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COUNCIL HONORS W. CARY EDWARDS STATE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AND FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL LOCAL ANTI-DRUG COALITION VOLUNTEERS

New Jersey 101.5 Recognized with Community Service Award for Public Awareness Work

TRENTON (September 14, 2012) ... With more than 800 in attendance, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse honored Janice Georgallas of the Hills Valley Coalition for Resilient Youth in Bergen County as this year's W. Cary Edwards State Volunteer of the Year Award recipient at its 21st Annual Summit held in New Brunswick on Wednesday. The Coalition is a consortium of the Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale and Woodcliff Lake Alliances to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Under Georgallas' 18-year leadership, the four municipalities unified their community efforts at addressing alcohol and drug use through the GCADA's Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse program.

Georgallas' community volunteer work has included preparing and distributing informative quarterly newsletters; distributing prevention literature to high school students and their families; gaining access to local television programs to create awareness and promote events; initiating the Safe Homes contract between parents and their children to prevent underage drinking; and, maintaining the Coalition website. She has also co-chaired an events committee which has implemented numerous programs focusing on the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse and related concerns including mental health, internet safety, host liability laws, and driving under the influence.

Edwards, who passed away in 2010, played an important role in the Council's enactment in 1989 while Attorney General in the Governor Thomas Kean Administration. It was also Edwards' vision to create a network of community-based efforts to address alcoholism and drug abuse, the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program, and a dedicated fund for it, the Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund. His vision has been replicated throughout the United States and resulted in nearly 400 Municipal Alliances involving more than 530 municipalities in the State, the largest network of anti-drug coalitions in the country.

The Council also recognized fifteen additional Volunteers of the Year from throughout New Jersey for their volunteer work with municipal alliances to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse. Executive Director John Hulick stated, "Community-based responses to alcoholism and drug abuse remain a critical ingredient to addressing this pressing public health concern. It's important to take time to thank the Volunteers of the Year, and the thousands of other Alliance volunteers and community stakeholders, who day in and day out are working to keep New Jersey's families and communities healthy and safe."

The Council also recognized New Jersey 101.5 with a Community Service Award for its continued commitment to providing news and on-air coverage as well as web-based reporting to issues related to alcoholism and drug abuse which has contributed greatly to raising the public's awareness and understanding of this critical public health concern. The Council presents Community Service Awards to

an individual, group or entity that has made a significant contribution to alcoholism and drug abuse prevention, public awareness, treatment or recovery in a way that characterizes the mission and goals of the Council. The contribution must also have made an impact on the larger community in the State of New Jersey.

In receiving the Award Stacy Proebstle, New Jersey 101.5 news reporter noted, ““I’m absolutely delighted to receive this honor on behalf of the station and most genuinely grateful. It validates the importance of community service and giving back to one’s community.” Proebstle aired a comprehensive five-part series about the abuse of heroin and other opiates among New Jersey’s youth in August.

The fifteen additional volunteers of the year are as follows:

Amelia Adams	Pilesgrove/Woodstown Municipal Alliance (Salem County)
Jack Corbett	Kearny Municipal Alliance (Hudson County)
Mildred Diaz	Elizabeth Municipal Alliance (Union County)
Ginger Foglio	Upper Township/Ocean City Municipal Alliance (Cape May County)
Janet Giles	Princeton Municipal Alliance (Mercer County)
Al Grubert	Tabernacle Municipal Alliance (Burlington County)
Frank Iannarone	Madison Municipal Alliance (Morris County)
Peggy King	Hazlet Municipal Alliance (Monmouth County)
Marie Krieger	Lacey Township Municipal Alliance (Ocean County)
Fern Kulman	Woodbridge Municipal Alliance (Middlesex County)
Thomas Lembrich	Branchburg Municipal Alliance (Somerset County)
Robert McFadden	Atlantic City Municipal Alliance (Atlantic County)
Patrick D. Mullen	Cedar Grove Municipal Alliance (Essex County)
Jeanette Remsen	Monroe Municipal Alliance (Gloucester County)
Klara Tarsi	South Warren Municipal Alliance (Warren County)

To view complete Volunteer of the Year backgrounds and photographs visit the Council’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/gcada.newjersey.

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