—an organization that helps seniors to pay for medicines.

Forsyth County

Ella-Brooke Morgan

From Forsyth County, Ella-Brooke is a high schooler who is passionate about serving those around her. On top of being a star student and SGA Leader, she created a nonprofit that helps tutor students virtually and in person. Ella-Brooke wanted to fill in the gaps for students who were struggling with virtual learning.

Franklin County

Donathan Muldrow

From Franklin County, Donathan is a pastor who constantly seeks out new ways to involve and uplift community. He has volunteered with a handful of organizations to distribute food and goods to those in need. Donathan also collaborated with local churches and fire departments to provide hot meals and worked with the school system to provide resources to children in need.

Guilford County

Gart Evans

From Guilford County, Gart's work with feeding efforts in the pandemic came at a crucial time. He serves his community in a plethora of areas including serving on the Foundation Board of the High Point Public Library, the Finance Chair for Area Mental Health Board, and even helps to volunteer with United Way campaigns and their community engagement efforts.

Halifax County

Sarah Keys Evans Public Art Project Committee

From Halifax County, this group of volunteers came together to create an art piece in the center of town for their community that focused on the life and work of Sarah Keys Evans. Sarah Keys Evans lived her life seeing that unjust barriers were removed and changing racially systemic laws—this art piece is a symbol of that work.

Harnett County

Project Not Forgotten, Inc.

From Harnett County, Project Not Forgotten stepped in to provide joy to those around them after seeing the devastation from the pandemic. This group made floral arrangements for nursing homes by utilizing donations and organized volunteers to make deliveries to seniors who could not see friends and family.

Hoke County

Betty Perkins

From Hoke County, Betty has been an essential part of operations at the Open-Door Soup Kitchen and supports organizations around her in a variety of capacities. She has helped to build and lead several volunteer programs in her community including Kids Summer Feeding Program, Friends of the Hoke County Library, and more.

Hyde County

Ivey Belch

From Hyde County, Pastor Ivey Belch is the founder and chair of Ocracoke Interfaith Relief and Recovery Team. Ivey has been vital in his community's effort to recover from Hurricane Dorian. He served as volunteer Executive Director and coordinated disaster efforts across the county.

Iredell County

Dr. Lucy Preyer

From Iredell County, Dr. Preyer's love and commitment for her patients knows no bounds. She serves at the HealthReach community clinic to provide free medical care and medications to those needing mental health services.

Jones County

The Filling Station Food Pantry Volunteers

From Jones County, this group of volunteers came together during a critical time in the county to assist with feeding efforts and making sure community members were fed in the pandemic. Together, they administered their feeding program for over 125 seniors in Jones County. They went above and beyond to ensure deliveries were made when seniors couldn't leave their homes for necessary supplies.

Lincoln County

Reverend John Duncan

From Lincoln County, Rev. Duncan is a lifetime volunteer who supports Critical Incident Stress Management by acting as an Emergency Services Chaplain, Disaster Action Team Supervisor, Peer Mentor, and more. He has served in back-to-back disasters in his community to ensure the physical and spiritual well-being of those around him.

Mecklenburg County

Alexandria Anaya Brown

From Mecklenburg County, Alexandria identified problems of food insecurity in her community and wanted to serve in identifying solutions. She created a Little Free Pantry program and has worked to build and maintain three food pantries. She also volunteers with several community gardens to provide additional food to her community.

Orange County

Martha Funsten

From Orange County, Martha dedicates her service to historically marginalized youth in her community. She leads the Assistance League of the Triangle Area in providing clothing and hygiene items to elementary students. She also helps to find transitional housing for young adults in her area.

Wake County

Sonali Ratnasinghe

From Wake County, Sonali is a youth leader in her community who wanted to help cultivate leadership skills for other youth. She founded a nonprofit to teach high schoolers how to execute fundraisers, drives, and other administrative work for non-profits and small businesses in the community.

Watauga County

Joan Hearn

From Watauga County, Joan plays an integral role by serving as an active board member with High County United Way. She is key to allocating critical funding throughout the agency so that communities can best be served. In addition, Joan has a passion for the environment that has led her to volunteer for county cleanups and to mentor young students about environmental science.

Wayne County

Bronwyn Atzenhofer-Hinson

From Wayne County, Bronwyn is an active member of the US Air Force and has dedicated her time to serving the community at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Seeking to make the lives of others around her better, she volunteers with youth and feeding initiatives like Meals on Wheels and Kids Move the Wing. Her fundraising efforts secured critical funding for the Air Force Assistance Fund.