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Special photo - TSS Photography

At the Volunteer of the Year presentation was (L-R) TSS Photography President Joe Lindenmayer, Volunteer of the Year recipient Mike Ferrell, Barrow County Leisure Services official Justin Rebitch who nominated Ferrell and TSS Photography's Georgia Territory Sales Manager Mike Tuck with two youth football players from Ferrell's team, #24 Alex Thompson and #23 Nate Ferrell

TSS Photography names Mike Ferrell as State's 'Volunteer of the Year'

TSS Photography, the leading U.S. youth photography franchise, has named Barrow County Leisure Services coach and volunteer Mike Ferrell the state's "Volunteer of the Year," recognizing him for donating countless hours towards enhancing the Winder community.

"I appreciate the honor," Ferrell said, "I just enjoy working with kids."

Ferrell credits team parents for helping him win the award. He praises Lennet Thompson in particular, who has been the team mom for most of his teams.

"It's real easy when you have someone taking care of snacks and uniforms and all the little things," said Ferrell.

On Sept. 20, the opening morning of Barrow County Leisure Services Youth Football action, TSS Photography presented Ferrell with a \$150 TSS

Photography portrait package and a commemorative award plaque.

In addition, the nominating youth organization, the Barrow County Leisure Services, received \$500 in Ferrell's name.

The ceremony was held on Field #6 at Leisure Services.

"Mike Ferrell possesses the perfect characteristics that make for a positive youth coach - sportsmanship, ability to teach, and having fun," said Justin Rebitch, who nominated Ferrell.

"The Volunteer of the Year program from TSS Photography provided the perfect opportunity to honor his dedication and commitment to our organization and our area's youth," said Rebitch.

Ferrell was chosen as Georgia's "Volunteer of the Year" based on specific crite-

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ria, including the length of volunteer time he dedicated to the community, specific responsibilities and duties performed, specific actions performed that are considered beyond normal duties and ways the volunteer has helped the lives of others. His nomination, along with more than 100 others from across the country, was reviewed by the "Volunteer of the Year" selection committee consisting of TSS Photography corporate executives and TSS Photography franchise owners.

The "Volunteer of the Year Award" is part of an overall program to celebrate TSS Photography's 25th anniversary. Since its founding in 1983, its culture has centered around

grassroots philanthropic outreach and TSS Photography has built a reputation for providing the highest quality services and products for school and sports portraits - and for making a difference in the lives and organizations within each community it has served for more than 25 years.

"We launched the "Volunteer of the Year Award" to allow citizens to show their appreciation for the time, dedication and inspiration that America's

volunteers put forth on a daily basis," said Joe Lindenmayer, president of Atlanta-based TSS Photography. "Ferrell has improved and enriched the lives of so many people around him and is incredibly deserving of this award."

About TSS Photography
TSS Photography, found-

ed in 1983, has grown to more than 230 units throughout the country and is now the number one choice in youth photography. TSS Photography offers franchise opportunities for a variety of protected territories and a 10 percent discount on all territory plans for veterans.

For more information, visit www.tssphotography.com.