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Susan Blake, a Coventry High School student, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Award presented through The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country. More than 250,000 young people across America have been considered for these awards since the program began in 1995. Susan Blake participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Coventry High School. Since June of 2005 Susan has volunteered her time to the Special Olympics of Connecticut, in particular the Holiday Sports Classic and the Summer Games.

"The recipients of these awards vividly demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities," said John R. Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. "They truly deserve all of the praise and encouragement we can give them."

"The young people recognized by the Spirit of Community Awards demonstrate an enormous capacity for giving and reaching out to those in need," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. "NASSP is proud to honor them as they are wonderful examples of the high caliber of young people in our nation's schools today."

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