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**VOLUNTEERISM CELEBRATED IN DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS STYLE!**

**WHEN:** 8 a.m., Thursday, November 5, 2009

**WHERE:** Eddie Deen's Ranch, 944 S. Lamar St., Dallas, TX

**WHO:** 35 individual and group honorees  
Volunteer Center of North Texas Staff  
Cheryl Jackson of WFAA's Good Morning Texas and The Giving Movement

**WHAT:** The *Lone Star Salute!* is a signature event for the Volunteer Center of North Texas, where volunteerism is celebrated in a festive and lively environment. Each volunteer received the President's Volunteer Service Award which included a personalized certificate, congratulatory letter signed by President Barak Obama and an official lapel pin. The President's Volunteer Service Award indicates the completion of at least 100 community service hours.

Cheryl Jackson from WFAA's Good Morning Texas served as the morning guest speaker.



**Pictured: (left to right)**

Leo Keiles, a 96 year-old volunteer nominated for outstanding service with Baylor Hospital, is greeted by his nominators Denise Renfro and Randy Elms at the Dallas County *Lone Star Salute!*.

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**Pictured: (left to right)**

Yodeling contestants, Tiffani Evans, Rusty Keatts, Cheryl Jackson, Julie Thomas and Annie Meredith, sing together to celebrate volunteerism at the *Lone Star Salute!*, hosted by the Volunteer Center of North Texas.



**Pictured: (left to right)**

Cheryl Jackson, guest speaker for the Dallas County *Lone Star Salute!*, hosted by the Volunteer Center of North Texas, shares a photo with the organization's CEO, Julie Thomas.

### **About the Volunteer Center of North Texas**

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), founded in 1971, is one of the largest and most active volunteer centers in the country. A primary purpose of VCNT is to recruit volunteers, including individuals, corporations and civic and faith-based groups, to serve nonprofits and their clients throughout the North Texas area. For more information, visit [www.vcnt.org](http://www.vcnt.org).

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