Boeing Wins Service Award for Employee Volunteer Programs

The Boeing Company is one of six companies chosen to receive a national community service award from the Points of Light Foundation. The award recognizes Boeing and its employees for their contributions and commitment to developing and managing effective employee volunteering programs.

Boeing employees contribute an average of 50,000 hours of service every day of the year, equaling more than 90 hours per employee per year. Together, Boeing, its employees and retirees give $260,000 each day to a wide variety of programs that enrich their communities. Some of the donations are given through the 50-year-old Employees Community Fund, which is the largest employee-owned charitable organization in the world.

In 2000 during the annual Food & Essentials drive, employees collected enough warm clothing for 21,000 people and nearly half a million pounds of food, enough to feed 120,000 families.

The award will be presented to the company on Feb. 23 by former President George Bush, the honorary chairman of the Points of Light board, at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station, Texas.

Also being recognized is the Boeing International Relief Delivery Flights program in which Boeing partners with its airline customers to collect and deliver essential supplies. Since 1992, more than two million pounds of medicine, food and supplies have been collected and delivered to people in more than 30 countries on five continents.

Judges from major business and nonprofit groups selected recipients of the service award. Other winners are Alibris, an e-commerce company that specializes in hard-to-find books; Capital One, a financial service provider; Holland & Knight, a law firm with offices in 21 cities across the U.S.; Petroleos de Venezuela, an energy company based in Caracas, Venezuela; and Salt River Project, an electric and water utility in Phoenix.

The Points of Light group helps businesses develop and manage workplace volunteer programs. Founded in 1990, the Washington-based foundation is a nonpartisan, nonprofit group devoted to promoting volunteerism.

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