



Top Volunteer Initiatives from across the Country Honored at the Make a Difference Day 2016 National Awards

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MCLEAN, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 12, 2016-- Grassroot volunteer efforts from across the country were recognized today during the Make A Difference Day 2016 National Awards in Washington, DC. The annual luncheon was hosted by TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) and Gannett Co., Inc. (NYSE: GCI) in partnership with Newman's Own, Inc. and Points of Light. Make A Difference Day is the largest day of community service, bringing together millions of Americans to volunteer in their local communities.

The Make A Difference Day Awards celebrated top volunteer efforts from across the country for service projects completed on Make A Difference Day on October 24, 2015. The event recognized ten national award winners, three community award winners and one All-Star award winner. Newman's Own donated a total of \$130,000 to national and community award winners to give to an organization of their choice. The TEGNA Foundation and Gannett Foundation contributed \$10,000 to the All-Star Winner. These donations will ensure that honorees are able to continue their community projects in the years to come.

"At TEGNA, our goal is to make a meaningful impact in the communities we serve. The volunteers recognized today have done just that. Their efforts in their local communities are truly remarkable and they inspire all of us to continue to make a difference every day," said Gracia Martore, president and CEO, TEGNA.

"We are honored to recognize those who have taken the time and effort to make a positive impact in their community," said Bob Dickey, president and CEO, GANNETT. "At GANNETT, our purpose is to empower our communities to connect, act and thrive, and we are humbled by these volunteers, who remind us how much one person can make a difference on an entire community."

In addition to recognizing the national award winners, Bravo's Andy Cohen was recognized for serving as an advocate for amfAR, The American Foundation for AIDS Research. The Emmy Award-winning host, producer and acclaimed author has been a tireless amfAR advocate for more than 10 years, helping raise money and bring awareness to finding a cure for HIV.

Lester Holt, award-winning journalist and anchor of "NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt" and "Dateline" served as the master of ceremonies.

"Volunteerism was always important to Paul Newman and Newman's Own is proud to support Make A Difference Day. By providing these awards, we not only recognize those who help make a difference in others' lives, but we also hope to underscore the need for volunteerism in this country and inspire others to join in," said David Best, president and COO of Newman's Own, Inc.

"In celebrating these Make A Difference Day honorees, we can find inspiration to take action in our own lives," said Tracy Hoover, CEO, Points of Light. "They remind us that we can use our special skills, our talents, our dollars or our tweets to create positive change every day. In return, the best part of service is that it awakens our passions and connects us to one another."

This year's Make A Difference Day award winners were selected from thousands of nationwide volunteer initiatives after millions of volunteers came together on October 24, 2015, with a common mission: to improve the lives of others. Award winners made an impact in their communities by rebuilding neighborhood parks, raising money for local food banks, planting trees and several other projects that made a positive impact in local communities.

The ten 2015 national Make A Difference Day Award honorees include:

- Return of the Natives, Salinas, CA
- Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Muncie, IN
- Scrap Hunger, Lincroft, NJ
- Animal Friends, Pittsburgh and Wexford, PA
- The Pediatric Connection, Richmond, VA
- Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA
- GFWC Beverly Hills Junior Women's Club, Chicago, IL
- Volunteer Center of Story County, Ames, IA
- Stanwood High School, Stanwood, WA
- Taking Root, Cincinnati, OH

The three 2015 Community Award honorees are:

- Richmond, CA
- Moonachie, NJ
- Aberdeen, SD

The All-Star Award is:

- Operation Access, Sonoma County, CA

Make A Difference Day started after a call for a national day of service one Leap Year (February 29, 1992). It has evolved into the largest single day of volunteering in the country. It is a initiative of TEGNA and Gannett, in collaboration with Points of Light and Newman's Own. Make A Difference Day 2016 will be held on Saturday, October 22. For more information and to read more about this year's honorees, please go to www.makeadifferenceday.com.

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