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## Nominate an unsung hero

Volunteering Gold Coast is calling on the Gold Coast Community to nominate someone who has worked consistently for more than three years in the service of others for The Power of One Australian Hero Award by 5pm Friday 26 February 2010.

A prize of \$50,000 will be presented by author Bryce Courtenay to the winner of the award to assist the person to continue their work in the community.

Volunteering Gold Coast Volunteer Services Coordinator Leticia Vargas believes the Gold Coast has many candidates worthy of this award.

"It's fantastic that there are so many wonderful things happening in the Gold Coast community and with around 100,000 volunteers we're not always aware of the time and dedication of those who assist behind the scenes," said Ms. Vargas.

"There are so many volunteers who donate their time and expertise without recognition and it is these people we want to see get recognised - so we strongly encourage the community to nominate their unsung hero," she said.

This annual award is a joint initiative between Bryce Courtenay and Penguin Books Australia who are celebrating people who are dedicated to helping others in their respective communities.

The award aims to recognise one special person whose commitment to the greater good is an inspiration to those around them.

The winner will be announced Monday 10 May 2010.

For more information call Volunteering Gold Coast on 5526 2811.

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