

April 27 - May 3 Declared “National Volunteer Week” in Greater Mankato

Mankato, MN –

Have you every wished that you could say “thank you” to someone who has performed a service to our community? We have that opportunity during National Volunteer Week, which takes place April 27 - May 3 this year. The City of Mankato and City of North Mankato have joined other communities across the United States by publicly recognizing the week of April 27 - May 3, 2008 as National Volunteer Week.

CLOVE: The Council of Local Organizations for Volunteer Enhancement in greater Mankato is celebrating the week by hosting a first-of-its-kind Volunteer Extravaganza on May 3 in the River Hills Mall food court from 2 to 4 p.m.

This celebration will involve local entertainment, honored guests, and dignitaries from the area. Volunteers and their agencies will offer inspirational testimonials on the impact volunteering has on the community. CLOVE member organizations will be available to answer questions about current volunteer opportunities in the area.

Volunteers are one of our country’s most important assets. More than 61 million people volunteered through or for an organization at least once last year, according to a recent survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That represents more than a quarter of the entire U.S. population.

“Volunteers perform countless acts of service and are some of the most valuable assets in the community,” said CLOVE member, Lora Brady. “National Volunteer Week is the ideal time to honor volunteers meeting community needs and call the public's attention to their tremendous contributions. Their hard work, dedication, and compassion are an asset to everyone around them, it is almost painful to imagine what our community would be like without them.”

In 1974 President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the National Volunteer Week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every President since has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week. This year both the City of Mankato and City of North Mankato have signed public proclamations in support of National Volunteer Week.

About CLOVE

CLOVE: The Council of Local Organizations for Volunteer Enhancement is a support network for the coordinators of Greater Mankato volunteer efforts. CLOVE provides a way for volunteer coordinators to connect with and learn from each other. For over 25 years, CLOVE has been providing support and encouragement of volunteerism in greater Mankato.

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