

2011 Wake County Board of Commissioners Volunteer Awards

Charles Durham, WakeTech GED Program

2011 Larry B. Zieverink Volunteer of the Year

Charles Durham is a volunteer tutor with the WakeTech Adult Basic Skills pre-GED program. Durham helps prepare students to pass the GED by teaching reading comprehension, writing and grammar skills. He is consistently patient and dependable and works hard to inspire his students to succeed. Durham has been a long-term volunteer and dedicates 7.5 hours each week to tutoring. His passion for teaching and his love of learning has motivated countless students to attain their GED and further their education.

Coy Cooke, Sheriff's Office

2011 County Government Volunteer of the Year Award

Coy Cooke is a retired postman who currently owns Carolina Tree Debris, Inc. On April 16, 2011, Cooke witnessed the extensive damage caused by the tornado that swept through Wake County. Using machinery from his own company, Cooke worked relentlessly throughout the night to clear fallen debris from the blocked Forestville Rd. Cooke's efforts and determination allowed Wake County deputies, emergency vehicles and residents to access the road shortly after the tornado struck. It is because of Cooke's hard work and dedication to his community that emergency workers and residents were able to travel through the busy corridor.

Brien and Elizabeth Croft, Cary Community Library

2011 Commissioners' Volunteer Award

Brien and Elizabeth Croft are dedicated volunteers at the Cary Community Library. In addition to regular volunteer tasks such as checking-in books and processing holds, the teens also teach a computer literacy class to library members looking to improve their skills. Brien and Elizabeth demonstrate unparalleled patience and commitment as they work with students who are struggling to grasp even basic computer skills. Their dedication to the community has helped many people increase their understanding of technology.

Dr. Stanley Latta, Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee

2011 Commissioners' Volunteer Award

Stan Latta is the Centennial Service Leader at IBM where he works to create additional volunteer service projects in all 100 NC counties. Latta also serves on several volunteer boards and committees throughout the state. He is particularly committed to building opportunities for young people and has worked with Boy Scouts of America and Christian youth groups for over a decade. He has served with organizations such as Share Our Shoes and Stop Hunger Now, as well as IBM's Green Team and Emergency Team. Over the last 22 years, Stan has focused a vast majority of his time, energy and finances helping to improve the lives of others.

N.C. Baptist Men, Emergency Management

Commissioners' Volunteer Award

The N.C. Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Ministry is an organization that works to relieve human suffering caused by disasters. The N.C. Baptist Men provide hot meals, reconstruction services, debris removal and other assistance to families in need. Following the April 16, 2011, tornado, the N.C. Baptist Men set up a location in South Raleigh in order to aid in the relief process. They

worked hard to provide food and shelter to those affected by the tornado. The N.C. Baptist Men have stayed in the area for six months, working to clear debris and help restore residents' property. Their organization drew in over 10,000 volunteers to assist in the clean-up effort. Because of the N.C. Baptist Men, the lives of numerous families across the county have greatly improved.

Brian Reid, YMCA, Cary Chamber of Commerce, Poe Health Center

2011 Commissioners' Volunteer Award

Brian Reid is a dedicated volunteer at the Cary Family YMCA. Reid serves in several leadership roles including the Cary Family YMCA Advisory Board, Cary Family YMCA WeBuildPeople Chair and YMCA of the Triangle Area Board of Directors. Under Reid's leadership Cary Family YMCA was able to raise \$450,000 of community support, allowing the organization to serve 40 additional children in various programs and camps. Reid also volunteers with other organizations including the Cary Chamber of Commerce and the Poe Health Center. His unwavering commitment to volunteering has benefited the Wake County community.

Jane Williams, Rex Healthcare

2011 Commissioners' Volunteer Award

Jane Williams is a dedicated volunteer at Rex Healthcare serving as a Patient Discharge Caller for Cardiac Catheterization. Williams follows up with discharged patients to check on their recovery process. She is able to console them about concerns, celebrate their success and connect patients with physicians when they need additional medical advice. She serves as an advocate for her patients and is known for her extraordinary compassion and listening skills. Her work has helped Rex Catheterization Services win a national patient satisfaction award. As a cancer survivor herself, Williams works hard to make sure every patient is content once they leave the hospital.