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KARE 11 HONORS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS 2006 Eleven Who Care Recipients have been selected

May 18, 2006 Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. - KARE 11 will honor the dedication of 11 outstanding local volunteers during the 23rd Annual Eleven Who Care live telecast on Wednesday, September 6. The winners were selected this week from over 300 nominees.

The 2006 recipients of the **Eleven Who Care** honors are:

Garrett Alessandroni, Columbia Heights, MN
Chandrani Alwis, Minnetonka, MN
Emma Halverson/Rose DERENCE, Spring Lake Park, MN
Patsy Eull, Mahtomedi, MN
Jenessa Largent, White Bear Lake, MN
Ted Nemzek, Bloomington, MN
Henry Oertelt, St. Paul, MN
Karin Reichensperger, St. Cloud, MN
Mary Jo Robinson, South St. Paul, MN
Rosa Rodriguez, Ridgeland, WI
Jerry Turner, Eden Prairie, MN

The 2006 Eleven Who Care telecast will be broadcast live on KARE 11 on Wednesday, September 6 at 9 p.m., from the Sheraton Bloomington. Hosts for the evening will be Mike Pomeranz, Diana Pierce and Julie Nelson. The profiles of this year's winners will also air on the first Saturday of each month, October through August, on *KARE 11 News Saturday*. They will also be available on www.KARE11.com after the broadcast on September 6th.

Each of the Eleven Who Care winners will receive \$1,100 dollars to be donated to a charity of their choice. They will also receive the *11 Caring Tree* statue, specially created for this program by local sculptor, Bill Mack. The Eleven Who Care program has recognized outstanding local volunteers since 1983. Through this program, the stories of over 250 dedicated individuals have been shared.

In addition to recognizing outstanding individual volunteers, the Eleven Who Care program also acknowledges the efforts of a local organization as the Agency of Distinction. The 2006 Agency of Distinction is the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA).

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