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Opportunity Village Honors Volunteers with Governor's Recognition for National Volunteer Week

LAS VEGAS (April 17, 2023) – Today, Opportunity Village kicked off National Volunteer Week by recognizing 10 individuals and organizations that went above and beyond in donating their time and talent this past year. The 10 honorees were awarded Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificates during a ceremony at Betty's Village, a residential community for people of diverse abilities operated by Opportunity Village.

The 2023 recipients are:

- Bank of America – Ashlee Andrews
- Bishop Gorman High School
- Breakthru Beverage – Jason Wade
- John Keiser
- Gucci – Joseph Juarez
- Kenzie Gelnet
- Lydia Gonzales
- Norman Reick
- Rumer Villalvazo
- Sharon Harding

“Opportunity Village is able to help almost 3,000 people with disabilities each year because of our volunteers,” said Bob Brown, president and CEO of Opportunity Village. “This year’s honorees have helped make it possible for our organization to provide critical services to some of our most vulnerable Nevada residents. We are incredibly appreciative for their service, and that of all our volunteers.”

The Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificates are awarded through the State of Nevada Office of the Governor in partnership with Nevada Volunteers. Recipients are chosen from nominations submitted by nonprofits throughout the state, and help



celebrate Nevada's longstanding tradition of citizen involvement. To be eligible for a Governors certificate, a recipient must be:

- An individual has performed over 200 hours of service in a calendar year, representing exceptional service that surpassed expectations; and/or
- An individual has provided a skilled or pro bono service that increased the capacity or stability of the organization by \$10,000 or more; and/or
- An individual has demonstrated reliability and commitment in continual direct volunteer service for a period of two or more years; and/or
- An individual has taken on a significant leadership role resulting in a new or enhanced program, an innovative way of meeting organizational needs, or has addressed a need that was not previously met.
- Youth Volunteer (18 years or younger) has performed over 100 hours of service in a one-year period, representing exceptional service that surpassed expectations.

About Opportunity Village

Since 1954, Opportunity Village has been dedicated to helping people with disabilities find the very best version of themselves. Through workforce development, community employment, day services, inclusive housing, arts and social recreation, they are able to find new friends, realize future career paths, seek independence and community integration, and unleash creative passions. Opportunity Village thrives with the funding from our social enterprises, signature events and the generous philanthropy of our donors and community partners. Together, we are successfully empowering, employing, and serving people with disabilities – positively impacting lives. For more information on Opportunity Village, visit www.opportunityvillage.org.