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LOA Area Agency on Aging doles out awards

Longtime LOA Area Agency on Aging volunteer and supporter Martha Anderson recently received the Babe and Sidney Louis Memorial Award given to an outstanding philanthropist in Roanoke.

Anderson helped start LOA's annual Wellness Day event more than 10 years ago while working at Carilion's Center for Healthy Aging.



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The award, which recognizes an individual, corporation or group who makes significant community contributions that enhance the lives of older people, was established in 1994 and honors two Botetourt County farmers who left \$50,000 to LOA's Meals on Wheels program to begin an endowment fund.

Anderson now works with the Jefferson College of Health Sciences and supports Wellness Day with her time, expertise and volunteers from the college. She also has served on the LOA Advisory Council and other committees.

During its annual meeting in late March, the LOA board also gave its Exemplary Interagency Cooperation Award to Greenvale School for its support of the Foster Grandparent Program and its events.

The Roanoke Gas Co. received the Public-Private Partnership Award for its support of the LOA's Heating Assistance Program.

Chuck Reedy, LOA's outgoing board president, received the Staff Award.



Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, based in Roanoke, is the first Goodwill organization in the country to send medically adaptive equipment to Miami for victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

In partnership with the Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment and Endowment, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys paid to send more than \$40,000 worth of walkers, crutches, canes and other mobility equipment to Haiti.

Goodwill in Miami coordinated the shipment as part of a nationwide effort to assist earthquake victims. The Roanoke-based organization bore the shipping costs to Miami and collected the equipment while FREE refurbished it.





On Saturday residents can easily help replenish the shelves of the Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank.

All you have to do is leave a bag, stuffed with nonperishable food items, at your mailbox for your letter carrier to pick up and deliver to the food bank.

It is part of the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger, the nation's largest single-day food drive.