THE BETTY ROBBINS VOLUNTEER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD ENTRY
2015-2016

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NAME OF VOLUNTEER NOMINEE: _______Dianne McKissack_____________

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Dianne McKissack – Junior Auxiliary of Clarksville, Arkansas, Inc.

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Dianne McKissack began her journey as a provisional member of Tishomingo County, Mississippi in May, 1993. Completing active service, she became an Associate member in May, 1998. She transferred to Junior Auxiliary of Clarksville, Arkansas in 2006 and became a Life Member in May, 2008.

As Vice President/Projects Chair 2012-2013, she spent hours making sure projects were implemented and completed in a timely manner. As our 2013-2014 President, her commitment and leadership was vital to our success with finance projects and our service projects were exceptional with her energy and charisma. In 2014-2015, as Provisional Trainer, she guided five women to become involved and engaged chapter members. Dianne is known for her dedication, hard work, excitement and enthusiasm. She’s willing to help out wherever needed with a beautiful smile and an infectious laugh. Dianne chaired our newest project, J. A. Jewels, educating young ladies about self-esteem, cyber-safety, pregnancy education, hygiene and etiquette. This past year, she was sadly diagnosed with breast cancer. With a recent mastectomy and broken arm, she attended our Chili and Chocolate Cake Supper with a smile to show her support for our chapter. Completing her last round of chemotherapy, she has jumped right back into our chapter full swing and is ready to help. Witnessing her dedication to JA despite her battle with breast cancer has gained our admiration and we think she is amazing. Our Chili and Chocolate Cake Supper and Charity Ball always benefit from her extremely talented fundraising skills. She’s known for newspaper and radio promotions often speaking on the “Eye on the River Valley” about our projects and encouraging participation in our fundraisers.
When an Area Meeting or Annual Education Conference is mentioned, Dianne shares her experiences having attended so many she has lost count and is the first one to sign up.

Dianne is employed by Horizon Health and heads the Senior Care Geriatric-Psychiatric program at Johnson Regional Medical Center which provides inpatient and outpatient programs. Her dedication is not limited to serving the elderly but her community. Dianne volunteers as a member of Kiwanis Club coordinating a fundraiser to provide backpacks for the Junior Auxiliary School Store, serves at First Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher for youth and works with the Karen immigrants in our community, chairs a Jason Foundation event on suicide prevention, volunteers at school with education on mental health issues (suicide, depression, etc.) and the numerous activities of her two children. Dianne is a loving wife and mother whose family became parents and family to a young woman whose birth parents abandoned her.

Thanks to Dianne this young lady finished high school, received scholarships and is now a junior in college. Her service with the Junior Auxiliary of Clarksville, Arkansas was recognized with an Award of Excellence honoring a Junior Auxiliary member who has been outstanding in their service. We are proud to nominate her for the Betty Robbins Award.