Governor honors local volunteers

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**Awards**

**Brenda Roddy**
She has a knack for making people feel at ease. At Randolph Health, she comforts patients and families with free coffee, hot chocolate, hot tea or a glass of lemonade. The retired teacher trains other volunteers, organizes and promotes coffee cart and bake sale fund-raisers. This past year, two sales netted more than $1,000. In 2017, she volunteered 1,700 hours. She is the chair of the Randolph Health Volunteer Board.

**Kay Kowalsky**
She has a long history of volunteering with area non-profit and her church. This award was based upon her work with Randolph Health. For the past several years, she has embraced leadership roles with the Randolph Health Volunteer Board and the Human Race for Randolph Health. Weekly, she volunteers with Randolph Health in Special Procedures and the Visitor Center. She is recognized as a team leader and team member.

**YMCA’s Outreach Garden volunteers**
Thirteen volunteers who love gardening and who are committed to serving the community and the YMCA are primarily responsible for the garden. In 2017, the garden produced more than 6,000 pounds of produce, which was donated to Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Christians United Outreach Center, the Family Crisis Center and local churches that feed hungry people in need. The garden project was awarded a $500 grant from Randolph Electrical Membership Corp. this past summer.

**Amy Uribe Pavon**
She is a 14-year-old who seeks opportunities to help others. At Randleman High School, she is in the past student government president. Away from campus, she has volunteered with The Dream Center for the past three years. There, she is a tutor and helps where needed. Pam Hyatt, executive director of The Dream Center, an after-school program for X-fifth grade, said, "Amy is defining the future. She meets the critical need of mentoring and inspiring the next generation through her actions and words."

**Eddie Lindsay**
A long-time volunteer for The Salvation Army, he sought to make a change that would affect the direction of the Salvation Army Corps, its services and the relationship it had with other Randolph County organizations. His efforts brought Majors Luís and Lucy Viera to Asheboro in 2017. They have launched new programs to provide increased services, home-cooked meals, family support training and wellness classes. Lindsay’s guidance, with the Red Kettle and Angel Tree programs, sparked increases in donations of toys, clothing and money this past Christmas.

**Food Lion**
The Liberty store was honored for its dedication to help people. Store employee Samantha Pickle's parents were dependent upon the Salvation Army Angel Tree program each Christmas for gifts for her eight children and for help with food and power bills. As a result, Pickle understands the impact The Salvation Army’s food program has on people in need. She is the store liaison for The Salvation Army. She, along with John Hammer, store manager, and Jeremy Barnum, assistant store manager, were honored for their dedication to help and for their donation of around 50,860 pounds of food between summer and winter 2017.

**Jo Ann and Gary Harris**
These active volunteers of the Asheboro Senior Center deliver hot meals to shut-ins and bake breads for the Salt Box on Salisbury. Jo Ann has participated twice in the Ms. Senior Randolph County Pageant, where she has raised thousands for the organization, increased awareness of the programs and services, and has diligently worked to ensure that seniors are not forgotten. As Meals on Wheels volunteers, the Harrises keep an eye on shut-ins, reporting any needs they may have. They offer a friendly smile to people who are unable to get out and are seldom visited.