Moore man wins volunteer award

SOUTHERN PINES — David Kling of Moore County loves to help his neighbors in need.

Kling, who attends Monarch’s Creative Arts and Community Center (MCACC) and is a resident of one of the agency’s homes, performs a number of service activities with fellow participants of Monarch’s MCACC, but he especially enjoys organizing and packing food for BackPack Pals of Moore County. The non-profit, which started in 2005, provides weekend bags full of nutritional foods for more than 1,100 students in Moore County Schools.

Every Thursday, Kling volunteers for two hours replenishing the assembly line of food for other volunteers who are packing the bags. He also carries and loads the packed bags into the cars of the 24 school reps who deliver them to the schools.

For his efforts, Kling was named the Moore County recipient of the 2014 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award. He’s expected to be presented the award at the Moore commissioners’ meeting on April 16.

Kling is among the dozens of people with disabilities statewide supported by Monarch who gave their talent, energy and time in 2013 — exactly 33,215.44 hours, which yielded an economic impact of $634,082.75, according to the Independent Sector.