

United States Senate

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Ms. Charlene McMann
c/o Jefferson Awards for Public Service
100 W. 10th Street, Suite 215
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Dear Charlene:

It is a pleasure to congratulate you for winning the Jefferson Awards for Public Service. This is a prestigious honor of which you should be justifiably proud.

Founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard, the Jefferson Awards are considered the "Nobel Prize" of community and public service in America. The awards are given to those who exemplify what it means to be a public servant and an engaged citizen. You saw a need within your neighborhood and you satisfied that need through hard work, dedication, and compassion. Because of your tireless efforts, Illinoisans across our great state are better off.

Again, congratulations on receiving the Jefferson Award for Public Service and thank you for your unwavering commitment to others. I hope you will continue your extraordinary work in improving the lives of our fellow Illinoisans. I wish you all the best for continued success.

Sincerely,



Barack Obama
United States Senator