

Volunteers of the Year Honored at Public Meeting

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Kittanning, PA –March 18, 2010 Commissioners sign proclamations honoring 2010 Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce Volunteers of the Year

At today's Public Meeting the Armstrong County Board of Commissioners adopted a Proclamation to honor three of the Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce Volunteers of the Year for 2010. Mrs. Twila Williams was honored as the Volunteer of the Year, while Ms. Tarah Stewart and Mr. Brandon Harriger were honored as the Junior Volunteers of the Year.

Mrs. Williams volunteers throughout the community, but her most notable presence is at the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. With over 3,300 volunteer hours during ten years of service, Mrs. Williams has assisted the staff in several departments and brings comfort and joy to patients. ACMH has many unique and successful fundraisers that are due to Mrs. William's efforts and ideas. She has been the fundraising chairperson since 2004 and has assisted in raising over \$140,000 to the benefit of the hospital. She also volunteers at the VNA Hospice and her church, the Chicora Alliance Church.

Ms. Tarah Stewart, a junior at West Shamokin High School, is very active in promoting healthy habits in the community and fundraising for many charities, organizations and educational institutions within Armstrong County. Ms. Stewart's personal experience has inspired her work with the American Diabetes Association on a self designed and conducted program called "Youth Zone" that was conducted at the Pittsburgh Expo in September 2009. She is a Camp Sunshine volunteer for physically and mentally disabled children, a member of LEO Club and assists with a local basketball program for area elementary students. Ms. Stewart would like to pursue a career in psychology after graduation.

Mr. Brandon Harriger, a senior at Lenape Vocational Technical School in the Law Enforcement Information Technology (LEIT) program dedicates his time promoting safety in the community. Mr. Harriger has been a junior firefighter with the Ford Cliff Fire Department since October 2006 and an active member of the New Life Center. As a volunteer with the Armstrong County Reality Tour Drug Awareness / Prevention Program he has portrayed many roles, while maintaining a perfect attendance record since the tours inception in 2005. Mr. Harriger is currently a co-op student with the Armstrong County 911 as a dispatch trainee; he would like to pursue a career as a firefighter.

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The Board of Commissioners expressed their gratitude to the volunteers for their contributions to the community. They recognized that without volunteers many of the community services would not be able to offer the current level of programs or assistance. The Board commended each volunteer for their special contributions and noted their confidence in a bright future for the Junior Volunteer recipients.

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