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**PROMINENT NEWS ANCHOR SPEAKS AT CELEBRATION HONORING TARRANT
COUNTY VOLUNTEERS**

DALLAS, TX (September 9, 2009) – Over 40 individual and group volunteers will receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award at the 2nd Annual Lone Star Salute!, a Texas-inspired volunteer celebration starting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at Stockyard Station in Fort Worth, TX. NBC 5 News Anchor, Mike Snyder, will serve as the guest speaker.

“A local celebrity like Mike Snyder helps the Volunteer Center impress on the volunteers we honor that their role is newsworthy,” said Julie Thomas, CEO of the Volunteer Center of North Texas. *“They respect Mike as a news anchor and he clearly values the important role they play in our community.”*

The Lone Star Salute! is a signature event for the Volunteer Center of North Texas, where volunteerism is celebrated in a festive and lively environment. Outstanding individual and group volunteers will receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award, indicating completion of at least 100 community service hours. Nonprofit organizations in the area are thankful for the opportunity to recognize their volunteers on a larger stage.

“I think it is a great opportunity for volunteers to get recognition outside their agency – we try to say thanks in many ways at our agency, but saying it in the community gives more honor,” said Judith Pickering, volunteer coordinator for Community Care Hospice of Texas.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in casual or western attire as they enjoy breakfast, entertainment and participate in door prize giveaways. In addition to receiving prizes, Mike Snyder of NBC 5, the guest speaker for the event, will inspire honorees to continue in the spirit of service.

At the conclusion of the event, a group photograph of the 2009 class of honorees will be taken and each volunteer will receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award, which includes a personalized certificate, congratulatory letter signed by President Barak Obama and an official lapel pin.

About the Volunteer Center of North Texas

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), founded in 1971, is one of the largest and most active volunteer centers in the country. A primary purpose of VCNT is to recruit volunteers, including individuals, corporations and civic and faith-based groups, to serve nonprofits and their clients throughout the North Texas area. For more information, visit www.vcnt.org

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