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MEDIA ALERT

Peninsula Volunteers honored for over 4,000 service hours *Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. is an original partner with RSVP*

April 14, 2015 – Menlo Park, CA When the President of the United States asked every American in 2002 to volunteer at least 4,000 hours in their lifetime, he might have had Peninsula Volunteers, Inc., (PVI) in mind. Audrey Hargis and Angela Owens will be honored by *The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program* (RSVP) for their community service.



RSVP of San Mateo and Northern Santa Clara Counties, a program of Mills-Peninsula Hospital Senior Focus, will hold the 41st Annual Recognition Luncheon on May 14 to honor several well deserving socially conscious community members.

Audrey Hargis, left, and Angela Owens, will be honored by The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for their service to Peninsula Volunteers, Inc., and other organizations.

PVI's Audrey Hargis will receive the *Presidential Service Lifetime Achievement Award* for over 4,000 volunteer hours. Angela Owens will receive an award for 25 years of community service. These awards honor volunteer service at PVI as well as other organizations.

PVI, a Menlo Park based non-profit organization, has provided services for the aging adult community for 67 years. Three major programs offer a wide range of services: social, cultural and wellness activities at Little House, food for hungry seniors through Meals on Wheels, and day-care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other age-related challenges at Rosener House. Senior housing is provided through two Peninsula Volunteers' properties.

The Presidential Service Award is bestowed by the President's Council on Service & Civic Participation, established in 2003 to recognize and encourage community volunteers. Award winners receive a personalized Certificate of Achievement, a letter of congratulations by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a note from the President of the United States, and a President's Volunteer Service Award Pin.



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RSVP is one of the largest national volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. Seniors can use the skills and talents that they have accumulated over the years, or develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities within their local community. PVI was among the initial organizations to partner when RSVP was founded in 1974. Since then, Peninsula Volunteers has been well represented with RSVP volunteers giving nearly 90,000 hours in community service at all three PVI programs.

Volunteering with PVI for 20 years, Ms. Hargis initially came to Little House, The Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center as a computer counselor. Over the years, she has volunteered in the Little House library, in the Computer Lab and with general administration; she never misses an opportunity to point visitors/members in the direction of the Little House newly renovated garden courtyard.

Also a volunteer for the Filoli gardens in Woodside, she said that she likes helping other people and enjoys meeting other volunteers. "Little House has very nice volunteers and I've become good friends with people with from all walks of life." She believes volunteering is "finding what you're good at and offering your services."

Serving the community as a volunteer also comes highly recommended by Ms. Owens. "Volunteering is a wonderful way of meeting interesting people, making new friends, learning about and doing things not part of my normal activities, and feeling useful. I found it a great approach for intellectual and emotional support," she said.

Ms. Owens became involved with PVI in 1992 when she taught music appreciation classes at Little House.. She returned as a Little House volunteer to work on the newsletter and publicity. Since 2010, she has worked in the office on administrative tasks. She has also been a volunteer for the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District as well as the Palo Alto Library. Ms. Owens received the *President Award for Service* in 2014.

About Peninsula Volunteers

Since 1947, Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. has created and provided high quality and nurturing programs for the aging on the Peninsula. Peninsula Volunteers provides programs, support and guidance for seniors in the community to allow them to pursue long and useful lives. Each year Peninsula Volunteers impacts over 4,500 households through its programs: *Meals on Wheels*, *Little House – The Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center*, *Rosener House Adult Day Services*, and, through Peninsula Volunteer Properties, Inc., provides 82% of the affordable senior housing in Menlo Park at *Crane Place* and *Partridge-Kennedy Apartments*. For more information please visit peninsulavolunteers.org.

About RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a nationwide network of experienced adults who contribute their time and talent to important programs that strengthen their communities. RSVP is sponsored by Mills-Peninsula Health Services - Senior Focus and is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service. For more information, call 650-696-7660