## Volunteer Iowa | Iowa Commission on **Volunteer Service**



## Volunteer Hall of Fame and Excellence in **Mentoring Awards**

Volunteer Hall of Fame members and present the Excellence in Mentoring awards to two individuals in a ceremony at the Iowa State Capitol building tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 30 at 3:00pm. Being selected for the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame is the most prestigious

communities. The Excellence in Mentoring Awards gives Iowa MENTOR certified programs the opportunity to recognize outstanding long-time youth mentors. Visit the Volunteer lowa website for more information about the 2024 lowa Volunteer Hall of Fame inductees

and Excellence in Mentoring Award recipients. Follow Volunteer lowa on Facebook for further announcements regarding the ceremony.

**Governor's Volunteer Awards** 

## Volunteer Awards; entry deadline is April 30.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards program, celebrating its 40th year, is a simple way for organizations to honor their volunteers with a

Volunteer lowa is now accepting nominations for the 2024 Governor's

available: Individual, Group, and Length of Service. Award recipient information can be submitted using one of the following methods: All organizations (including state government agencies) submit information, and the handling fee (\$15 per

prestigious, state-level recognition award. Three award categories are

submit the handling fee online.

 State agencies should submit nominations through the same online form. Invoicing will be handled separately. (Staff of state government agencies must submit nominations through their agency's coordinator.)

nomination) directly through Volunteer lowa in an online nomination form. Organizations will be able to

national service programs operating in Iowa (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors), nonprofit and charitable organizations, private colleges and universities, non-state government organizations. To learn more, please visit <u>volunteeriowa.org</u>.

government units operating in Iowa, Iowa MENTOR certified programs, K-12 schools (public and parochial),

Nominations are accepted from: City governments, community colleges, county governments, federal

**Give Back Iowa** 



## 1st through May 31st. Your business or organization can still register to

participate, then just track the volunteer hours of your employees, record those hours on our system, and celebrate your employees and their dedication to volunteerism! There are many volunteer opportunities statewide and in your community, including youth mentoring, assisting food banks and food pantries with packaging and distribution, skills-based opportunities, and more. Volunteer opportunities in your area can be found in our volunteer opportunities portal Get Connected. Visit the <u>Give Back Iowa Challenge website</u> to learn more about this year's challenge. Please contact Betsy

The 10th Annual Give Back Iowa Challenge has begun! The Give Back lowa Challenge is an eight-week statewide challenge, which serves as a competitive way to encourage organizations and businesses alike to participate in community volunteering. The challenge runs from April

Welcome (back) to Deputy **Director Patricia Jacobs** 

#### Volunteer lowa's federal grant activity prior to our move to HHS.

Patricia, originally from Schuyler County in northeast Missouri, graduated from Truman State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a Master of Accountancy with a concentration in tax. After spending two years with a public accounting firm, Patricia began working for the IRS, auditing

individual and small business tax returns. After seven years with the IRS, Patricia took a job with the Iowa Department of

Patricia Jacobs rejoined the Volunteer Iowa team on March 1

Patricia "back" to the team as she previously managed all of

as Deputy Director of National Service Programs. We welcome

Transportation where she began to learn federal grant accounting. She transferred from there to the Iowa Economic Development Authority. After a brief stint with the Department of Public Safety on the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau's federal grant, she officially joined Volunteer Iowa. Outside of work time, you can find Patricia supporting her very active kids in soccer, football, basketball, volleyball, track and band. She also enjoys building Lego and playing board games with her family. Patricia is happy to be back working with Volunteer lowa, and Volunteer lowa is thrilled to have her (back) on our team! City Volunteer Engagement Peer Network



be both rewarding and challenging. Whether you're a team of one or a large department of volunteer engagement professionals, you're not alone! Local governments across lowa are also working with volunteers in a variety of ways. Join us as we learn from each other by sharing resources, discussing challenges and possible solutions, and celebrating volunteer engagement successes. This is a new peer learning network.

Engaging community volunteers to help meet your city's strategic goals and day-to-day operational needs can

# meeting or contact Michelle Raymer with questions.

The network will meet quarterly, with the first meeting on Monday, April 1 at 2:00pm. You can join the Zoom

Your input will be invaluable as we develop this network to best need our needs.

Volunteer lowa is pleased to announce that the following organizations have been reaccredited as a Service Enterprise: Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc. (HACAP) RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program Boone, Greene & Guthrie Counties Food Bank of Iowa To be designated as a Service Enterprise, organization staff, board members, and volunteers must participate in the research-based assessment, training, and consulting.

Volunteer Iowa celebrated AmeriCorps week (March 10-16) by highlighting the members, volunteers and alumni who have served their communities across the state of lowa. Over two dozen individuals YEARS of were featured in social media and blog posts. Visit Volunteer lowa's <u>Facebook page</u> to see why AmeriCorps members choose to serve and **AmeriCorps** AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers sign up to support their communities.

The designation, awarded by the Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (AL!VE), strengthens the

capacity of nonprofits to leverage the skill sets and talents of volunteers to address community needs.

**AmeriCorps Week Overview** 



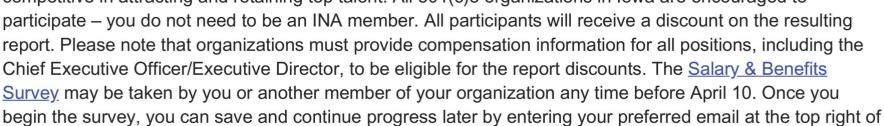
Enterprise Hubs, which has certified more than 400 organizations across the country since 2012. HACAP is one of nearly 60 organizations across lowa that have received the Service Enterprise certification.

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**Service Enterprise Certifications** 

The Iowa Nonprofit Alliance invites you to participate in the Iowa Nonprofit Alliance (INA) 2024 Salary & Benefits Survey. The survey and report have been designed to support the local nonprofit community by providing custom, local, and actionable data to help you understand the current nonprofit landscape and be competitive in attracting and retaining top talent. All 501(c)3 organizations in Iowa are encouraged to



**Volunteerism in the News**  RSVP: Sowing seeds in the community State volunteer recognition available Golden year volunteers: Jasper County RSVP team makes a difference in community 2024 Governor's Volunteer Awards Accepting Nominations

#### **Current Volunteer Iowa Opportunities** • Volunteer with us! Find volunteer opportunities with Volunteer Iowa here: Volunteer Iowa | Volunteer Iowa (galaxydigital.com)

Local AmeriCorps Seniors Branch Receives Regional Visit

- **Important Dates**
- April 30: <u>Volunteer Iowa Awards Ceremony (tentative)</u> May: <u>Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month</u>
  - May 5-11: <u>Public Service Recognition Week</u>
  - May 12: Mother's Day

 April 21-27: <u>National Volunteer Week</u> April 26-28: Global Youth Service Day

- May 16: <u>National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day</u> May 27: Memorial Day

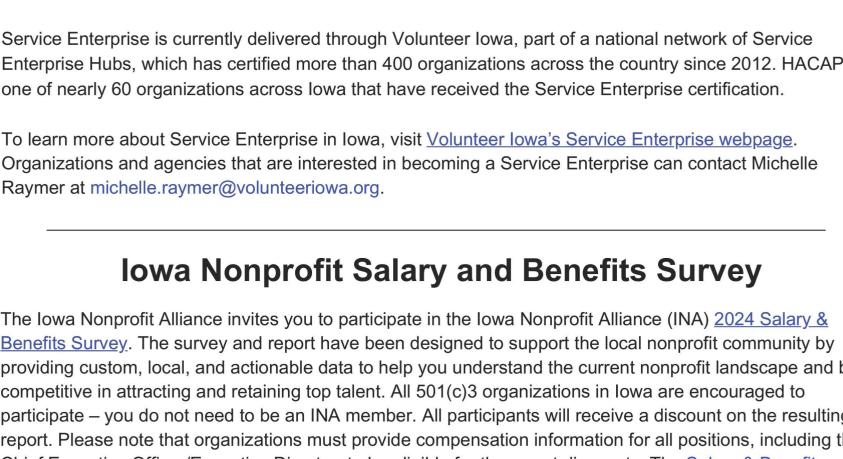


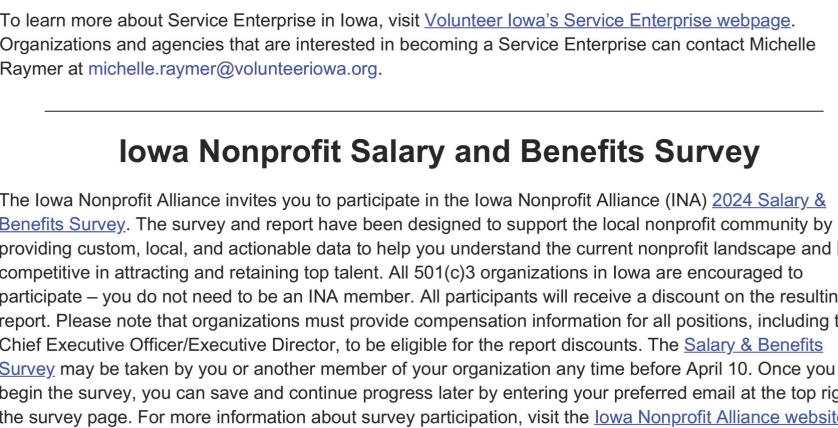
### Other Iowa AmeriCorps programs supported by Volunteer Iowa are also recruiting now. Find a listing of Iowa AmeriCorps programs at Join AmeriCorps | Volunteer Iowa.

WOMEN LEAD CHANGE: Jacobsen reflects on helping to grant wishes for 33 years

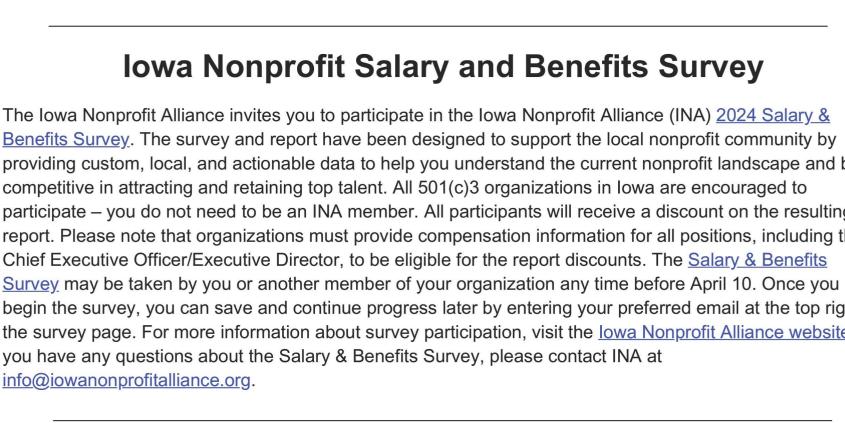
- April: Global Volunteer Month April 1: <u>Give Back Iowa Challenge</u> Begins April 21: Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) Day
- May: <u>National Mental Health Awareness Month</u> May: Older Americans Month
- May 29: <u>National Senior Health and Fitness Day</u>













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