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**Mentor Delaware – Indian River School District
Honors Trinity Foundation with
PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE GOLD AWARD**
Award is a Prestigious National Honor for Volunteer Service

Selbyville, Delaware – Mentor Delaware – Indian River School District today announced it has awarded the Trinity Foundation in Bridgeville, Delaware with the PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service. The combined efforts of over eighty employees allowed the foundation to log in excess of 7,000 hours of service to the community this year. Individual honors go to David Farris with over 350 hours, Billy Klineburger and Mary Morris with over 200 hours each and Foundation Board President Mark Stephenson who has personally dedicated 1,169 hours of service in 2006.

Established in 2003, the AWARD is available on an annual basis to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering. As one of thousands of Certifying Organizations participating in the AWARD program, **Mentor Delaware – Indian River School District** confers the award to recognize the outstanding achievements of volunteers on Delmarva.

The Trinity Foundation has a long history of volunteer service, and more than 80 volunteers perform community service each year on behalf of the organization. The Trinity Foundation was created to organize and give structure to Trinity Transport’s process of giving back to the community. Trinity Transport is a family owned transportation intermediary that has been in operation since 1979. Owned by the Banning family, employees at Trinity are encouraged to be active participants in the community. It is this commitment that has led to the creation of the Trinity Foundation. Since its inception, the Trinity Foundation has distributed over \$107,000 to the local community. Much of this money is raised through events such as the Putt for Life golf tournament and employee donations. Besides mentoring, the Trinity Foundation supports a long list of local causes such as Relay for Life, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Southern Delaware Therapeutic and Recreational Horseback Riding.

“In his 2002 State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush created the USA Freedom Corps, and called on every American to make a lifelong commitment to volunteer service. The PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD recognizes individuals and families who have answered that call,” said Suzanne Farris, of Mentor Delaware – Indian River School District.

“America’s volunteers work to make our communities stronger and safer. As a Certifying Organization for the AWARD program, **Mentor Delaware – Indian River School District** is proud to be aligned with this prestigious volunteer award, and we are especially proud of our volunteers who have made volunteer service a central part of their lives.”

The PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD is an award for volunteer service that every American – from every age and every walk of life – can aspire to achieve. To be eligible to receive the AWARD, individuals, families and groups submit a record of their annual volunteer service hours to participating Certifying Organizations, such as Mentor Delaware – Indian River School District, that will verify the service and deliver the AWARD. AWARD eligibility for individuals and groups is based on hour requirements varying by age.

“These recipients of the PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD are role models for all Americans,” Farris said. “Each volunteer hour contributed makes a difference in improving the quality of life for others, and I encourage everyone to contribute to our community by volunteering. Volunteers bring us closer together as families, as communities and as a Nation, through their commitment.”

The AWARD is issued by the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group created by President Bush to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making to our Nation. Chaired by two-time Super Bowl Champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn as honorary co-chairs, the Council comprises leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofits and volunteer service organizations, and community volunteering.

For more information about volunteering for Mentor Delaware – Indian River School District or other opportunities in lower Sussex county, please call (302) 436-1070 x147 or email sfarris@irsd.k12.de.us.

For more information about how to qualify for the PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD and to find out how to identify additional volunteer opportunities in this area, visit www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov or call 1-866-545-5307.