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25TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE FOR VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE (GIVE) AWARDS CEREMONY

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service recently [announced](#) its slate of Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Award Recipients as part of National Volunteer Week. 13 individuals and volunteer organizations will be honored at a private ceremony on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 12 noon at The Westin Hotel of Jackson.

The Ceremony will feature First Lady Deborah Bryant as Volunteer Mississippi's Honorary Chair; comments from Governor Phil Bryant; Syndicated Editorial Cartoonist, Marshall Ramsey as Master of Ceremonies; and reflections of the last 25 years of service by the Commission and the dedicated volunteers of Mississippi.

The [GIVE Awards](#) were established through the Office of Governor and Volunteer Mississippi to recognize those individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding impact in their communities through their gifts of service, advocacy, and outreach on behalf of the citizens of Mississippi. Nominations are made by the general public and a group of industry peers serves as judges to review the submitted information and to determine recipients. Nomination information is released by Volunteer Mississippi in January of each year.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

WHO:

First Lady Deborah Bryant, MCVS Honorary Chair;
The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi;
Marshall Ramsey, Syndicated Columnist and 2012 GIVE Recipient; and
13 Individuals and Volunteer Organizations from across the state

WHAT:

2019 Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Awards Ceremony commemorating and recognizing exemplary volunteer service in the state.

WHEN:

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 12:00pm CST

WHERE:

The Westin Jackson, 407 South Congress Street, Jackson, MS 39201

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The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (also known as Volunteer Mississippi) was established in 1994 to encourage a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility to America. Volunteer Mississippi works to engage and support Mississippians in service to their communities through volunteerism and national service programs. As a state service commission, Volunteer Mississippi administers funds through AmeriCorps State and Volunteer Generation Fund to address critical community needs and engage Mississippians in service. Learn more at volunteermississippi.org.

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