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KDADS Promotes National Volunteer Week *Reminds Kansans to Nominate Volunteers for KDADS Program*

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) joins The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) this week, April 21-27, 2013, to thank and celebrate the outstanding contributions of the dedicated and passionate volunteers who help those who most need aging and disability services.

In a statement released earlier this week, NASUAD thanked all volunteers across the nation in the Senior Medicare Patrol programs, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen offices, SHP offices and other aging and disability agencies for the important role they play in helping older adults maintain health, independent lives.

“This is a time to celebrate people in our communities who are doing extraordinary things. Every month here at KDADS we recognize Kansans who go above and beyond in serving their communities. Take some time this week to honor and recognize those individuals around you,” said KDADS Secretary Shawn Sullivan.

In January 2013, KDADS implemented its own Volunteer of the Month program. A winner is chosen from nominations submitted to the agency. Volunteers are considered based on the following criteria:

- Outstanding performance in volunteer duties
- High level of willingness to help others
- Strong commitment to the volunteer program
- Good relationships with those the volunteer helps

To nominate a Volunteer of the Month, visit

www.kdads.ks.gov/VolunteerProgram/Volunteer_Program_Index.html. Nomination forms are also available at the front desk of the New England building, 5th and Kansas Avenue, in Topeka.

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