

ATTACHMENT A

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A 2007-2008
CARRBORO VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Resolution No. 113/2007-08**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen wishes to publicly recognize the many contributions made by all official and unofficial volunteers to the community and civic life of the Town of Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen intends this award to highlight the contributions of all the volunteers while rewarding in a small way the particular contributions of one volunteer/group of volunteers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen do hereby designate _____ as the 2007-2008 Volunteer of the Year to be recognized at the Advisory Boards Recognition Dinner on April 24, 2008.

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James Carnahan, chair, Carrboro Planning Bd 122 Oak St., Carrboro
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Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this group.

The Planning Board reviews developer proposals, and provides suggestions to the Aldermen both on specific developments, and on the broader planning issues that affect large parts of the town.

Please write a paragraph or two about why you think this individual / group, in particular, is worthy of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

James Carnahan tirelessly works to improve the built environment of Carrboro. He both educates and inspires as he shares his opinions, knowledge and ideas. He does a lot of paperwork to ensure meetings run smoothly. He is respectful of opposing viewpoints and works hard for a consensus.

Contact Information for the individual being nominated:

Liz Buchman
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Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this person:

Liz is a giving, loving volunteer! She is very active in the PTA and volunteers often in her son's classroom at McDougle Elementary School. She co-organized the McDougle Elementary Auction for the benefit of the school in Fall 2006 raising \$15k. She weekly prepares and does crafts with the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. She understands, since her son Ross had cancer in recent years and beat it! She is involved in cancer research fundraising through UNC Hospitals. She shared her beautiful artistic ability to paint murals at her temple, attended by her family. She helps to mentor other gals in "The Janes," a local women's running group. She also belongs to an early morning running group that meets in her neighborhood. She helps to "be there" for gals to need to talk about things in their lives in the pre-dawn hours during their runs. If someone is sick, she'll prepare a meal. You name it, Liz is the gal! And she does it all with a loving heart.

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Liz Buchman is a wonderful wife and mother of two lovely boys. She is actively involved in her community of Carrboro and Chapel Hill. We are one community. She probably is involved in more charities than this, but she is modest and it would not surprise me if she is involved in more things than this and just doesn't want to boast about it. She is so kind. Liz is the kind of neighbor you can only dream of when you move to this area. She is a great example of being interwoven with others in our community. She inspires, she contributes, she volunteers. When you look up volunteer in the dictionary, there's her smiling face next to the definition! Please consider Liz. She's your gal! PS. She'd be shocked to be nominated. She's that modest.

Contact information of person nominating

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Volunteer-of-the-Year Nomination Form

Contact Info. for Individual / Group Being Nominated

Name: Carrboro Community Garden Coalition
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Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this group: (may be attached separately)

CCGC is a non-profit organization whose goal is to support community members in growing food in environmentally sustainable ways as a means of creating a just world where locally grown, high quality, safe food is available to all.

Its purpose is to increase sustainable food production and community involvement in 5 ways by:

1. Teaching people how to grow food;
2. Locating and securing in trust and managing land;
3. Increasing access to resources, skills and local knowledge.
4. Creating spaces where community members share tools/land/seeds/, skills, inspiration and cultural awareness.
5. Modeling replicable and financially viable programs and practices.

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There are so many ways the CCGC is expressive of the ideals of volunteerism in Carrboro. They have formed an open and inclusive organization. They have shared ideas and educated would-be gardeners. They have created an incredibly beautiful and abundant garden that is a credit to the town. They have raised funds to test the well water and built a solar pump to deliver it to the garden as well as collecting rainwater from the nearby shed roofs. And, they are supporting the garden project of the Partnership for Young Children's Healthy Kids program.

Here is a link to their newsletter which has more information and nice photos:

http://carrborogarden.org/sites/carrborogarden.org/files/CCGC_Newsletter_Volume_1_Issue_1.pdf

Here's what the Chapel Hill News wrote, pretty much echoing my sentiments:

"ROSES to the Carrboro Community Garden Coalition and town staff for putting a little patch of available public land into something productive, in more ways than one...

With approval from the Board of Aldermen, the coalition has broken ground on a community garden (at the MLK Jr Park site), tilled and fenced the plot and will grow tomatoes, squash, beans, peppers, melons and other vegetables. The produce will be divvied up, with some going to needy folks in the community.

Talk about a win-win. The town's property is put to good use. The people doing the gardening will enjoy the many benefits -- physical, emotional and spiritual -- of working with the earth to grow good plants. Obviously, some folks will benefit by eating the healthy food that comes from that effort. Even those who aren't directly involved may think a bit more about the virtues of small-scale, truly locally produced food."

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CATEGORY Title: Volunteer-of-the-Year Award Nomination

Contact Information for the Individual / Group Being Nominated (please include name, address, telephone, and an email if possible):

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Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this group.

Two years chairing/designing Carrboro Day celebration, '07 and '08; Board of Adjustment '08 after serving on the Appearance Commission for eight years; Art Committee for six years; Carrboro Music Festival FOUNDER in 1997; Chair in 2000; Historic Building Plaque project organizer, '06-'08; Chair, Century Center Opening Celebration, 2000; Producer, "Food for Thought" series in Century Hall, Winter 2001; Poet Laureate search organizer, '01-'03

Please write a paragraph or two about why you think this individual / group, in particular, is worthy of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Dear Town of Carrboro, Just READ the list above of Catherine's volunteer activities! I believe that the life and well being of the Town of Carrboro has become the focus of most all her energies during the years described above. AND: Catherine remained active and involved in the Town throughout the past year from HELL when she aggressively fought breast cancer: TWO mastectomies, chemotherapy, and the related, debilitating side effects of all this. That girl stayed on board, organizing Carrboro Day and announcing on Independence Day -- BALD. My pride in her and my admiration know no bounds. Neither should the gratitude of the Town of Carrboro know any bounds, in honoring her with this wonderful award.

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Volunteer-of-the-Year Award Nomination

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Catherine DeVine 506 Oak Ave Carrboro, NC 27510 967-3795 catdevine@mindspring.com

Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this group.

Two years chairing/designing Carrboro Day celebration 07 and 08 Board of Adjustment 08 after serving on the Appearance Commission for eight years Art Committee for six years, petitioning the Board of Aldermen to allow more than one Advisory Board membership per willing candidate Carrboro Music Festival founder in 1997; chair 2000 Historic Building Plaque project organizer 06-08 Chair, Century Center Opening Celebration 2000 Producer, "Food for Thought" series in Century Hall winter 2001 Poet Laureate search organizer 01-03

Please write a paragraph or two about why you think this individual / group, in particular, is worthy of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Catherine has made huge contributions to many of the cultural and civic events which have become an integral part of our community like the Music Festival and Carrboro Day as well as serving on three town boards. She has always raised her hand when a need for volunteers was put out and is a constant Carrboro promoter. In addition to the above she is a very active supporter of WCOM, going on many times a guest and guest hosting radio shows. She also ran for Alderman in the election before last. She has continued her volunteering full tilt in the last year in spite of having significant health issues.

Contact Information for the Individual Being Nominated

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Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this group.

Jackie Helvey is involved in The Arts Coomittee, The Music Festival, The Film Festival, Carrboro Day, The Community Dinner, and the Poetry Festival. She maintains Carrboro.com.

Please write a paragraph or two about why you think this individual, in particular, is worthy of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Have you been to the Music Festival? Or the Film Festival? How about the Poetry Festival? Do you enjoy living in a town that values and promotes the Arts? Then you should thank Jackie Helvey. Jackie is involved in either leading or supporting all of these major events which further Carrboro's reputation as a vibrant home to the arts. Jackie has served on the Arts Committee for many years and is one of the leading forces behind the Music, Film and Poetry Festivals. Jackie is also Carrboro's visual historian. You will see her and her camera at every major Carrboro event-and the very next day you will find pictures of the event on Carrboro.Com I can think of no other citizen of our town who loves Carrboro more or who has done more to enhance the quality of life we all enjoy.

Contact information of person nominating

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Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this group.

Jackie's volunteer activities are way too numerous to mention, and I'm sure I only know a piece of the larger pie. (I've only been here for 14 years, and I keep learning of more and more things she started, or had a hand in starting.) Ask Former Mayor Mike Nelson, Ask Debbie Meyer or Dave Hart at Chapel Hill News, as Nerys Levy, Kate Fiory at Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission, and the Orange County Arts Commission, and Jon Wilner, at the ArtsCenter Some include: Co-Founder Carrboro Day The community Dinner 5000 Flowers - 20 Art Shows to honor victims of 911 The Carrboro Music Festival Co-founder of the Carrboro Film Festival - new in 2006! The Carrboro Art Committee The Chapel Hill/Carrboro Public Arts Project Farmer's Market Establishment and Selection of Carrboro's Poet Laureate She has developed numerous websites to publicize issues, events and artists in Carrboro, (some for pay, but many gratis)

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Jackie is always a behind the scenes supporter of the town of Carrboro in every way, and the Arts in Carrboro in a very specific way. She celebrates diversity at its very finest, shows up to support local business, local artists, and mostly volunteers her time and expertise in web design and wisdom and experience from having lived here for so long. She has watched this town wake up and evolve into what it is today... and she NEVER STOPS thinking or volunteering her ideas and time about ways to improve things even more. She is a single mom, lives very simply, largely due to the general "volunteer" mindset that she has... I believe she gives away much more than she ever charges for in her legitimate business of UniqueOrn Enterprises (including web design and other creative media presentations). She is the author and illustrator of a children's book that she never even mentioned to anyone... that's just the way she is. Always looking to help the town and people in Carrboro, documenting with photographs and webcam the events we sponsor here. Most recently, Sima Fallahi, the Iranian woman who has been arrested and is threatened to be sent back to Iran without her daughter. Jackie Helvey has been instrumental in helping this town evolve into what it is today, and is tireless in her love of all things CARRBORO.

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To : The Town Of Carrboro
From: Conny and Matthew Raynor
Re: Nominating Marilyn Kille (919-929-5864) for the "Volunteer of the Year" Award

We only met Marilyn Kille – through neighborhood friends – several months ago but it was apparent to us very quickly that she is a driving force in our community; and not just in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, but in the state and nation as well.

We know Ms. Kille mostly in her capacity as our 10-year-old daughter's riding instructor. But, we have been immeasurably impressed with her capabilities and with the patience she's shown in working with children as young as 4 years of age. Not only do they learn how to ride but they also receive an all-encompassing, life-long education about how to care for other living things, for one another, about medical care and safety, about public issues, and most importantly--about one's responsibilities for "the greater good." Marilyn is an extraordinary role model for the area's children. This we routinely observe as we observe her passion for helping others through her volunteer efforts. These include but have not been limited to her fostering and rehabilitating animals from the local shelters, as well as from the US Equine Rescue League. And, in her continuing efforts to "spread the word", so to speak, we observe how—almost miraculously and definitely effortlessly, she routinely involves children and adults in efforts to educate all.

Ms. Kille is an exceptionally compassionate human being; and she effortlessly passes this on to her students and others in a wide variety of ways.

For example, she rallied volunteers--myself, my husband and our children, among numerous others--to unload 68 tons of hay which she arranged to import from the Canadian border in Fall 2007. She did this because she foresaw the consequences of this year's drought long before others did; in order to help area horse and livestock owners feed their animals this winter and spring. My entire family helped with the off-loading, and frankly, I was amazed at the "fun and comraderie" that she was able to bring about to achieve such a challenging task.

Most noticeably is the fact that she could have imported hay exclusively for her own horses--and have stopped right there like all others seemingly did. Or mark the price up well above cost so as to profit from this current crisis. But she didn't. Because, this wouldn't have been Marilyn as we've come to know her.

Instead, she set about to create a "hay cooperative" so that others in the greater Carrboro area could benefit from reduced costs, shared shipping of bulk loads, long-term bulk storage which she secured from local farmers, and access on an "as needed basis" for up to nine months. As we understand it, over the years owners have been able to purchase hay for livestock locally on a "as needed" basis. But not this year because of the extensive drought that left local and NC farmers without forages for sale.

Marilyn has been tireless in her efforts to help others ever since my family first met her. And we've often asked ourselves, "How does she do all this in her spare time and still have time to teach, to volunteer at area schools, to foster and rehabilitate shelter animals, to laboriously re-train terrified and dangerous abandoned horses, and a host of other efforts?"

It is my family's opinion that Marilyn Kille is a tireless champion of those who need help; and for those within our community who haven't the resources or the wherewithal to help themselves. Our lives truly have been enhanced by having met her this year. Without her efforts, innumerable animals would have perished long before their time and community members would have faced dire consequences which will now be averted. Our children have been given an angel without whose guidance may remain less thoughtful and prepared for helping to better our World. And our community would be less well-off as a result.

Respectfully,
Conny and Matthew Raynor
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To: Town of Carrboro
 From: Kristen M. Kille
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 Re: NOMINATION FOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD, Town of Carrboro

I wish to nominate my mother, Marilyn Kille, to be Carrboro's "Volunteer of the Year." I want this for my Mom because she has always found the time and energy to help improve the lives of others, even when she wasn't sure how to pay our bills.

My name is Kristen Kille. I have lived here all my life. I am 18-years old. And I am legally handicapped with brain damage from an accident. This was caused when a baby-sitter dropped me from a balcony when I was about 10 months old.

My Mom has been widowed since I was four-years old. My dad died in what doctors at UNC have called the worst case of medical malpractice ever recorded. When he died, my Mom was left with about \$350,000 in uninsured medical debt. Everyone told my Mom to declare bankruptcy. For her it was a matter of pride. So, she never declared bankruptcy.

We have had no relatives living in North Carolina. And, Mom wanted to remain at home as much as possible to raise me as best she could. So, she created our farm and a small business which she could manage—most of the time—from our home. To do this, she wrote a plan—for 5 years and 10 years. In it she indicated exactly how she was going to pay off dad's debts. Even, how she was going to feed us, pay the mortgage, put gas in our car, pay for my doctors, tutors and special schools, etc. She has stuck closely to this plan even though it meant that she couldn't return to her former successful career.

At times over the years I resented how keeping to this plan seemed to interfere with my plans. Like, how much I could spend on clothes or activities. But now I'm older--almost an adult. And I better understand how important this was for us to survive.

Ever since 1994 when my dad died, Mom has worked long hours to provide for us. She's worked hard to pay the mortgage and our other bills. To run our farm. To provide for the Special Ed services that I've needed for 12 years (tuition plus daily drives to and from The Hill Center/Durham Academy, doctors, prescription medications, tutors, and so on). She's also had to provide elder-care for her mother and two aunts who lived in MA. They were in their 90's when they all died in 2003. I don't know how my Mom did it all!

Here are some of the things that Mom did in 2007:

1. Volunteer instructor for the Orange County "Community Emergency Response Training" (CERT) program. This is a national program that was started after "9/11". My Mom trains local people in crisis management so they can help members of the community in times of community crises.
2. Volunteer at Chapel Hill High School where she:
 - Coached students in math and English;
 - Sourced for furnishings and supplies needed for its theater productions;
 - Sold tickets at events; organized fund-raising events
 - Prepared large quantities of food for feeding students during various activities.
 - Arranged for community-based services for students with special needs.
 - Transported kids to events at locations other than at CHHS
3. Advisor to, foster care provider for, and rehabilitation trainer to:
 - Orange County Animal Services re: animal welfare and health issues
 - Foster care provider to OCAS for difficult to place large, hunting bred dogs
 - Rehabilitation trainer for staff and animals in local shelters [Orange County, Durham County, A.P.S. of Orange County, and German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue League (Atlanta, GA)]
 - Program advisor to OCAS re: its January 16, 2008 Animal Protection Course.
4. Outreach volunteer for OCAS; Mom encourages adoptions, raises funds and educates by distributing materials and exhibiting sheltered animals around Town. Including:

- Hauling shelter dogs and cats to and setting up kiosks in shopping malls, at businesses, and in area sub-divisions (Weaver St. market, Southern Village, University Mall, etc.)
 - Using our farm to educate local animal control officers re: health and emergency care
5. Coordinator (APS) of and an instructor for NCSU's "Equine Protection and Cruelty Course"; which has prepared 100s of law enforcement and rescue personnel in crisis management and medical skills for dealing with animal and animal abusers.
6. Mom is an active Member of the Orange County Neighborhood Watch program
7. Advisor to, fundraiser for, donor to:
- NCSU-College of Veterinary Medicine
 - NCERL, a non-profit dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating endangered equines (about 191 so far in winter 2007-08 bec. of this year's drought)
 - N.C. Dept. Of Agriculture and Consumer Services "Hay Relief" Programs
 - N.C. Horse Council re: equine disaster and 2007-08 relief efforts
 - National Mentoring Partnership; Mom shares skills with those in need
8. Fundraiser and donor to:
- Covenant House, a national program providing shelter and services to homeless teens
 - Cornucopia House, a local cancer support and hospice program
 - Local nursing homes and retirement communities; my Mom collects large type literature, like Reader's Digest, and donates these to places like Carolina Springs

But, it's what my Mom does almost every day that makes her the "Best Volunteer"

1. At McDougle Middle School; Mom counsels "at risk" Hispanic girls about career options and the benefits of continuing education. She also locates secondhand musical instruments so less privileged kids can learn to play them and about music.
2. Throughout the year Mom uses her own money to buy used items to give to people and organizations that need them. This may be to DSS families. Or, to shelters and rescue organizations; to area libraries or schools; or for books to be used in her various "reading projects"; or, for furniture or furnishings for use in CHHS plays.

At least weekly she visits the PTA Thrift Shop in Carrboro where she sources for shoes, furniture, clothing, books, toys, and housewares for poor Carrboro families. Or, she looks for such things as washable pads or blankets for use in keeping animals warm or during veterinary procedures at the Orange County Animal Shelter. And, if a piece of furniture needs to be repaired, she'll bring it home, put it in our garage, and repair it when time allows. Over the years she's repaired sofas, tables, chairs, bookcases, lamps and light fixtures—you name it.

Here are some examples of how my Mom's efforts help the community in 2007:

- At area animal shelters, Mom suggested "reading corners" where adopters could learn about proper care and to which she regularly donates books. She donates children's books and other teaching material, like maps, for use in school classrooms. My Mom believes that better education can help reduce neglect and abuse of children and animals, and can reduce racism, improve tolerance and create better opportunities for others. She's also learning to speak Spanish so that she can be more helpful to others.
- My Mom regularly gives books to local Spanish-speaking immigrants so they can practice speaking English. She buys and gives children's books to local Hispanic families to encourage them to read together. Mom doesn't distinguish by nationality or languages or anything like this. She believes books can foster change; she understands that, when a person is hungry or homeless, they don't spend money buying books.
- This Christmas, as she does every Christmas, for weeks Mom brought home box loads of toys from the Carrboro PTA. Some needed to be repainted; others repaired. Some needed batteries. All needed to be packaged and wrapped in Christmas paper with ribbons and tags. She gave these to parents who couldn't afford gifts for their children.

Here is another example of how my Mom's volunteering helps to make a difference.

By August 2007 it became apparent to my Mom that North Carolina was in a drought. Local livestock farmers and horse owners didn't understand until late fall how difficult it was going to be to feed their animals this winter and in 2008. But Mom did! So, in September she set out to bring tons of hay in from other states to help local owners.

- To do this, Mom first had to convince local farmers to make their empty barns available to her for storage. She then had to design a plan; this became a "co-operative" whereby small groups of owners (cattle, goats, horses, ponies) could import hay from outside of NC as cheaply as possible. Mom then sought reliable farmers in northern states who would guarantee at fair prices the types, quantities, bale sizes, and quality of hay needed. This was a huge, complicated process. She worried about how much she could trust others, especially because she had to dip into our savings to pay for it in advance.

Also, she had to convince a big trucking company that she had good credit because it was going to cost thousands of dollars to ship hay from as far away as Canada. Each truck weighed between 75-85,000 lbs. They were huge! And, Mom had to meet delivery drivers day and night to supervise unloading and storing 17 tons of hay each of four times. Sometimes she went without sleep or food. But she did it! This also had to be paid for in advance. So, she used her own good credit rating to help others because the trucking companies wouldn't accept credit cards or checks from non-business owners.

- Then, Mom set about raising money to help with a statewide hay relief effort. After nearly four months of coaxing others to get involved in helping, on December 20th, the NC Department of Agriculture and N.C.'s governor approved and implemented a revised model of Mom's hay co-operative. Overall, over \$1 million was raised to help reimburse owners for shipping costs. As a result, the cattle, horses and other livestock in NC are more likely to have enough food to survive this winter and into fall 2008.

My Mom has recently been involved in other crisis efforts, too.

- For example, she initiated a plan to raise awareness among managements of NC financial institutions to, in turn, donate funds to benefit efforts to help rescue the 150-200,000 equines that are expected to die this year because, in part, of the hay shortage.

- Also, in late 2007 she began fostering three rescued horses at our farm. She pays for all their special medical expenses and routine care using her own money.

- And, just last week she convinced the nation's largest trucking company to begin a program whereby their 14,200 drivers will report the locations of endangered livestock along the nation's roadway. This information then will be forwarded to rescue organizations and law enforcement officials nationwide who can provide food and medical care to these starving animals, and education to their owners.

Since I was a little girl...

Beginning when I was five-years-old, my Mom taught weekly in local schools, as a volunteer; first at Carrboro Elementary School; and later at McDougle Elementary and Middle Schools. She taught Math and English. But she also helped to organize a bunch of other activities that the kids always enjoyed. For example,

- Mom helped introduce "Skate Night" where students skate through the halls at McDougle Elementary. And, she's bought used skates from the PTA Thrift Shop which the P.E. teachers have given to children who didn't own skates.

- She also has helped to reenact the first Thanksgiving; prepared turkey dinners in the school kitchen so that students, especially those of immigrant families, could connect what was being taught in history lessons with the holiday's meaning.

- Mom begins every Thanksgiving morning by preparing food to feed and by distributing clothing to DSS families through The Durham Rescue League.

- Mom may be best remembered for having donated our farm's ponies to over 100 fundraising events all over Town (to churches, schools, the PTA Thrift Shops, etc.). For example, for years she would arrive at McDougle schools

before morning drop-off at which point she'd collect used grocery bags for re-use by the PTA stores. Then, she'd unload a pony in the school parking lot where preschool age children could ride a pony while their parents helped to pre-sort donations stored in the PTA trailers. At other times our ponies were donated for use during school carnivals which, of course, always meant that my mom had to give up a day to transport and accompany them.

- I was in First Grade at Carrboro Elementary School when my mother first donated Eeyore, the formerly abandoned Welsh pony that she'd rehabilitated, and his Victorian governess cart to be used as "my class booth at the carnival" in May 1996. Initially this had been my idea (I was 5 years old). My Mom vetoed it. The school had about 600 kids at the time and Mom felt that this was too many and would place Eeyore at risk. But, as always, Mom found a way. The school doubled the amount of money that it raised for its library that year--and during following years--because so many came to see Eeyore (per its organizers). For years thereafter we donated our ponies there.

How Mom and Eeyore have benefitted the Community for 12 years thru 2007?

Everybody loved Eeyore! Over the next 8 years my Mom regularly gave up Saturdays to donate Eeyore to help raise money for local charitable causes. Also, Eeyore and Mom (and I) regularly participated in Carrboro's Christmas and July 4th parades. You can see his photo on back copies of Carrboro Recreation & Park brochures. Other examples:

- Mom is committed to finding better ways to involve less privileged, children and their families in community activities. For years this meant their being in the Carrboro holiday parades. She'd identify kids, have them chose a theme and help them decorate a carriage or float, and enter it and them in the local parades. For years, Eeyore drove these kids in his decorated Victorian cart. There are photos of him standing on the lawn of the Weaver St. market. Or, in the parking lot behind the old Carrboro Town Hall.

- Unfortunately, insurance issues later made it impossible to continue to use a pony in local parades (Mom feared losing our home after someone sued another horse entrant). But this didn't stop her. Thereafter, she adapted and hitched an old wagon to the farm's big Ford tractor, filled it with kids and drove it herself in the Carrboro parades.

I particularly remember one July 4th in which a banner on the wagon read "Symbols of Liberty." That year Mom arranged for each of a dozen kids to choose a favorite historical person known to have improved our country. While the kids were decorating the wagon, she read us stories about how each had contributed. One girl was dressed as Betsy Ross. A boy was dressed as Jackie Robinson, the Black baseball player. There was the Statue of Liberty. And, Daniel Boone. George Washington and Abe Lincoln. And, John Glenn, the astronaut. I can't remember them all. But, my Mom made all the costumes, using stuff bought from the Carrboro PTA Thrift Shop. "Symbols" won "First Prize" that year. Mom always did such a great job that the kids won first prize every year. This was one of my Mom's way of helping kids from poor or broken homes to feel wanted and important.

By 2005, Eeyore had given an estimated 28,000 rides in his governess cart to area children in various fundraising capacities. Between 2005-2008, this is what came next:

- In 2004, Eeyore was found unable to breathe and dying as a result of unknown causes. What happened next was unbelievable. A woman, whom my Mom had met through the Friends of Orange County Animal Shelter (FOCAS), insisted that Eeyore not be destroyed. Mrs. Kendall then sent Mom a check to help pay for his mounting medical bills. In the end, NCSU-College of Veterinary Medicine agreed--for the first-time ever--to allow donations to be kept separate for treating a specific animal. The "Eeyore Fund" resulted. But overall it was Mom's efforts to give back to the community over the years that led residents to donate over \$18,000 to save Eeyore's life (this was widely reported in the News & Observer, in a series broadcast by ABC News, and elsewhere).

- As a result, these funds and Eeyore enabled NCSU-College of Veterinary Medicine to discover innovative ways to save animals suffering from life-threatening cancers. Specifically, researchers used State's new IAMS Imaging Center to diagnose advanced lymphoma [it filled E's head]. And radiation facilities to shrink the tumor mass.

But what stands out most is how my Mom managed to work long hours, to care for me and our farm and animals, to continue her volunteer efforts, AND to transport Eeyore to Raleigh--often on a moments notice--and as needed, whenever a new treatment option became available. Or a license was granted for a new procedure. Or money was donated!

In the end, Eyore became the first equine in the world to benefit from Multi-Resonance Imaging and radiation therapy for advanced cancer. But it was Mom's commitment to life, and to continuing education; to others, and to the Community; and, in turn, its commitment to her, that will now help to save countless others' lives as a result of her efforts.

- Eyore died on January 17, 2008. Mom and I, and the staff at NCSU-VTH, and others who loved him, cried that day. But I cried more when I saw how many people at NCSU-VTH thanked and hugged my Mom because of the commitment she'd made to help advance medical science while extending Eyore's life.

My Mom—the Child Advocate

My mom has also volunteered as a Child Advocate on behalf of area children. For example, over the years she has provided a home and food and part-time work for local teens that were homeless or in trouble with the law. In 2007, we housed two kids!

- Her first effort arose when a group of teens—known by some as “The Franklin St. crowd”—were facing prosecution for vandalism, including endangering animals. Mom convinced a judge that it would do little good to put these kids in jail. Instead, she employed them at our farm. She gave them tasks that were designed to teach them to be responsible; to show them how good it would feel to do “good” rather than to do “bad.” About a dozen of these boys continued to visit us afterwards. Some still need a place to live for short periods of time. Others need temporary work to have money to spend. Often they arrive cold and hungry in the middle of the night. Sometimes Mom simply feeds them and sends them on their way. But they each know that Mom will help them.

- Here's another example. Mom found a 16 year old girl living in an abandoned car. She'd been living on soda, candy, junk, and garbage for weeks. Her divorced mother had abandoned her and her younger brother when she'd met a man and disappeared. My Mom took her in. She gave her work at the farm; gave her money; bought her clothes; advised her about the benefits of finishing high school. This is when Mom discovered that this girl's family hadn't ever sent her to school. So, Mom arranged for her to attend school; to be tutored. Mom dealt with DSS and a court-appointed guardian on the girl's behalf. Mom decided that this girl was very smart. In time, Mom arranged for her to attend Southern Alamance Community College where she got her GED and took courses in English and Math to catch up. Mom helped her get into college; helped pay the bills. In 2007, this girl graduated from the Chicago (IL) Institute for the Arts with a BFA degree-- because my Mom helped her to overcome more than a decade worth of problems.

- In another case, a seventh grade girl was caught stealing. Her divorcing parents disowned her. Mom found her living in a storage shed on our farm. She had ADD; Mom helped diagnose this; got her therapy and helped her to return to McDougle Middle School. Then, Mom helped to reunite the girl with her mother and younger sister. And, helped teach them to better manage ADD and about helpful community services.

- In another case, Mom provided housing and a part-time job to a teenage boy who had been sent to NC from AL by his mother who could no longer manage him. His father, a resident of Carrboro, had abandoned him as a young boy. Mom helped arrange for a judge and DSS to intervene. Mom found a local dentist to provide free care because the boy had horrible teeth which caused him embarrassment and to lose friends. Mom helped get the drug-addict father and son DSS and community services. And when this boy continued to have problems at CHHS, Mom helped him to enroll in an alternative school; in 2007 he got his GED and a decent job, thanks to my Mom.

Well! That's all that comes to mind about my Mom.

What's been reported in the local papers and on TV might still be available to help you make a decision. I have asked people who know my Mom and about her how she volunteers to write letters describing how Mom helps every day of every year.

Sincerely,

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Dear Town of Carrboro,

Herewith, I am writing to support the nomination of Marilyn Kille [(919)929-5864] for the Town's award, "Volunteer of the Year." Marilyn has been an important volunteer at CHHS, and particularly with the Performing Arts Programs at Chapel Hill High School, since the Fall of 2002 when her daughter, Kristen, became a student at CHHS.

Ms. Kille's volunteer efforts have included endless hours working with the PALS--CHHS's parents' booster group--in such areas as ticket sales and box office operations; as well as with the shopping for, preparation of and serving of food to our hungry teenagers during evening rehearsals that begin each day immediately after school and can continue through mealtimes to midnight.

Marilyn has also been pro-active in seeking out areas of need and in filling the inevitable planning and production "gaps" for us. For example, when the drama program needs a particular piece of furniture for a stage set, Marilyn will make it her business to do the legwork for us. She'll seek out alternatives, by contacting others or scouring local thrift shops, for our consideration. And, switching from business attire to work clothes--often on a moment's notice (to capture a bargain at a PTA Thrift Shop)--she'll retrieve a piece of furniture in her pickup truck, often just in the nick-of-time for rehearsals or opening performances.

Another example of how Marilyn routinely helps at CHHS arose when a particular production involved the use of small animals. Marilyn connected this need with the needs of the local animal shelters; arranged for CHHS "to borrow" the needed animals; and, in exchange for their cooperation, Marilyn organized a fundraiser to benefit the local shelters (APS and OCAS) and scheduled it to be held in the theater's lobby to occur during days when the play was performed. Students and patrons had great fun bidding on the innumerable useful and fun items that Marilyn arranged to be donated for this purpose. She also hauled in tables and creatively displayed the items for all to see. She even donated an expensive new saddle and bridle which were among the highlights of this auction. And, overall, she raised a considerable sum of money to help the local shelters while simultaneously educating the Community and our students about available foster care services and about the benefits of adopting sheltered animals. She's invaluable to us!

It also should be noted that Marilyn's volunteer activity with us has continued even after her daughter was no longer enrolled at CHHS. Marilyn is an extraordinary human being. I and those who have benefited from her efforts over the years fully support any effort to recognize Ms. Kille for her service to the Carrboro community.

Yours,

John L. Thomas, Theater Manager
CHHS instructor

Volunteer Award Nomination

15th February, 2008
Carrboro

Town Clerk
Town of Carrboro
310 W. Main St.,
Carrboro, NC 27510

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Marilyn Kille, Owner of Peppermint Spring Farm to be nominated for Carrboro Volunteer Award.

I have known Marilyn and her daughter for the last 3 years as our neighbors. My family lives in an apartment complex opposite to Marilyn's Peppermint Spring Farm. During these years, my family had a very close relationship with Marilyn. Accordingly, I am writing this because, it is my sincere belief that she is eminently qualified to be a recipient of Carrboro Volunteer Award.

During these years, I have seen her passion for involving kids in our neighborhood to treat animals with dignity and also, encourage them to take care of them. I know that, she is a regular visitor to Orange County's Animal Shelter to adapt pets to provide them with temporary or permanent shelter in her house. She has encouraged our families in the neighborhood to adapt the pets from the shelter. I have seen her finding permanent families for those pets. She is also a member of North Carolina Equine Rescue organization. I also know that, she has been a member of Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as a child and her passion for the abandoned pets is something that she has dedicated for her entire life.

Every week, in the last 2 years, me and my daughter had the privilege to attend her pony pals meeting in Peppermint Spring Farm and it has been a wonderful experience to know more about ponies. This is a get together to bring kids to learn more about ponies. By doing so, she is encouraging a generation of kids to care for animals and also direct these kids energy in a positive way. I also, knew that she had done lot of carriage rides for schools in Carrboro area. She was also a regular participant in downtown parades of Carrboro

In the last few months, I knew her passion for finding hay to the neighborhood farms. Due to the drought, there has been a "Hay Crisis" in North Carolina and I personally saw her efforts to help the fellow farm owners with horses. I also knew that she had offered

her expertise with elected officials and administrators in North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to find a solution for Hay Crisis.

In closing, it is with sincere conviction that I enthusiastically recommend that Marilyn be selected as a recipient for Carrboro Volunteer Award.

Sincerely,

Sridhar Rajappan M.S

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February 1, 2008

Carrboro Board of Aldermen
Town of Carrboro
310 W. Main St.
Carrboro, NC 27510

Dear Board Members:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in very strong support of the nomination of:

Ms. Marilyn M. Kille
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for the Town of Carrboro, Volunteer of the Year Award. I have known Marilyn for approximately 13 years, in the capacity as one of the veterinarians at North Carolina State University, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, who has attended to the care of Marilyn's horses. Marilyn has many gifts but her most important one in my mind is her complete dedication to the welfare of horses and numerous other 4 legged friends that have been fortunate enough to find the front gate of Peppermint Spring Farm. Marilyn runs a "horse haven", providing boarding facilities, all levels of horsemanship instruction, and a sanctuary for otherwise discarded and neglected equids. She spends the majority of her days championing the welfare of horses, all for her love of the animal, with no financial gain.

In recent years the plight of the discarded, unwanted horse has reached national and international attention with the Federal Government decree that there will be no further humane slaughtering of horses in the USA at regulated facilities. There has been very strong opposition to this change in horse management from many established associations (for example the American Association of Equine Practitioners) that are concerned with the overall welfare of the unwanted horse. As an individual, Marilyn Kille is perhaps the most effective and tireless campaigner for the unwanted horse. All of her efforts in this endeavour have been voluntary, and the consequences of her dedication to this cause of improving how we care and provide for our horses will have impact nationwide, not just in the local community. Currently Marilyn has a very active dialogue with the Humane Society of the United States (who supported the anti-slaughter bill) and is lobbying for the Society to rethink its position.



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Another example of Marilyn's tireless voluntary efforts on behalf of local, regional and state-wide horses is her work to ensure that feed supplies (in particular hay) are forthcoming to North Carolina at this time of severe drought impact on the feed sources in the South Eastern USA. Marilyn has connected with hay suppliers nationwide to guarantee truck loads are delivered to the local area and her farm has acted as a distribution point for many horse owners (and other livestock owners) providing hay at competitive rates in these times of shortage. Marilyn has worked closely with NC State officials in Government and Industry to highlight the feed shortages and the need for government assistance for struggling farmers and horse owners, who simply just want to be able to provide feed for their animals.

The above are just two examples of what Marilyn consistently does for the welfare of the horse. She has demonstrated to me countless times over the years her complete dedication to ensuring and improving the quality of life of the horse, both her own personal companions, and for horses all over the USA that benefit from her lobbying to protect their welfare. Marilyn is a dynamic, compassionate, warm, caring, unselfish, and big-hearted individual who has made it her life priority to give back to the horse world the same unconditional devotion that all horses in her care have given her. I am delighted to support Marilyn Kille's nomination for the Town of Carrboro, Volunteer of the Year Award, and I do so without any reservation. I know she is a highly deserving nominee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further comments in support of Ms. Marilyn Kille's nomination.

Yours sincerely

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To Those Who Are Selecting Outstanding Local Contributors to Animal Rescue in Orange County:

I ask that you consider Marilyn Kille, who has been long associated with animal welfare, both in her former residences and in Orange County. She not only has "fostered, and found homes for, many animals, she also has attended, and helped with, many of the efforts of The Shelter to help educate and inform the citizens of this area about animal welfare. She continues to add a great deal to our community and also is having a national impact concerning humane horse euthanasia; a subject that most of us choose to pretend doesn't exist. She deserves recognition and applause for her efforts... I hope you choose to award it to her!

Thank you.

Mary Anne Kendall

Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen wish to publicly recognize the contributions to our community and civic life of all official and unofficial volunteers in the Town of Carrboro. To highlight the contributions of all, the Board will annually recognize the special contributions of one individual or group. *This form can be used to nominate an individual or group that you believe is especially deserving of this recognition.* The Board of Aldermen will award this distinction by the end of March every year, and winners will be recognized at the annual Advisory Boards Recognition Dinner.

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK BY THE END OF JANUARY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MARCH AWARD OF THE SAME YEAR.

Contact Info. for Individual / Group Being Nominated

Name	Nerys Levy
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Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this group: (may be attached separately)

Nerys works as chairperson of the Carrboro Library Arts Committee. They were instrumental in getting the Carrboro Public Library opened at McDougal Middle School. She is a supporter of the Community Dinner which brings people of different ages + cultures together. She has advocated for those who could not afford tickets + raised \$ for them to attend.

Please write a paragraph or two about why you think this individual / group, in particular, is worthy of the Volunteer of the Year Award. (may be attached separately)

Behind the scenes, Nerys volunteers ^{when} with other artists, ie: Suky? have workshops. She gives of herself + is generous with her praise (always!) and is completely comfortable taking a backseat when another artist is in charge.

She is a ^{passionate} advocate for a S. west Library that would be at least 25,000 sq. feet, although she has been told that the reality may be more like 10,000 sq. feet. She does not give up or take no for an answer. She wants ^{room} to provide the Art Programs + shows

You may submit your nomination anonymously, but you may include your name and contact information below, which will help in case we have any further questions about the nomination or need (over) to contact you about any award.

Sharmin Mirman
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-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Fulton Crews [mailto:ftcrews@med.unc.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 4:51 PM

To: Sarah Williamson

Subject: (no subject)

Dear Sara,

I would like to nominate Mr. Todd Melet for Carrboro Volunteer of the Year. Todd is a volunteer for both the Red Cross and USO. He spends many hours a week working for both of these agencies. As a Red Cross volunteer he spends many late nights traveling our area to help folks who have lost their homes or apartments in fires. These often happen late at night and his help finding hotels, cloths, and other needs of those who have lost all is inspirational.

At other times he volunteers at the airport for the USO. The USO provides a place and some support for traveling men and women in the service. Since NC has major military bases there are many traveling alone without much travel experience. He is good at organizing travel and helps our soldiers find there way home, get comfortable in long overlays and deal with other issues and problems. He also volunteers to take photo's at their award organizations and other events providing free pictures for those who are honored or as they return from abroad and meet their families.

Todd spends more hours per week on these volunteer efforts than many do in a work week. They both are direct efforts to provide support to people when it is most needed. If you have any questions or need additional information let me know.

Thanks,
Fulton Crews

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Please describe the volunteer activity or activities of this individual:

Carrboro Day

Please write a paragraph or two about why you think this individual, in particular, is worthy of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

For longer than seems imaginable, Bob Wright has been the heart and soul and leader of the many volunteers that come together each year and make Carrboro Day possible. By reason of his leadership, encouragement, support, follow-through, and attention to detail, Carrboro Day has been a wonderful example of community building and spirit, a special day celebrating the town's history and gifts of its citizens including fine arts, music, poetry, and story telling. Beginning in January of each year Bob has been the person to initiate and lead the meetings to organize who will be assisting with putting together and promoting the many events of the day. With his enormous experience and knowledge of the town, he knows whom to call to get things done, especially in emergencies and crisis that inevitably occur before and on the day itself. Nothing fazes Bob. He is and has always been a model of cooperative, friendly spirit that is at the core of Carrboro Day and the town. For these many gifts to Carrboro, Bob more than deserves to be named Volunteer of the Year.

Contact information of person nominating

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