

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 27, 2001
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Caroline Rhodes, Volunteer Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: International Year of Volunteers - Volunteer Recognition - Will Barnes

2001 has been designated International Year of Volunteers by the United Nations General Assembly. To celebrate, the Office of Volunteer Services is highlighting outstanding volunteers and the County department they work with each month of the year. This month, we are recognizing Planning volunteer Will Barnes and staff member Lee Schnappinger.

This evening, Will is being recognized for his work with the tree planting project. In the fall of 2000, the County received a grant of 10,000 seedlings to plant along roadway corridors, in public places, and in parks. Will organized a partnership with the Williamsburg Land Conservancy to plant the trees. He led the effort to transfer the seedlings into 3-gallon pots for growth and created a watering system for the seedlings. He also treated the seedlings with herbicides as needed. Every Saturday for two months, he organized volunteer teams to plant the trees. What is even more remarkable is that he personally planted 2,000 of the 10,000 trees. Will spent over 200 hours with this project; the dollar figure attributed to this effort is \$15,000.

Will wears several hats as a County volunteer. He is serving his second term as a member of the Clean County Commission where he currently is the chairperson for the Business and Industry Committee. He can also be seen regularly removing trash and debris from the exits, entrances, and medians along Croaker Road.

Will's commitment to beautification can be seen throughout the community. He has improved the character of the County through volunteer efforts that are sure to last for many generations to come.

Caroline Rhodes

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