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VOLUNTEER CENTER OF VOLUSIA/FLAGLER HONORS FOUR WITH PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

DAYTONA BEACH – The Volunteer Center of the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties has awarded **four** local volunteers with the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, the highest national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service. To qualify for the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, volunteers (individuals or groups) must have logged a specified number of **volunteer hours** over a 12-month period. Individual volunteers who complete a minimum of **4,000** volunteer hours over the course of their lifetimes are eligible to receive the PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD.

The AWARDS were presented at the United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties' Board of Directors meeting, held yesterday afternoon.

The outstanding volunteers who received this award are:

- **Bob Elkin, Palm Coast Data**, came to our local United Way with extraordinary service at United Way of Minneapolis/St. Paul. He has been a Board member at the United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties since 1999; a member of the Executive Committee and the Fund Distribution Chair for the last 5 years.
- **Ron Nowviskie, Root Organization**, has been a United Way of Volusia-Flagler Board Member since the 1980s and is the current Chair-Elect. Ron has held positions on the Allocations Committee, 2-1-1/First Call for Help Advisory Committee and Campaign Chair; plus has been a part of the United Way of Florida's Board of Governors, which he chaired for a term.
- **Rev. David Troxler, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Daytona Beach**, one of the Founders & President of Volusia Interfaiths/Agencies Networking in Disaster (VIND) and an active member of the United Way Volunteer Center's Advisory Committee. (To be presented 10/11, 2pm at First Christian Church.)
- **Wayne's Roofing and Sheet Metal, Holly Hill**, a true community supporter which as a company has completed volunteer/in-kind projects for Builders Care, Family Renew,

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Living Faith Church, local residents, Serenity House, The ARC of Volusia, Rose Marie Bryon's Children's Center, Lighthouse for Christ, Civil Air Patrol and multiple houses for Halifax Habitat for Humanity.

“These awards are extremely well-deserved. This is *national* recognition of some of the very talented and hard-working resources in our community,” said Ray Salazar, President of United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties.

In his 2002 State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush called on every American to make a lifelong commitment to service. Established in 2003, the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD – which is modeled after the President's Physical Fitness Award – recognizes those who have answered the call and is available on an annual basis to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service; demonstrating exemplary citizenship through volunteering. As a Certifying Organization participating in the AWARD program, **The Volunteer Center of the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties** confers the AWARDS to recognize the outstanding achievements of volunteers in our area.

The PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD is an award for volunteer service that every American – from every age and every walk of life – can aspire to achieve. To be eligible to receive the AWARD, individuals, families and groups submit a record of their annual volunteer service hours to participating organizations, such as **The Volunteer Center of the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties**, that will verify the service and deliver the AWARD. AWARD eligibility for individuals and groups is based upon hour requirements varying by age.

The AWARD is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group created by President Bush to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making to our nation. Chaired by Case Foundation President Jean Case, the Council is comprised of leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofits, and the volunteer sector.

For more information on volunteering in Volusia and Flagler Counties, please visit www.unitedway-vc.org. Since 1977, the Volunteer Center of the United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties plays an integral role in our community. Its mission is to promote and nurture volunteerism in the Volusia and Flagler communities through the recruitment, development, placement and recognition of individuals and groups contributing time and talent to organizations which improve the quality of life for our residents.

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