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SCDMV EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED AS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Blythewood, S.C. – January 17, 2014 – Deborah P. Smith, Administrative Assistant in the Imaging Department, was chosen as the 2013 SCDMV Volunteer of the Year. DMV announced the award on January 14, 2014 at the Annual Employee Awards Ceremony held at the agency's headquarters in Blythewood, SC. The Director of Administration, Melinda Woodhurst, nominated Deborah Smith for the honor because of her willingness to donate a kidney to a friend.

"There is no better gift than giving the gift of life" said Woodhurst, "and Deborah's genuine care for mankind was evident in this selfless act of compassion. Deborah has served state government for more than twenty-four years and her service models the finest qualities we seek in our employees."

Deborah Smith was one of eight employees honored at the Annual Employee Awards Ceremony. The other awards included Employee, Supervisor and Manager of the Year for Headquarters and Employee of the Year given to four field office employees selected from Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4. Executive Director Kevin Shwedo considers the recognized employees role models for the agency.

"These outstanding employees are the embodiment of our agency's values – Competent, Committed and Courteous," said Director Shwedo. "They represent our agency in the best possible manner, serving as role models to their co-workers and as positive examples of selfless public servants to their community."

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Deborah Smith, Imaging Department, Volunteer of the Year



(Left to Right) Executive Director Kevin Shwedo, Imaging Department Specialist Deborah Smith and Administrative Services Director Melinda Woodhurst