Make A Difference

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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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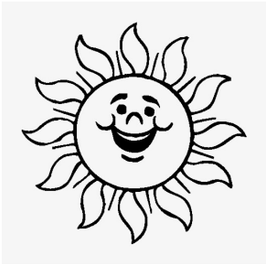
Directors' Corner

Summer brings a special kind of joy that invites people to slow down and savor life's simple pleasures. Long, sun-filled days provide more time for outdoor adventures, family gatherings, vacations, and community events. The warmth of the season encourages children to play outside, friends to reconnect, and families to create lasting memories together. From backyard barbecues and trips to the lake to blooming gardens and evening walks, summer offers countless opportunities to enjoy nature and spend quality time with loved ones. I hope you enjoy your summer!

Volunteer Recognition

Our volunteer spotlight this quarter is Carolyn Jentzen. Ms. Jentzen delivers hot meals through MANNA to homebound people 4 or 5 days a week, and Laura Martin, MANNA Director, says "Carolyn Jentzen demonstrates a strong commitment to the MANNA program and its recipients. She consistently shows genuine care for the clients she serves and frequently goes above and beyond in assisting and supporting our participants whenever possible.

And our on-time timesheet winner is Marjorie Matthews! Ms. Matthews makes craft kits & games for seniors at George Wallace & Hokes Bluff Nutrition Centers, & volunteers at the Animal Shelter when she can —congratulations Marjorie!



Statistics:

New Volunteers: 4
Total Volunteers: 160
Number of Stations: 30
Volunteer hours: 5031
Value of Hours: $143,584.75
(According to federal guidelines, the value of a volunteer's time $28.54)

> Not being able to do everything is no excuse for not doing everything you can.
>
> ~ Ashleigh Brilliant

Upcoming Events

- **June—September: Farmers markets will be operating in Attalla, Centre, Gadsden, Glencoe, Hokes Bluff, Leesburg & Rainbow City**
- **July 25—Wheels for Meals motorcycle ride supporting MANNA. Food, raffles, door prizes and lots of motorcycles!**
- **September 19—Etowah Pregnancy Testing Center Fall Fundraiser**

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.
- **Call us for more information or other opportunities: 256-549-8147**



VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAYS

Janice Brown	July 1
Pat Griffith	July 3
Nickie Godfrey	July 4
Lisa Strange	July 4
Julie Wedge	July 9
Charles Gilchrist	July 13
Johnny Farmer	July 16
Theresa Frye	July 16
Deborah Lankford	July 18
Deloria Jones	July 20
Jane Bishop	July 24
April Kilgro	July 24
Greg Poos	July 24
Phil White	July 29
Vicki Cash	July 30
Valencia Holloway	July 30
Doris Carpenter	July 31
Vicki Christopher	July 31
Iva Patty	August 2
Mike Slezak	August 2
Vicky Griffin	August 6
Mary Jackson	August 9
Tony Wood	August 12
Donna Carroll	August 14
Jennifer Crowley	August 16
Gail Reeves	August 17
Sandy Grant	August 22
Spence Adcock	August 24
Donna Morgan	August 24
Dot Phipps	August 25
Jennie Garner	August 30
Pat Harper	September 1
Jill Vincent	September 2
Carolyn Nichols	September 4
Valerie Reynolds	September 4
Nannie Crozier	September 5
Ann Marie Bethune	September 6
Wayne Rhodes	September 6
Reginald Carpenter	September 7
Louise Blackwell	September 8
Felecia Heard	September 9
Cathy Struntz	September 10
Vivian Burnett	September 11
Connie Reeves	September 14
Beverly Brooks	September 15
Durwood Johns	September 15
Art Fitterer	September 17
Lynn Hixon	September 19
Faye Russell	September 21
Tony Brothers	September 26

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