Los Alamos National Security supports community nonprofits

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Recognition event Tuesday at Fuller Lodge

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, June 1, 2009 - Nonprofit organizations are receiving more than $80,300 from Los Alamos National Security, LLC as a result of the volunteer efforts of Los Alamos National Laboratory employees and retirees.

A recognition event is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday (June 2) at Fuller Lodge in downtown Los Alamos. Deputy Laboratory Director Isaac “Ike” Richardson is scheduled to make brief remarks before 146 organizations receive checks from LANS, which operates the Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration.

Eligible nonprofit organizations are receiving the financial donations on behalf of Laboratory employees who support them by volunteering and who report their hours through the Lab's VolunteerMatch program.

Eric Holmes of the Laboratory's Quality Assurance Division is being recognized as the top volunteer for performing 1,637 hours of volunteer service for the U.S. Forest Service.

Laboratory retiree Sally Wilkins performed 1,040 hours of volunteer service for Friends of the Shelter in Los Alamos.

The largest LANS charitable contribution will go to the Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization, which is receiving $7,400 as a result of 10,496 hours of volunteer work performed by 40 Lab retirees.

Since the Laboratory joined VolunteerMatch in 2007, some 1,500 Los Alamos employees and retirees have reported 288,000 volunteer hours. Of that total, 896 volunteers reported 131,572 volunteer hours in 2008.

"The genuine care and commitment Laboratory employees and retirees have for their communities is clearly demonstrated today in the number of hours volunteered to these nonprofit organizations," said Kurt Steinhaus of the Community Programs Office, which manages the Laboratory's volunteer program.

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