

EMBRAER FOUNDATION HONORS 2024 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR



Monica Newman McCluney, Head of U.S. Corporate Social Responsibility & The Embraer Foundation, launched Embraer’s Volunteer of the Year program in 2022 to recognize employees making a sustained community impact. Nominated by colleagues, candidates are evaluated on impact, nonprofit involvement and volunteer hours. The goal is simple: to celebrate people who roll up their sleeves, inspire others and make service a habit, not a headline.

This year’s honorees are Allyson Goolsby and Jason Grafton.

Named the 2024 Volunteer of the Year, Allyson serves as Marketing Analyst–Digital Strategy in Melbourne, FL, who has accumulated more than 250 volunteer hours. She serves weekly as a youth leader and mentor, guiding middle and high school students, cheering on their growth. Allyson also supports hands-on projects with her Embraer colleagues, including initiatives with The Children’s Hunger Project and the DOCK.

“Mentoring middle and high school students each week has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life,” Allyson said. “It’s a true honor to walk alongside them, offering guidance and encouragement. I believe one of the most meaningful ways to spend your life is by serving others.

Whether I’m volunteering through my church or alongside my Embraer teammates, it brings me deep joy to give back to the community that has given so much to me.”

The 2024 Volunteer Leader of the Year, Jason Grafton, serves as MRO Senior Manager across Embraer’s Fort Worth, LaVergne, Macon, and Nashville sites. Jason is known for turning intentions into action, encouraging teams to rally around local causes and making it easy for people to participate. Among many efforts, he has helped lead the Toys for Tots Drive at the Nashville and Macon sites, an annual push that most recently

resulted in nearly 500 bicycles donated to children. “Being named Volunteer Leader of the Year is an incredible honor; it’s truly a reflection of the heart of the team,” Jason said. “Every initiative we’ve taken on has been a team effort, powered by people who care deeply and give generously, not only financially but with time and enthusiasm. I’m proud to lead a group that shows up not just with skills, but with compassion. This award belongs to all of us.”

Their stories reaffirm the spirit behind the program’s creation. When employees are empowered to serve, communities thrive—and teams do, too. Congratulations, Allyson and Jason. ◀

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