INDIVIDUALS:

Nancy Hladek – District 3

Volunteers 1000+ hours annually to the Last Hope Cat Kingdom, rescuing, and adopting out animals abandoned in Merced County.

Richard Jantz – District 4

Chairman of the Delhi Municipal Advisory Council and services on the MCAG Citizens Advisory Council. Works countless hours for projects related to Delhi, housing, job development, etc.

Rick Nagle – District 4

Chairman of the West Side Theatre Organization. Works to bring plays and other venues to the Westside of the County. Also has been working on bringing a radio station to that area.

Sally Ragonut – District 2

Volunteers as the Chair of the Mental Health Board, donating time to the cause of mental illness in Merced County. As a member of the Mental Health Board, Sally has served in a variety of capacities, and this year, is serving as Chair. Sally also donates time to the Women's Aglow, a chorus group.

Stephanie Rivero – District 3

Volunteers 150 + hours annually. Donates times to various youth organizations in Atwater including Kiwanis, Buhach Colony High Scott Key Club, Merced Improv, Atwater 4th of July Committee.

GROUPS:

Central Presbyterian Church – Salvation Army Volunteers – District 2

Members of the Central Presbyterian Church have volunteered for the past 20 years to serve breakfast at the Salvation Army. Volunteer hours – 75,000+.

Continuum of Care – Homeless Count Volunteers – (Countywide – District 5)

An unfunded requirement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development is to count the number of homeless. 25 volunteers got together this year and canvassed the entire County to count the number of homeless in the County. For 2011, 299 homeless were located.

Jan & Friends – (Countywide – District 5)

Jan & Friends is a group of folks who volunteer to entertain the elderly at the senior homes throughout Merced County such as Anberry, Park Merced, Country Villa, Hylond, Franciscan, Hampshire, Courtyard, etc.

Read & Succeed Adult Literacy Program – (Countywide – District 1)

Four volunteers provide adult literacy tutoring for individuals in the community wishing to learn to read. They prepare lesson plans and work diligently with the individuals to gain literacy.

Spirit of Christmas Volunteers – (Countywide – District 1)

Joe Carroll and his group have put together a Christmas dinner for 500 to 600 people every year for the past 20 years. They also work to get donations for clothing, toys and groceries for the needy in the community.