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Highland woman earns Pretty Pony Pastures award for volunteer work

Pretty Pony Pastures in Davisburg awarded nine volunteers with the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service.

Established in 2003, the award is available on an annual basis to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering. As one of thousands of certifying organizations participating in the award program, Pretty Pony Pastures confers the award to recognize the outstanding achievements of its volunteers.

This year's awardees are: Gloria Donal (Highland), Rebecca Harrison (Davisburg), Jenna Hutchison (Pontiac), Callie Keller (Clarkston), Riley Keller (Clarkston), Amanda Martin (Waterford), Pam Martin (Waterford), Gillian Tackett (Davisburg), and Regan Tackett (Davisburg). Volunteers at Pretty Pony Pastures are instrumental in providing the support required for the therapeutic riding services at this facility in a variety of ways. Volunteers lead the horses or walk along side the riders during the riding time. Before and after riding sessions, volunteers are active grooming the horses or performing other farm work.

"These recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award are role models for all Americans," Watson said. "Each volunteer hour contributed makes a difference in improving the quality of life for others, and I encourage everyone to contribute to our community by volunteering. Volunteers bring us closer together as families, as communities and as a nation, through their commitment."

The award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group created by President Bush to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making to the nation. Chaired by two-time Super Bowl Champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn as honorary co-chairs, the council comprises leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofits and volunteer service organizations and community volunteering.

For more information about volunteering at Pretty Pony Pastures, call (248) 634-7276 or visit www.prettyponypastures.org.

For more information about how to qualify for the President's Volunteer Service Award and to find out how to identify additional volunteer opportunities in this area, visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.