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Idaho Volunteers Recognized at Brightest Stars Awards Ceremony

Seventy-nine outstanding volunteers from throughout the state were honored as stars Wednesday by Lt. Gov. Brad Little at Idaho's Brightest Stars awards ceremony in Boise.

"Volunteerism is a gift that benefits citizens and addresses needs in communities throughout our state," said Lt. Gov. Brad Little. "These men and women are not seeking recognition, but it is important to acknowledge these Brightest Star recipients and their generous commitment to giving to others and ensuring a bright future for all citizens."

The volunteers were nominated for their contributions in seven categories - Business, Individual, Individual 55 and older, Nonprofit/Public Organization, Student, Teacher/Professor and Veteran. All were nominated by fellow Idahoans for their extraordinary volunteer efforts.

All nominees were recognized as stars in their communities, and one Brightest Star Volunteer of the Year was chosen in each category. A review panel of citizens throughout the state selected each brightest star. This year's recognized volunteer leaders were:

- Business: Molina Medicaid Solutions of Idaho, Boise
- Individual: Catherine Riddle, Idaho Falls
- Individual 55+: Bette Stone, Craigmont
- Nonprofit/Public Organization: Camp Rainbow Gold, Boise
- Student: Graham Elder, Boise
- Teacher/Professor: Ashton Elementary Teachers, Ashton
- Veteran: Truman Stewart, Boise

Visit the Serve Idaho website at serveidaho.gov to see a list of all of the nominees.

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