



## ***NRTA With Our Youth!***

The NRTA *With Our Youth!* program provides opportunities for retired educators and youth to work together to address the needs of youth and the broader community. State and local retired educators association volunteers use the resources provided by NRTA to organize local self-sustaining direct and indirect service projects for and with youth.

NRTA made a three-year pledge at the 1997 President's Summit for America's Future held in Philadelphia, to serve 1.5 million youth in 2,000 communities with a total of 45 million service hours through its affiliated state retired educators associations (REAs). The goal was met and exceeded.

The program provides five key resources for youth:

- an ongoing relationship with a caring adult
- a healthy start in life
- safe places to learn and grow
- a marketable skill upon graduation
- an opportunity to serve in their communities

Because NRTA believe in the tremendous potential of youth to be a positive force in our society today, we have dedicated ourselves to ensure that youth have the five key resources to be productive members of their communities. State and local REAs continue to serve over 500,000 youth in more than 1,000 communities annually.

### ***NRTA With Our Youth! Award Nomination and Guidelines***

Each year, NRTA gives national *With Our Youth!* volunteer recognition awards in three categories to recognize the participation and projects supported by:

- State Retired Educators Associations
- Local Retired Educators Associations
- Individual Volunteers

#### **Awards Criteria**

1. The impact of the volunteer service with youth must be clearly documented in the nomination.
2. The service may be done in groups (volunteers or students) or on a one-to-one basis (one volunteer working with one child, or a group of volunteers working with individual children).
3. The service is to be done with youth who are not relatives. In groups, related children may be included provided the volunteer(s) work with all of the youth, not just the related youth.
4. The volunteers receive no compensation for their service other than for transportation to the volunteer site, meals during the time of volunteer work or for materials used in the project.



## Submit a Nomination

To submit your nomination online, please visit: [www.aarp.org/nrta](http://www.aarp.org/nrta) or complete the form below and send it with the project description and impact statement to NRTA *With Our Youth!* Awards, 601 E Street, NW, Washington DC 20049. Forms can also be faxed to: 202/434-3439. **PLEASE CALL (202) 434-2380 if you do not receive a confirmation receipt via email within three business days.**

**Entry forms for the 2010 awards are due by June 8, 2010.**

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This nomination is for the following category (*please check only one*):

\_\_\_\_ State                      \_\_\_\_ Local                      \_\_\_\_ Individual

### **On a separate sheet, please attach the following:**

1. Brief description of the project (200-400 words).
2. Description of project impact on the youth with whom the volunteer(s) worked. If applicable, please also describe the impact on others in the community resulting from the project (200-400 words).
3. Supporting materials such as letters and photos, are welcomed, but not required.