

# Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse

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- REHABILITATE those who have fallen into the addiction
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### Drug Coalition Honors Volunteers

The Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse recently honored two of its steering committee members for their substantial commitment of volunteer hours to the Coalition in 2008. Dr. Mary Jeanne Munroe, of Pinetop, and Kirk Grugel, St. Johns, received awards bronze level national Presidential Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA), presented by Navajo County Superintendent of Schools Linda Morrow, also a Coalition steering committee member.

Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse is among the only certifying organizations in Northern Arizona that sanctions volunteer hours for PVSA, for any individual or group accruing volunteer hours in community service. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President's Volunteer Service Award program to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

To date, the President's Council has partnered with more than 76 Leadership Organizations and more than 14,000 Certifying Organizations to bestow more than 400,000 awards to the nation's deserving volunteers. In Navajo County, eight awards have been presented by the Coalition for service in 2007 and 2008.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives. The PVSA recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard—measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

Potential volunteers may search for opportunities at: [www.presidentserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentserviceawards.gov) Likewise, those seeking volunteers may register their opportunities at the same location.

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Youth can achieve recognition after 50 hours of certified service, while adults qualify after 100 hours. The method is to log hours and have them certified by the Coalition.

#### **Award Criteria**

Any individual, family, or group can receive Presidential recognition for volunteer hours earned over a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime at home or abroad. The following are the eligibility requirements for each age group:

#### **Bronze Level**

Kids: 50 to 74 hours  
Young Adults: 100 to 174 hours  
Adults: 100 to 249 hours  
Family & Groups: 200 to 499 hours

#### **Silver Level**

Kids: 75 to 99 hours  
Young Adults: 175 to 249 hours  
Adults: 250 to 499 hours  
Family & Groups: 500 to 999 hours

#### **Gold Level**

Kids: 100 hours or more  
Young Adults: 250 hours or more  
Adults: 500 hours or more  
Family & Groups: 1000 hours or more  
President's Call to Service Award

#### **Lifetime**

All Ages  
4,000 hours or more (over a lifetime).



**Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse Steering Committee volunteers, from left, Kirk Grugel and Dr. Mary Jeanne Munroe receive national Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for their contributions to the Coalition in 2008. Presenting the awards, on behalf of President Obama is Navajo County Superintendent of Schools Linda Morrow, also a Steering Committee member.**

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### The Award

Award recipients receive:

- \* An official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin
- \* A personalized certificate of achievement
- \* A congratulatory letter from the President of the United States
- \* A letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

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