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Governor Musgrove Presents Awards for Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE)

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove praised the work being done by individuals and organizations today, presenting awards to this year's nine recipients of the Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE). The awards are sponsored by the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service.

"Each of us in this room – those we honor here and those of us just here to honor – have the ability to make a difference in someone's life," Musgrove said. "These organizations, these individuals getting awards today have each demonstrated that ability in their own special way."

Musgrove said a common theme could be found not only among the award winners, but in all individuals, organizations and even state government – a theme focused on helping others. He cited the focus on education funding and job creation during a national recession as an example.

"There are at least four different things you can do with your hands," he said. "You can wring them in despair; you can fold them in idleness; you can clench them in anger; or you can use them to help someone."

The 2003 GIVE award recipients include:

Community Partnership Award: Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652, Biloxi;

Corporate Award: Beau Rivage Resort, Biloxi;

Award for Service to Mississippi's Children and Youth: Betty Dorsey Wilson, Jackson;

Award for Service to Mississippi's Seniors: Ken Loden, Tupelo; Josephine Matthews, Natchez;

Youth Award Hallie Lynn Woodward, Olive Branch;

Public Servant Award: Master Sergeant John Lowe, Biloxi;

Arts & Humanities Award: Marylyn Joachim Gibson, Biloxi;

Lifetime Achievement Award: Sister Elizabeth Brown, Okolona.

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