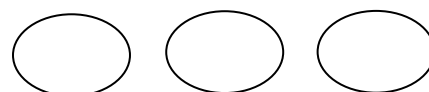


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The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a federal program charged with leading efforts to expand the use of service and volunteering as key solutions that respond to our nation's most pressing challenges. Our mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement, through service and volunteering. RSVP is sponsored locally by the Etowah County Commission and federally by AmeriCorps.

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In The News

Spring is here! Daylight Savings Time is back, days are longer, but the main indicators of spring are the Council on Aging Health Fair at the George Wallace Senior Center and Tax Day—both of these things are happening on April 15th this year.

Have fun and enjoy the weather!

Volunteer Recognition

Our volunteer spotlight this quarter is Phil White. Mr. White is a Reading Buddy at John Jones Elementary, and Lizzie Lamb, counselor, says “Phil is a wonderful volunteer! He comes once a week to tutor an 8 year old boy & they both enjoy spending time with each other. Phil has helped this 2nd grader not only with reading, but as a mentor also.”

And our on-time timesheet winner is Shirley Williams! Ms. Williams has volunteered at the George Wallace Senior Center since at least 2012—congratulations Shirley!

Statistics:

New Volunteers: 1
Total Volunteers: 159
Number of Stations: 30
Volunteer hours: 6155
Value of Hours: \$171,571.78
(According to federal guidelines, the value of a volunteer's time \$28.54)



Our fingerprints don't
fade from the lives we
touch.

~ Judy Blume

Success Story

It's tax season! This year we have 38 volunteers preparing and filing tax returns in 11 places across Etowah, Cherokee and Dekalb Counties. So far (and tax season is just half over!) they have prepared over 100 federal returns. Considering that the average cost of preparing a tax return in Alabama with a paid preparer is \$217, that means these 38 people have saved our citizens \$260,000 already ~ that's money that can be spent on groceries, rent, car repairs, even vacations!

Volunteer Opportunities

- **MANNA:** volunteers are ALWAYS needed to deliver hot, nutritious meals to homebound people (& this only takes about an hour!)
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** volunteer as a mentor for a child, it can be during the school day or weekends, the choice is yours! And men are especially needed for the boys.
- **YMCA:** when area pools open, volunteers will be needed to monitor children's' activities around the water (you don't have to get in the water if you don't want to), and for other summer programs.
- **Salvation Army:** clerical help, greeting clients and answering the phone is needed in the office of the Salvation Army.
- **Hospice Agencies:** there are several hospice agencies in the area, and they all can use volunteers to help clients' families; either with respite care or running errands or simply visiting with a client.
- **Call us for more information or other opportunities: 256-549-8147**

Sudoku

- **Objective:** Fill the grid so every row, column, and 3x3 box contains all digits from 1 to 9.
- **No Repeats:** A number cannot repeat in any row, column, or 3x3 box.
- **No Math Required:** this game is based on logic and pattern recognition.

2		3	4					5
8		9	1	6		7		4
		6		3			1	9
7		2			3		6	
		8	2	5				
		1	6		7			2
		7			5	9	2	6
9	3		7	2				
6				9		4	7	

VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAYS

Jeanette Reed	April 1	Becky St. John	June 2
Brenda Marshall	April 6	Bill Steinka	June 2
Kumud Parmar	April 7	Deborah Henderson	June 3
Janice Humphrey	April 14	Susan Galloway	June 5
Matthew Gunter	April 18	Sarah Spear	June 7
Russell Beam	April 25	Christine Woods	June 8
Craig Scott	May 1	Donna Freeman	June 9
Carolyn Sterling	May 3	Patrick Duke	June 10
Judy Edwards	May 4	Lamar Parker	June 10
Shirley Pollard	May 5	Claude Burnett	June 11
Heather Wynn	May 6	Ron Edwards	June 14
Jerry Howell	May 9	Betty Ann Watkins	June 14
Michael Henderson	May 10	Susan Knapp	June 16
Marjorie Matthews	May 10	Sara Higginbotham	June 21
June Maddox	May 11	Suzanne Scharfenberg	June 21
Mitchell Chastain	May 16	John Leach	June 22
Lisa Dukes	May 20	Tami Bjornson	June 23
Joyce Wheeler	May 24	Debbie Caldwell	June 24
Chris Wagnon	May 25	Becky Henson	June 29
Ed Bowen	May 30		
Carol McPherson	June 2		



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