

Indiana man earns President's Volunteer Service award

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Tom Miller, center, received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Those present to award the honor were, from left, Jessica Jopp, Friends of White's Woods; Beth Finnegan, president, Indiana County Humane Society board; Carolyn Trimarchi, Friends of White's Woods; Sara King, Friends of White's Woods president; Dave Dahlheimer, Friends of White's Woods; Deborah Fleming, disaster program manager for the American Red Cross, Chestnut Ridge chapter; Susan Dahlheimer, Friends of White's Woods; Allen Lockard, director of Indiana County Veterans Affairs; Kate Geiger, Indiana Free Library director; and Linda Meckley, Disabled American Veterans secretary.

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A local man performed more than 800 hours of volunteer service last year, earning him the top award of the President's Volunteer Service.

Thomas S. Miller, of Station Avenue, exceeded the 500-hour minimum for the Gold Award, which was established in 2003 "to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity.

“It honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.”

Miller, who was nominated by Friends of White’s Woods, has performed volunteer service for the Red Cross, the Indiana Free Library, the Disabled Veterans of America, the Humane Society, WIUP-FM and FWW, among others.

Friends of White’s Woods, a nonprofit, served as the qualifying agent that registered with AmeriCorps-Points of Life, verified Miller’s community service and arranged the award ceremony that was held recently at a luncheon at Benjamin’s Restaurant.