

NEWS from The Savannah River Site



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FIVE NAMED WESTINGHOUSE SAVANNAH RIVER COMPANY TEAM COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

AIKEN, S.C., June 4 – Five SRS employees have received the 2002 President’s Community Service Awards from the Westinghouse Savannah River Company Team.

Robert Pedde, president, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, and representatives of community organizations will present the awards to David Busch, Martin Coffey, Jim McVey, Ruth D. Orr and Samuel Walker at a ceremony Wednesday, June 5, noon, Houndslake Country Club, Aiken. In addition, a \$500 donation in honor of each winner will be presented to the charitable organization of their choice.

David Busch

Mr. Busch was nominated for his service in youth ministry, prison ministry, adult spiritual growth and improvement and other church-related activities.

For the last four and a half years, he has served as Chair of the Committee for Young Life in Aiken County, a nondenominational Christian ministry for middle and high school aged youth. He also volunteers as a youth leader for high school students at St. Thaddeus in Aiken. Other service includes a prison ministry called “Kairos” at federal prisons in Columbia and McCormick, S.C., and a ministry called “Cursillo,” which is designed to enhance adult spiritual growth.

Martin Coffey

Mr. Coffey receives accolades for his service to Aiken County’s Tri-Development Center and Area One Advisory Council. He also serves as mentor/coach for youth through the Aiken County Dixie Youth Baseball Program.

A six-year member of the Tri-Development Center Board of Directors, he has served as chairman of the Buildings, Equipment and Grounds Committee and the Personnel Policy and Procedures Committee.

He has provided 11 years of service on the Aiken County Area One Advisory Council, which formulates programs/procedures consistent with the Aiken County Board of Education’s policies. He has also served as chairman of the Area One Advisory Council.

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Jim McVey

Mr. McVey works diligently at local colleges and at his church providing mentoring and counseling for students.

He is the Campus Minister at the University of South Carolina Aiken and Aiken Technical College and was also appointed the Baptist College Ministry Director for both campuses by the South Carolina Baptist Conference. He also organized a weekly community-wide gathering of college students called Collegiate Students Reaching After More (CRAM).

Additionally, he serves as the Millbrook Baptist Church College and Career program director and teaches Sunday School.

Overall, he interacts with over 300 college students and local young adults per year.

Ruth D. Orr

Ms. Orr was nominated for her involvement with the Mental Health Association in Aiken County, where she has been a member of the Board of Directors for five years.

She has served as a voting member representing St. James Lutheran Church Valley Outreach Interfaith Center, an agency that provides food, clothing and financial assistance. She is active in the arts, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Augusta Opera, Augusta Opera Club, President of the Augusta Jazz Project and a member of Friends of the Augusta Symphony.

She is also involved in church, community and civic organizations.

Samuel Walker

Mr. Walker was recognized for his service at Aiken's Helping Hands, Inc. a shelter for abused, neglected and abandoned children.

For the past five years, he has led a campaign to collect Christmas gifts for children at Helping Hands, and spends time with the children during the holidays.

He maintains contact with children from the shelter who have been returned to their biological parents, as well as those who have been placed in foster care.

In addition, he serves as a youth leader in his church and has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, and United Way of Aiken County's Project Vision.

Background

Nominees were evaluated based on the worthwhile nature and community impact of the service, and the employee's influence, amount of time devoted and length of service. Since the program began in 1990, 63 SRS employees have been presented Community Service Awards.

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The President's Community Service Awards are funded by the Community Giving Program operated by Westinghouse Savannah River Company and its partners, Bechtel Savannah River Inc., BWXT Savannah River Company and BNFL Savannah River Corporation. The Community Giving Program supports community initiatives including education, health and welfare, civic and social activities, and culture and the arts.

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Note To Editors: Members of the media who would like to attend the event are asked to contact the media contact listed above.

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