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Volunteer Hampton Roads Honors 22 Community Volunteers During National Volunteer Month
Nonprofit Hosts Its 44th Annual Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Awards

NORFOLK, Va. – April 3, 2019 – Volunteer Hampton Roads announced today the 2019 honorees selected for its 44th Annual Volunteer Achievement Awards. Each April as part of National Volunteer Month the nonprofit recognizes community members and groups who have gone above and beyond to serve Hampton Roads. This year, 22 community volunteers have earned this prestigious honor. The awards dinner will be held Friday, April 26, at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased [here](#).

A panel of past honorees selects three prominent community members for awards that recognize community leadership in volunteerism. The 19 other honorees are nominated by those who have witnessed their dedication to area nonprofit organizations such as the Virginia Beach SPCA, Girl Scouts, and Mercy Chefs. The 2019 selection process was especially competitive, with 70 nominations and only 19 winners. Awards were based on the nominees' length of service, impact, initiative, and achievement.

Leadership Awards

This year, VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads is proud to announce community philanthropist, Joan Brock, as the Lenora Mathews Lifetime Achievement Award winner. Mrs. Brock has spent decades dedicating her skills and time to local organizations and programs that benefit culture, education, and community. She has chaired the board of Virginia Wesleyan College, the Access College Foundation, and was the first woman to preside over the Chrysler Museum Board.

The Corporate Excellence Award honors Susan Colpitts and Anne Shumadine (in memoriam) co-founders of Signature Family Wealth Advisors. Mrs. Shumadine and Mrs. Colpitts built Signature on service-oriented values such as "be giving with your time and gracious with your attention." This commitment does not end with clients. Mrs. Colpitts and Mrs. Shumadine have a long history of generously giving their time and talent to the community.

Drew Ungvasky, founder and CEO of Grow, is the recipient of the Harvey L. Lindsay, Jr. Changemaker Award. The award honors a community leader who serves as a catalyst for change through their volunteer service. Mr. Ungvasky has certainly lived up to this honor through his work in Downtown Norfolk. His volunteer leadership has benefited organizations such as the Elizabeth River Trail Foundation, the Downtown Norfolk Council, and StartWheel.

Community Honorees

This year's community honorees are 19 men, women, youth, and civic groups who see need in our community and take action to meet it. The full list of the honorees and the organizations they serve can be found [here](#).

Volunteer Hampton Roads

The mission of VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads is to CONNECT businesses with opportunities which create a positive impact on our community; to EQUIP nonprofits with the resources they need to achieve their mission; to MOBILIZE a community of volunteers to create change. Visit us online at www.volunteerhr.org or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) @volunteerhr.

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