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MRS. JUDITH JONES BREWER IS THE 2014 RECIPIENT OF THE BAIN PROCTOR AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERISM

April has been set aside as “National Volunteer Month” and stems from National Volunteer Week that was started by former President Nixon in 1974. Every president since has signed a proclamation promoting volunteerism during the month of April each year.

What is volunteerism? Volunteerism means:

- To agree freely
- The practice of working on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain. Volunteering promotes good or improves quality of life for others.

In 2004, the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommended to the Spalding County Board of Commissioners that a Volunteer Award be established, recognizing citizens of Spalding County who have provided significant volunteer services. The award was named in honor of one of Griffin and Spalding County’s most well known and remembered volunteers, Bain Proctor.

The award recipient for 2014 is Mrs. Judith Jones Brewer. Mrs. Brewer exemplifies not only the spirit of the Bain Proctor Award but lives it every day. Her tireless commitment to citizens of Griffin and Spalding County has transformed lives in the truest sense of the word. She is one of those individuals who volunteers in numerous organizations without seeking recognition for her actions. She is respected for her leadership abilities, for her quiet strength and for getting things done!

Mrs. Brewer has served for many years on the Board for Directors for the Griffin Area Resource Center (GARC) which serves citizens with developmental disabilities. Currently, she is President of Spalding Resources, a group that oversees and manages the real property of GARC. Mrs. Brewer is a member of the Board of Directors for St. George’s Court and serves as its Treasurer. She was a key member working with HUD to accomplish the refurbishing of the apartments. Mrs. Brewer is devoted to the Abundant Life Soup Kitchen and has worked to secure multiple grants to continue providing daily hot meals, for those who need them, in our community. Additionally, Mrs. Brewer is a long standing member of the Griffin Area Concert Association, Griffin Utility Club, Daughters of The American Revolution (DAR) and St. George’s Episcopal Church where she volunteers her time and shares her talents.

On behalf of the nomination from Lewis Brewer Jr., the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, the Bain Proctor Award Committee, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, we congratulate this year’s Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism recipient, Mrs. Judith Jones Brewer.



State Office for
Special
Services
Juliah Dwyer
For her outstanding leadership and commitment to the community, she has been recognized as a recipient of the State Office for Special Services' 2014-2015 Leadership Award. She is currently serving as the Executive Director of the State Office for Special Services.