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Governor's Volunteer Award to Stamats Manager



Cedar Rapids, IA, June 15, 2018: Everyone has 24 hours in a day. We work, sleep, eat, shop, exercise, travel - any number of activities fill our time. One of Stamats' employees uses many of her hours serving the Cedar Rapids community and in recognition, Melissa Chapman has received the Governor's Volunteer award for her efforts at Brucemore.

Melissa's mother has spent 20 years as a Brucemore volunteer and when Melissa moved back to Cedar Rapids two years ago, they joined forces. Located in the heart of Cedar Rapids, Brucemore is an historic 26-acre estate with a 19th century mansion, hosting concerts, live theater, school programs and tours year round. At least twice a month, Melissa serves in some capacity, from watering planters in the summer to parking cars at the Christmas events.

"I like volunteering there for lots of reasons. It's a beautiful property with an amazing history," says Melissa, an account manager with Stamats Data Management. "The staff is really great to work with and as a volunteer, you get to participate in a lot of activities for free."

Melissa does not limit her volunteering to Brucemore. She also volunteers at Theatre Cedar Rapids, at NewBo Market and also for SNAFU rescue, a foster program for bulldogs. She believes Cedar Rapids is a great community with many

wonderful resources and lots of opportunities to volunteer. “I volunteer because it’s fun to be part of all those things and because giving back to the community is a way to keep our community vibrant and interesting.”

According to the Volunteer Iowa [website](#), the Governor’s Volunteer awards honor dedicated people who “volunteer their time and talent to help an organization deliver on its mission.” Melissa will receive her award at a regional ceremony on July 30.

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