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Franklin Tomorrow announces winners of Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award and Volunteer Spirit Awards

Longtime Troop 137 Scoutmaster John M. Green was honored July 10, 2010, by Franklin Tomorrow with the Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award during the organization's 4th annual Shrimp Boil, presented by First Tennessee.

Green was nominated by Fred Reynolds and Ronald Crutcher, for his years of service and the impact of his leadership on the lives of thousands of young men and in turn, their families and the generations which have followed them.

Green began as a scoutmaster in 1951 and has been involved with scouting for the last 60 years, meaning generation after generation have benefited from his efforts to teach young boys to be responsible citizens.

Each Saturday, Green gives his time to new scouts on pioneering tasks, on orienteering tasks, taking hikes through town and pointing out to these boys (and usually their parents as well) different trees and plants along the way and while in town, he gives histories of the houses and the buildings they pass.

He is still scoutmaster at Troop 137 and leads the boys every Tuesday night. At age 84, he still knows the names of each of those new scouts along with the more than 100 young men that have made Eagle under his tutelage.

Receiving Volunteer Spirit Awards were Andy Menzyk, for his work with United Way, the Animal control Task Force and his service for the advisory committee for the business college at MTSU; Isaac "Ike" Brown, for his years of dedicated service to Williamson Medical Center; and Rudy & Peter Jordan for their dedication to historic preservation in Williamson County.

Baker Watkins of Labor of Love received the Youth Initiative Award. Angela Overstreet of First United Methodist Church and "Benevolent Bennie" Woolam, who is 99 years old, were honored as Flood Relief Award winners, representing the spectrum of volunteers who responded during the May floods which ravaged Middle Tennessee.

An award was presented to honor the late Ned Lea, who had been nominated for the Anne T. Rutherford Award for his work with the Land Trust of Tennessee and the Harpeth River Watershed Association. Lea was going to help a neighbor on May 2 when his car was swept into Garrison Creek and he died.

For more information and photos from the event check go online to www.franklintomorrow.org. Franklin Tomorrow is a community visioning organization that has been in existence since 2000. It is the organization behind the Historic Franklin license plate, available at County Clerk Elaine Anderson's office, and hosts the quarterly "Breakfasts with the Mayors," featuring timely topics and a chance for the local business community to interact with County Mayor Rogers Anderson and Franklin Mayor John Schroer. Learn more about how you can become involved with Franklin Tomorrow by visiting the website or contacting the office at 615.794.0998.

Franklin Tomorrow is a non-profit community organization that communicates a shared and evolving Vision for the future of Franklin and focuses that Vision through education, advocacy, evaluation, implementation, and recognition of the Vision's specific goals and strategies.