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Holloman volunteers give back to community

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – Holloman Air Force Base recently recognized Team Holloman volunteers for donating their time to several causes on and off base, including the Casa Big Give initiative.

Between January 1 and December 31, 2023, 51 volunteers accumulated 10,671 hours of service that saved the installation and the surrounding communities approximately \$128,000! Their efforts supported domestic violence victims, fire departments, veterans, youth groups, churches, animal shelters and much more. The volunteers were comprised of active-duty Airmen, their families, federal civilians, and retirees.

Five individuals received a certificate of appreciation for completing up to 49 hours of volunteer service. Thirteen individuals were awarded a red ribbon medal for completing between 50 to 100 hours. Fifteen people were awarded a white ribbon medal for 101 to 200 hours. And 18 people received the highest honor, a blue ribbon medal, for volunteering over 200 hours of their free time to various causes totaling 7,570 hours!

In addition, 15 teams from Holloman completed a variety of community service projects in July as part of the Casa Big Give initiative. A total of 260 people from Holloman and the local community volunteered 2,963 hours that generated a savings of approximately \$35,500 in labor. They completed a variety of community service projects throughout the area, benefitting the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Flickinger Center, Habitat for Humanity, Alamogordo schools and many more local organizations.

The winners of the Big Give were the “Loose Screws” Team in the small team category receiving \$2,500 towards their private organization, and the “Ghost Warriors” in the large team category receiving \$7,500. Representing the 9th Attack Squadron, Loose Screws repainted a shade structure and built “buddy benches” at Yucca Elementary School. At Mountain View Middle School, they removed weeds and cleaned the school grounds, and refurbished a greenhouse. These efforts support a student incentive program and will help launch a new Horticulture Therapy program.

[The Ghost Warriors built a multi-sensory garden](#) at the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The garden, designed by former student Angel Sanchez, was completed with the help of more than 250 volunteer hours from members of the 29th Attack Squadron.

In addition, the Hawks Big Give Team was awarded the People’s Choice award and received \$500 for their restoration work on the historic Dudley House. Fifteen people installed flooring, improved the ceiling, painted, landscaped, installed windows, and worked on fencing, crown molding, trim, and general property cleanup.

All of these volunteers embody one of the Air Force’s core values of Service Before Self. We thank each and every volunteer for their generous devotion of time, talent and energy to the betterment of our communities.