



RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SERVICES

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen recognize St. Joseph Community Services as this year's honoree of the Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Committee.

The mission of the Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Committee is to recognize Nashua's volunteers and enhance the quality of volunteer programs while providing a supportive professional network for volunteer administrators.

The committee collaborates with over 40 volunteer agencies that work with 15,000 volunteers. These volunteers contribute nearly one million hours of service worth over \$17 million to the City of Nashua each year.

The committee also plans recognition events for city volunteers, especially in honor of National Volunteer Week, April 27 to May 3. Rather than recognize an individual volunteer, the committee honors an agency as a whole, whose volunteers have made significant contributions to the people of Nashua.

The recipient of this year's award is St. Joseph Community Services.

St. Joseph Community Services provide 1,400 hot, nutritious meals a day to the elderly and homebound in Hillsborough County through its Meals on Wheels and Congregate Dining programs. Since 1977, the agency has served over 9 million meals and provided daily safety checks to a frail and often isolated population.

Over 600 volunteers are the backbone of the program, working in the kitchen, delivering meals, and saving St. Joseph Community Services more than \$250,000 each year.

Most volunteers work six hours a week. Some corporations and agencies "Adopt a Route," providing staff one day per week to deliver meals.

Because of the dedication of these volunteers, people in need are able to receive services promptly and without being placed on a waiting list.

These volunteers give their time in the spirit of community and caring that the Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Committee seeks to foster.