

# Team Works

Team Battelle and Community News

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## Boys and Girls Club awards two of our own

The Boys and Girls Club honored Laura and Darren Curtis with the Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award. The award was presented at the "Cause for Applause" luncheon, which recognized exceptional Boys and Girls Club volunteers in Benton and Franklin counties.

Since last September, Laura and Darren participated in 48 of the 60 club mentoring activities. These mentoring activities included roller skating, miniature golfing and fishing with the Boys and Girls Club children. For more information on the Club Mentor program, contact Staci Maloof at 372-6313.



***There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.***

***-James E. Doolittle***

## *Notes of thanks*

*"The students and staff at the Juvenile Justice Day Reporting School can never express enough gratitude for all your wonderful support. The Team Battelle volunteers have helped our students by providing extra services needed to help the high-risk students we serve. We are glad to report 14 students have received their GEDs so far this year."*

*—Jason Davis, JJC Instructor*

*"One of the challenges facing many organizers of charitable events is getting volunteers. This is the third year for the Fighting Children's Cancer Golf Tournament. We faced the same difficulty. However, thanks to Team Battelle volunteers, we filled all necessary spots. Your effort was significant. We were honored that Battelle considered the objective of the tournament—fighting children's cancer—worthy of being designated as a Team Battelle project."*

*—Dennis Fitzgerald, Chairman*



## Community Spirit Award

Battelle awarded Darlene Varley the 2004 Community Spirit Award for her extensive volunteer involvement and impact in the community. The six other nominees for the award included: Sharyn Click-Schubert, Laura Curtis, Christine Espy, Mary Hartman, Chuck Lopresti and Kathy Mellinger.

Darlene has been volunteering and supporting the American Cancer Society for the past 15 years. This year, she helped Battelle employees raise \$11,000 at the annual ACS Daffodil Days. For the past eight years, Darlene has lead Battelle to be the top Daffodil Days fundraiser in the Tri-Cities area.

The Community Spirit award allows staff to recognize their colleagues as outstanding volunteers in the community. Battelle will make a \$300 contribution to the ACS in honor of Darlene and her hard work.



## Music & Movies for the troops

Team Battelle is collecting VHS videotapes, DVDs and CDs for our troops. Popcorn, hard candy and AA batteries also will be collected. Please drop off donations in the lobbies of ETB, LSB and 2400 Stevens by July 30.

These items will be donated to U.S. troops in the Middle East, wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital and troops and civilians at the Field Hospital in Iraq. For more information, contact Janice Stewart at 373-7225 or visit [www.pnl.gov/teambat/military.html](http://www.pnl.gov/teambat/military.html).

## Start taking steps toward a cure

Help the 18 million Americans with diabetes by participating in the American Diabetes Association Walk for Diabetes. The 6-mile walk begins at 10 a.m. October 2, at Howard Amon Park in Richland. To join the Team Battelle walk team or help with fundraising, contact Kami Lowry at 376-4930 or use the Team Battelle online registration link at <http://www.pnl.gov/teambat/currproj.htm>. The link also allows supporters to provide donations by credit card.

Team Battelle has set its sights at a goal of \$4,000 and would like each participant to raise \$150. Come help the American Diabetes Association prevent and cure diabetes and improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

## Volunteers needed for Tumbleweed Music Festival

Organizers for the Tumbleweed Music Festival are looking for volunteers to help publicize the September 4-5 event. Please contact Mary Hartman at 373-0028 for more information.

The event will be held at Howard Amon Park in Richland and is a 2-day acoustic music festival, which highlights a variety of music genres including gospel, Cajun, Celtic, Caribbean, classical, and jazz. There will be dance performances, story-telling and free workshops throughout the day as well.

## Why volunteer?

Here are a few reasons people choose to volunteer their time:

- To keep active
- To have a purpose
- To gain skills
- To set an example
- To have fun
- To explore new ideas
- To be a good neighbor

**Why do you volunteer?** To share why you volunteer, send your responses to Lisa Brown at [lisa.brown@pnl.gov](mailto:lisa.brown@pnl.gov). Some ideas will be printed in the next issue of *Team Works*.

## Wizards work magic

Did you know that the Battelle Performing Arts Business Center in Richland has a great looking website at [www.performingabc.org](http://www.performingabc.org)? This website was made possible through the creative magic of the Team Battelle Website Wizards. It includes a calendar of event performances, and information about member organizations and services. The team also worked its wizardry to design the center's logo. The website and logo were created by volunteers including Chris DeGraaf, Roy Gephart, Andrea McMakin, Justin Yonk and Hipolito Velez. Check it out!

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