



# Introducing the Mayflower RSVP

## *Presidential Volunteer Service Award*

### Honorees of 2011

“In the end, service binds us to each other and to our communities and our country in a way that nothing else can . . . that notion that we invest ourselves, our time, our energy, our vision, our purpose into the fabric of this nation. That’s the essence of our liberty – which we give back freely.” *President Barack Obama*

**1) Mary Bell, Plymouth**

Nominated by Vicky L. Weidner

**Volunteer Work**

Mary, in her late seventies, is still going strong. In an average month she volunteers at the VA Hospital packing boxes for soldiers, visiting the ill, driving the elderly to appointments, volunteering in her church office, teaching Sunday school, feeding the homeless and more. She has continued this service through the deaths of two children, her mother, sister, husband and baby granddaughter. Instead of mourning, Mary just serves more.

**2) John Camara, Stoughton**

Nominated by Christina M. Finelli, LMHC, Volunteer Coordinator, Old Colony Hospice, Randolph

**Volunteer Work**

After the death of his daughter, John decided to become a volunteer at Old Colony Hospice to “repay the debt” to Old Colony for the comfort and care that was given his daughter and his family. John turned his tragic loss into a great gift. He has worked tirelessly to bring warmth, dignity, and compassion to each and every patient he has visited over the past 20 years. Also as a Korean War veteran, he was the first to join Old Colony’s Veterans Volunteer program, the first of it’s kind in the state.

**3) Pamela Campbell Smith, Duxbury**

Nominated by Joanne Moore, Director, Duxbury Senior Center

**Volunteer Work**

Energetic, passionate and committed, Pam has volunteered extensively in a number of areas. Presently, she is the Board Chairman of the Duxbury Senior Center. In music, Pam has served as a board member for the South Shore Conservatory. In education, she was a board member of the Duxbury Education Foundation. In historical preservation, Pam serves as a member of the Historic District Committee and the Duxbury Historical Society. She has been involved in many other volunteer committees such as the Liver Foundation Screening Committee, First Parish Church Fair, Duxbury Art Association and is a former president and on-going member of the Snug Harbor Chorus.

**4) Thomas C. Croce, Kingston**

Nominated by Linda Felix, Director of Kingston Council on Aging

**Volunteer Work**

Kind, thoughtful and generous with his time, Tom helps to order, prepare and serve the weekly luncheon at COA. Tom simply offers his time, efforts and expertise in whatever manner he can. Tom has served on various committees at the Town Hall, the Hilltop Club and especially the Kingston COA.

**5) Alice Dolan, Halifax**

Nominated by Barbara Brenton, Director, Halifax Council on Aging

**Volunteer Work**

Alice has been a RSVP Volunteer since 1993 contributing and inspiring others to follow her example. Alice has been a board member at COA for well over 14 years and is presently Chairman. She is an oil painting instruc-

tor at the Halifax and Middleboro COA’s and she was a delegate to Old Colony Elder Service representing the Town of Halifax. She continues to touch lives and makes a positive difference wherever she goes.

**6) Tuckerman Dyer, Plymouth**

**Volunteer work**

For over a decade Tuckerman volunteered with the South Shore Community Action Council as a mediator and ombudsman. He was a literacy tutor with Plymouth Public Library literacy program, and a volunteer at Jordan Hospital.

**7) Joseph Fitzgerald, Brockton**

Nominated by Robert Fuda, Director, Dorn-Davies Senior Center, Brockton

**Volunteer Work**

Joseph has a legal background and volunteers for the SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly) program for many years. He assists people in reestablishing insurance coverage others thought were gone for good. He goes to their homes and drives them to Mass Health to enroll them or reestablish their cases. He is staunch advocate of the elderly in this confusing and often bureaucratic process.

**8) Penny Frabotta, Hingham**

Nominated by Kathy Spear, Director, South Shore Women’s Resource Center, Plymouth

**Volunteer Work**

Penny has spent over 19 years assisting victims in attaining restraining orders in Plymouth and Hingham Court. She is an integral part of the Center and will often assist staff during busy times. Penny works with domestic violence victims during a time of crisis. Penny is that special person who provides assistance to clients reducing their personal trauma and helping them become more empowered.

**10) Kerry Griffin, Rockland**

Nominated by Patricia Ryan, Marshfield Hills

**Volunteer Work**

Kelly volunteers at the South Shore Charter School in the classroom. She also organizes and serves as greater for Grandparents’ Day and the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. She is head of the Parent Outreach program and assists and helps organize the lottery for the children to enter the school.

**11) Dottie Kelley, Plymouth**

Nominated by Nancy Morse, President, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth

**Volunteer Work**

For 15 years, Dottie has been a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. She has served as chair of the annual gala, served on the Board of Directors, and as Board Vice President as well. She has been the chair of the family selection process for each of the nine families for which HfH has built homes. Her commitment to creating decent, affordable housing for those in need is exemplary and her compassion for those who desire a stable home situation is unparalleled.

**12) Susan Kiernan, Hingham**  
Nominated by Barbara Farnsworth, Director, Hingham Elder Services  
**Volunteer Work**  
Susan is the co-founder and co-director of the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry. She has volunteered in this position for 17 years. This program has filled the need for those living in Hingham who are faced with difficult financial circumstances. Susan works to ensure that Hingham individuals and families have a place to turn when they hit hard times.

**13) Leigh McKenney, Plymouth**  
Nominated by Linda Fredericks, Plymouth  
**Volunteer Work**  
Leigh has been a scoutmaster in Plymouth for over 20 years. He is committed to helping the youth of our town. A scoutmaster for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, he has worked to make sure the youth in Plymouth feel a part of a bigger picture encouraging them to become Eagle Scouts and then responsible adults. He is only the fourth recipient of the prestigious Boy Scouts of America "Silver Beaver" award.

**14) Constance Michaels, Pembroke**  
Nominated by Linda Rudnick, Plymouth  
**Volunteer Work**  
Connie has contributed to the community in a number of ways. She has been a volunteer at Pembroke's Lydia Drake Library and at the Pembroke Council on Aging, leading workshops on wellness, history and education. She also was community TV host and producer of "Three of Hearts", performing in over 200 shows and doing interviews on many subjects. Her gifted strength is helping people to see their individual light and talents.

**15) Priscilla Mueller, Brockton**  
Nominated by Beverly Pavasaris, Brockton VNA  
**Volunteer Work**  
Priscilla has been on the Brockton VNA Board of Directors since 1968. She has served in many roles on the Board including President. Priscilla is a mentor/tutor to elementary school children in Brockton as well. She is a board member of the Goddard Foundation, Wales Home Foundation and Copley at Stoughton. As a committed volunteer, she is able to promote the good and help individuals improve their quality of life. She is a mother, grandmother and great grandmother!

**16) Claire O'Brien, Plymouth**  
Nominated by Laura Dolan, Reading Specialist, Cold Spring Elementary School, Plymouth  
**Volunteer Work**  
For ten years Claire has been an RSVP reading partner to 1-3 graders at Cold Spring and Hedge Schools. Claire also was a co-founder of Quincy Neighborhood Housing and served as treasurer and member of the Board for over eight years. She has worked at the DOVE Program in Quincy to help battered women and was a girl scout leader for many years. Always reliable, Claire hardly misses a day and is totally committed to her volunteering.

**17) Robin Organ, Mansfield**  
Nominated by Jim Gallivan, Member of the Board, Project Green Schools  
**Volunteer Work**  
After experiencing illness due to working in an environmentally unsound school building. Robin became the Executive Director and Founder of Project Green Schools, a 501C3 (non-profit) organization started in 2007, promoting healthy, environmentally-friendly schools for grades K-12 in Massachusetts. Robin works tirelessly to support the Project's mission.

**18) Christine Rifkin, Hingham**  
Nominated by Susan C. Hammond, Duxbury  
**Volunteer Work**  
Christine has volunteered numerous hours for the Fuller Craft Museum, the South Shore Art Center, and the Society of Arts and Crafts among many other cultural organizations, making sure they are viable and have ongoing exhibitions for the community. She has devoted countless hours serving on numerous committees and fundraising. Chris endeavors to bring the experience of art and craft to everyone. The cultural institutions she is involved with thrive by her efforts.

**19) Erin Spaulding, Brockton**  
Nominated by Leo McNeil, Sr. VP, Community Relations, HarborOne Credit Union, Brockton  
**Volunteer Work**  
Erin volunteers tirelessly for a number of organizations. She organizes for the Teen Hunger Walk, is a peer leader with Big Sister and is a rape crisis counselor at Safe Space. Erin also organized Junior Olympics in Brockton and coached with the YMCA Youth Division for many years.

**20) Lewis Stone, Pembroke**  
Nominated by Mary Willis, Director, Pembroke Council on Aging  
**Volunteer Work**  
Lew has been a volunteer in the Town of Pembroke for many years. He served two terms as Chairman of the Board for the COA. He has always been involved in Town government and has served on the Planning Board, the Finance Committee and the Affordable Housing Committee. Somewhere in there he did a few years delivering Meals on Wheels for the COA. Presently, he is serving on the Board of Selectman for the Town.

**21) Honey Weiss, Plymouth**  
Nominated by Evelyn Strawn, Plymouth  
**Volunteer Work**  
Honey is 82 years young. Her volunteer history is remarkable and includes the League of Women Voters, Plymouth Cultural Council, Plymouth Finance Committee, etc. Today Honey is a volunteer in Tech Service at the Plymouth Public Library on Mondays, a volunteer at Jordan Hospital on Wednesdays and she reads a Boston newspaper on Marshfield's Talking Information Center radio net work, Thursdays. For many years Honey has had and continues to have a profound, positive impact on this community.

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