

2021: Dubuque National Service Recognition Award Nomination Form

Category nominated for: National Service Impact Award

Name of nominee/member: Janet Grass

National Service Program and/or host organizations: City of Dubuque AmeriCorps Program: Partners in Learning

Nominator Name: Heather Satterly and Sarah Berna, Program Staff

Please tell us a little about the background and personal circumstances relating to the individual or organization being nominated for the award:

Janet is serving her 4th term as a literacy tutor in the Dubuque Community School. Janet takes education very seriously! She believes in supporting others to her core. In the time of a pandemic she feels this is especially vital, learning common core social skills to be part of a group to help others will truly build hope for many while gaining self esteem, pride and honor. Janet is involved in many other volunteer projects outside of her service. She is a mother, grandmother, veteran and more!

Please tell us about the service effort relating to the Nominee. Please include what have they done and how long have they volunteered, how frequently, how many hours, etc:

Janet will serve a total of 2,325 hours when she finishes her 4th term this year! She has worked with over 150 students during that time and shows great care and initiative in what she does. If there is an avenue to improve the lives of those she serves, she digs right in. She is currently adding some service hours to promote gardening education.

How has the Nominee made a significant contribution to a population, organization, or community during their term of service:

Janet has taken it upon herself to help in areas that are of concern and support in any way she can. She volunteers outside of her service time and keeps very busy helping others. Most recently during the pandemic, she saw the need for masks to be made. That being a skill she possessed, Janet got to work and made those masks from start to finish and was able to deliver them to schools she was near by.

How has the Nominee demonstrated leadership abilities in their Service and/or among their peers?*

Janet continues to help others by supporting her fellow members both during service and outside of those service years. She stays in contact with her peers and continues to volunteer in other capacities as much as possible! She encourages people to get out and serve and feels that this is vital to community!

How has the Nominee demonstrated a spirit of cooperation among groups of people and organizations?*

Janet is extremely flexible and always willing to do whatever is asked of her. She has built strong relationships with the students and has a strong desire to help them learn and be successful. Janet is a team player and staff know that they can count on Janet in any situation.

How has the Nominee displayed exemplary work ethic and commitment to duties?*

Janet has a strong sense of duty to her country, community and fellow people! She is adaptable and capable of working well with others in addition to working on her own with initiative. She wants to get the job done! She continues to be an example for others in her 4th year as an AmeriCorps member and a strong advocate for National Service.