The Betty Robbins Volunteer of the Year Award form on the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc. website has been submitted. The form contained the following data:

- **Date**: 6-30-2016
- **Chapter Name**: Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg
- **Contact Person**: Bethanie DeFatta
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  - Zip Code: 39404
  - Region: VI
- **Nominee First Name**: Laurie
- **Nominee Last Name**: Stetelman
- **Essay**: 2015-2016 Betty Robbins Volunteer-of-the-Year Award
- **Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg**

"I want to leave the world a better place than when I came. feel that God asks us to serve him, and I’m just living my servanthood through the things that I do."

This is the motto of Junior Auxiliary Life Member, Laurie Stetelman. When she was an active member, Steleman was a project chair for the Youth Shelter, a project where JA works with children removed from their homes due to unfortunate situations. She was instrumental in introducing new projects to the chapter and further played a role in the creation of the backpack project which provides school supplies to elementary students across Forrest County. In addition to serving on multiple projects, Steleman served a dual-board position as both Social Chair and Welfare Chairman.

As a life member, Stetelman has been consistently supportive of Charity Ball and Sip and See. She often participates in past member projects; along with being an outstanding advocate for JA in the community by encouraging
numerous women to consider becoming a part of the organization.

In addition to Stetelman's involvement with Junior Auxiliary, she spends a
great amount of time giving back to the community. Whether that is through
working with Edwards Street Fellowship Center, mentoring children or
volunteering at Parkway Heights United Methodist Church, Stetelman has spent
many years devoting her time and efforts to enrich the lives of others.

As the past chair of the Edwards Street Fellowship Center, Stetelman helped
oversee the center's food pantry and garden, as well as its Boy Scout troop
and ladies' bible study. The center's annual fundraising event, Empty Bowls,
helps to feed the hungry and Stetelman plays a vital role in this event by
serving on the Executive Committee.

Stetelman's largest contribution to the center is her work with the Edwards
Street Fellowship Girls' Club, where she has created a weekly peer group for
girls in the Pine Belt community. Stetelman helps the children focus on
character traits such as integrity, cooperation and compassion; along with
working on academics and enrichment activities to further their education.
She also helps with nutritional and physical needs by providing a
Thanksgiving meal and gifts at Christmas. The Girls' Club ministry is
changing the lives of many young girls while giving them hope for a better
life.

While traveling on mission trips, Stetelman recognized a need for dresses
for children overseas. At that moment the 100 Dresses Ministry was formed.
Stetelman along with several volunteers meet weekly at Parkway Heights
United Methodist Church to sew dresses for these children. Each year the
group sends roughly 100 dresses to a variety of places such as Haiti,
Nicaragua, Costa Rica and China.

Stetelman not only gives back to Junior Auxiliary and the community, but she
is a lifetime member of NAJA and gives to the NAJA Foundation.

Laurie Stetelman lives out the message of being a selfless servant who
devotes countless hours and resources to improving the lives of others not
only in the Pine Belt community, but also across the globe.