Nominated for making pies and more.

A Gothenburg resident is the Nebraska Health Care Associations “Volunteer of the Year.”

Jane Herndon was surprised to receive the award during the association’s convention last week in LaVista.

Hilltop Care Center officials, where Herndon bakes and serves pie each Tuesday, said she won individual volunteer of the year recognition from the Nebraska Nursing Facility Association and Nebraska Assisted Living Association facilities from all across the state of Nebraska.

The people who nominated Herndon said that her dedication, strength and love, along with her inspiration and unconditional support to the residents of Hilltop Estates, made it easy to nominate her for the award.

“Not only does she bake delicious pies but Jane always greets each resident by name and visits with each resident,” they said. “Jane’s pies draw several visitors from the community on a regular basis, making the dining room a widely popular coffee spot to frequent.

Herndon also plays the piano for residents each Tuesday.

Her pie-making started when Herndon’s father was a resident at Hilltop Estates.

“And even after his passing, she has continued to bless the residents as well as their families and friends with two different kinds of pie each and every Tuesday afternoon,” the nomination said. “Even following an injury and subsequent surgery with her foot in a boot didn’t stop Jane from continuing on with her act of love.”

As one letter of nomination stated in a quote from scripture from Romans: “...Love one another with brotherly affection, consider the needs of others and show hospitality.”

Jane embodies that biblical statement through her caring and loving spirit.”