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## RSVP HONORS AREA VOLUNTEERS

Over 300 guests gathered to honor area RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) volunteers for their service to the Greater Cleveland community at the organization's Annual Recognition celebration held recently at the Palace Theatre at Playhouse Square.

Two RSVP Volunteers were honored this year with the Outstanding Quality Service Award for their dedication and exemplary service. Paul Glenn of Solon was nominated by his station, the Salvation Army, for his development of the volunteer captain program and his commitment to the community. Helen Hauser, a volunteer at the Domestic Violence Center, was recognized for her work with the children currently living there.

The Cleveland Foodbank was honored with the Outstanding Station Award for exceptional community service and partnership as an RSVP station.

Five Cleveland area volunteers received the Golden Guild Award given to volunteers who have accumulated 7,500 or more hours since joining RSVP. They are: Lucille Cardon of Bratenahl; Ellen Cowher of North Olmsted; Clara Dabrowski of Bedford; Delores Newman of Lakewood and John Sokol of Cleveland.

Recognized as Commended Quality Service volunteers were: Louise Acciaioli of Maple Heights; Sheila Beyer of Solon; Jean Carr, Norma Catchings and Jo Reed, all of Cleveland; Louise Frisch of Lyndhurst; Carola Hunt of Cleveland Heights; and Mary Solomon and Diane Spelic, both of Shaker Heights.

In addition, 36 RSVP volunteers were honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award, created by President George W. Bush, to recognize Americans who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The award is given to persons who have contributed more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service.

RSVP volunteers, all age 55 and older, give their time to deliver meals to homebound residents, lead tours at museums, tutor children and adults in the

Cleveland schools, provide comfort to hospital patients, provide clerical assistance and a variety of other essential services to the community.