



RSVP NEWSLETTER

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RSVP . . . stands for **R**etired and **S**enior **V**olunteer **P**rogram. Care Connection for Aging Services was awarded a grant to fund an RSVP program in 5 of the 13 counties they serve. The program will focus on Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory and St. Clair counties in Missouri; The RSVP office is located in Hickory County at 320 N. Main in Wheatland.

RSVP is America's largest network for citizens age 55 and better that promotes volunteering by offering the opportunity to meet a variety of community needs through volunteer service. Many community services are provided and supported by volunteers. RSVP strengthens public and nonprofit agencies by matching skilled volunteers with vital community programs and services.

The mission of Care Connection for Aging Services is to provide resources and services that empower people to create healthy aging experiences. RSVP will provide a variety of opportunities for adults age 55 and older, to actively participate in their community through significant volunteer service. Flexibility is key. As an RSVP volunteer, you decide where and how to serve, the amount of time that is volunteered is entirely your choice.

Meet the RSVP Staff



Deanna Brown; RSVP Project Director states that our communities are filled with people that want to help out, give back and utilize their skills. Many of our community services, programs and projects are available through the commitment of volunteers. The volunteer meets new friends, exposes themselves to people with the same interests and finds fulfillment. It is a win-win for all involved. RSVP offers flexible long-term placements regular schedules and/or one-day opportunities so that volunteers can participate when most convenient to them, or have an opportunity to volunteer from your own home.

Lisa Roam; Administrative Assistant – Lisa works in the RSVP office; answering phones, entering new volunteer information into the RSVP database, and recording RSVP volunteers' service hours. Lisa spent 9 years in Jefferson City, MO, and returned to Hickory County in 2003, to help care for her Father, whose health was failing. Lisa is currently enrolled as a student at Columbia College and is working toward an Associate's Degree in Human Services. She writes articles for a facebook group dedicated to special needs animals, is an avid reader, and also enjoys painting, crafts, and refurbishing furniture. Active in the animal rescue/welfare community, Lisa volunteers with animal rescues in Cedar and Dallas Counties, and, in addition to caring for her own pets (of which there are many) she serves as a dog "foster parent".





Why RSVP Volunteers are So Valued!

We just wanted to share a few reasons why we value our RSVP volunteers so much:

- Volunteers provide extra hands that enable an organization to do tasks & activities that might not otherwise get done.
- Volunteer work encourages and supports, not only organizations, but the community as a whole.
- Volunteering imbibes in others the spirit of generosity - of giving back to others all the good things we have received in life.

We hope to see you in September at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation event so we can celebrate all you do!



Let's Welcome our New RSVP Volunteers!

Deloris Caunel, Kevin Clark, Donna Crouch, Glenalee Dillon, Leo Dillon, Shirley Dorman, Juanita Eckhoff, Gail Hale, Carol Henderson, Rachel Henderson, Helen Kidwell, Clarice North, Ruby Pitts, Sue Ridenour, Rosalie Roberts, Earlene Stubbs, Dawn Taylor, Helen Terrell, Beverly Van Zanten, Sharel Wienberg, Charles Antwiler, Connie Antwiler, Bill Arnold, Judith Barnes, Jo Anne Blankenship, Paula Born, Darrell Bryant, Kimberley Bullard, Doris Clark, Uel Clear, Marilyn Darnell, John Dill, Betty Goans, Henry Hagness, Martin Hanson, Susan Holt, Karen Hughes, Bonnie Jeune, Ramona Jung, Linda Lindberg, Sandra Mason, Helen Mothersbaugh, Norman Neuerburg, Glenn Newmann, Isabella O'Neal, Laura Peery, Norris Phalen, Dorothy Poley, Armando Rodriguez, Jo Ann Rose, Eston Ross, Janelle Segari, Joe Segari, Barbara Shelby, Gene Sorden, Joyce Souther, Betsy Taylor, Gerry Warner, and Beverly Wilson.

A FEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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| Hickory County- | Community Blood Drive: Snack Station Host/Hostess
Meal Drivers
Event/Program Coordinators
Chamber of Commerce Information Ambassador |
| Cedar County- | Drink Station Host/Hostess
Community Garden
Community Blood Drive: Snack Station Host/Hostess
Meal Drivers |
| St. Clair County- | Thrift Store
Meal Drivers |
| Henry County- | Volunteer Coordinator
Event/Program Coordinators
Front Desk/Reception
Community Blood Drive: Windsor Area: Snack Station Host/Hostess |
| Benton County- | Meal Drivers
Health & Wellness Instructors
Recreation Coordinators
Customer Concierge, Cashier or Kiosk Operators |

Ask about details and other opportunities in your community – 417-282-7787



RSVP Volunteer Stations

McCarty Senior Center-Wheatland, Korth Senior Center-Stockton, Alice's Closet-Osceola, Warsaw Senior Center/Village Café-Warsaw, Windsor Senior Center, Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, St. Clair Senior Center-Osceola, Pomme de Terre Chamber of Commerce-Hermitage, Clinton Senior Center, Katy Trail Community Health-Warsaw, El Dorado Springs Senior Center, Cole Camp Senior Center, Place at the Lake-Lincoln.

When it comes to volunteering, passion and positivity are the only requirements

While learning new skills can be beneficial to many, it's not a requirement for a fulfilling volunteer experience. Bear in mind that the most valuable skills you can bring to any volunteer effort are compassion, an open mind, a willingness to do whatever is needed, and a positive attitude.



What Is the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance?

Starting in 2002, 9/11 family members and support groups wanted to provide a productive and respectful way to honor the memory of those who were lost while also rekindling the spirit of unity and compassion that swept our nation after 9/11. As a result of their efforts, the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance was established into law by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act in 2009.

The September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance, a federally recognized observance, is being supported collaboratively by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the nonprofit MyGoodDeed, which annually organizes the 9/11 "I Will" campaign on behalf of the 9/11 community.



In order to spotlight our RSVP Volunteers, we need your permission to use your photo. The Photo Release is a part of the RSVP registration. Please complete, sign and return with a current photo to: RSVP 320 N. Main #194, Wheatland MO 65779.

Photo Release

I have no objection to the use of my picture by RSVP for the specific purpose of publicity, public relations, or educational promotion, providing it is legitimately published with discretion, and I have given my consent.

Please circle, sign and return:

AGREE

DISAGREE

Signature: _____

Date: _____

RSVP: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
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Wheatland, MO 65779

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Give a little bit of your time each week and make a positive change in your community!

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provides opportunities for person's age 55 and better to make a difference in their communities through volunteer service. RSVP volunteers contribute anywhere from one to over forty hours a week, serving nonprofit and public organizations to help meet critical community needs.

RSVP offers maximum flexibility and choice to its volunteers. This federally funded program, sponsored locally by Care Connection for Aging Services, matches the personal interests and skills of volunteers with opportunities to serve their communities. Excess Volunteer Liability insurance is offered while on duty. Volunteers receive pre-service orientation and on-the-job training from the agency or organization where they are placed. **Call 417-282-RSVP to register and become an RSVP Volunteer.**

