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Idaho Youth Recognized Nationally for Volunteer Efforts

Two Idaho teens were recently honored in Washington, D.C. for their volunteer service.

Chandler Beard, 18, of Ashton and Tracie Bates-Orgill, 14, of Rigby, were among 102 youth volunteers from across the country recognized at the 20th annual presentation of The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Beard, a senior at North Fremont High School, helped raise more than \$10,000 over the past three years to benefit local people with breast cancer by organizing an annual volleyball game and breast cancer awareness night.

Bates-Orgill, an eighth-grader at Rigby Middle School, serves senior citizens in her community by preparing and delivering Meals on Wheels and raised money to replace the old and problem-prone delivery van used in the program.

Each received a \$1,000 award at a dinner and reception at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the ceremony and an engraved silver medallion.

Two more youth were recognized as distinguished finalists for the awards: Addie Lutz, 17, of Grangeville, a senior at Grangeville High School, and Benjamin Seabourn of Boise, a freshman at North Junior High School. Each received a bronze medallion.

The community awards program is a partnership between Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

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