

## News Release

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### **U.S. Sen. Patty Murray to be honored by Volunteers of America with its 2010 Good Samaritan Award in Philanthropy on October 27**

**Everett, Wash.**, October 20, 2010 – Volunteers of America, a leading provider of housing and services to homeless veterans, will present its 2010 Good Samaritan Award in Philanthropy to U.S. Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) in recognition of her legislative career dedicated to helping veterans and others in need. The award will be presented on October 27 at the Economic Update Luncheon hosted by the Economic Development Council at Everett Golf and Country Club.

- When:** Wednesday, October 27, beginning at 11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Everett Golf and County Club: 1500 52<sup>nd</sup> St SE  
Everett, WA 98203  
**Who:** U.S. Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.), a recognized champion for Washington State's 670,000 veterans and the first woman to serve on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.  
**What:** Volunteers of America's Good Samaritan Award in Philanthropy, which is presented each year to a person, program or organization that has made an extraordinary contribution of resources, time, energy and money to the betterment of their neighbors. Previous recipients include U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski and the Major League Baseball Players Trust.

Murray has been a leading champion for Washington State's 670,000 veterans and is the first woman to serve on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that service members with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury receive quality care. Murray also helped pass the Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act and the Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act, among other legislation supporting veteran care. In Washington State, Murray has worked with the Veterans' Administration to open community-based health clinics throughout the state and to expand existing facilities. She has also worked to increase funding for homeless veterans.

Volunteers of America National President Mike King said, "During her time in office, Sen. Murray has demonstrated the compassion and generosity at the heart of the parable of the Good Samaritan. As the daughter of a disabled World War II veteran, she has a deep personal connection to the needs of America's service members. Sen. Murray truly exemplifies the Volunteers of America tenet 'There are no limits to caring.'"

Volunteers of America provides assistance to more than 7,000 veterans in the United States, as well as being a lead agency in providing assistance to veterans who are homeless. Locally, Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOAWW) provides food, housing, and support services for people wherever they are struggling along the continuum of life – from families and children to seniors and the developmentally disabled. Each year, VOAWW responds to 350,000 requests for assistance. For more information, visit [www.voaww.org](http://www.voaww.org)

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