

Make A Difference



RSVP of Etowah & Cherokee County

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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 the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS).

Director's Corner

In the News

Free Clinic

Senior Angel Tree

Who thought we would still be dealing with this nasty virus? And now cold & flu season is here.

There is good news though – even if we have to dig for it! Slowly but surely this virus is dying down, we will have SEC football, and we are going to have our Annual Shred Day in October! Not to mention all of the beautiful fall foliage

and weather that is still free to enjoy.

Some of you are probably tired of being cooped up, and some of you are happy to stay in your safe place, and some of you are a little of both. Just know that we are constantly thinking and talking and working on ways to engage you and help to keep you engaged with others. And we are eager for hugs and face-to-face

contact with you again!

If you have any ideas on new ways to volunteer or if there is anything we can do differently let us know.

Stay well!

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News

Coming soon the Etowah Free Clinic will also house the free dental clinic operated by First Baptist Church of Gadsden. Details are still being worked out but probably in November they will have a schedule of when people can see doctors or dentists. This program is free for citizens of Etowah County who have no health insurance, so keep that in mind in case you meet

someone who needs this kind of assistance!

The other program I want to tell you about is our Senior Angel Tree. Most of us know about Angel Trees for children, but ours is for senior citizens 55 or older. The Etowah Baptist Missions Center, Salvation Army and DHR give us information (no names, just age, gender & 1 wish) on a senior citizen who needs a

little help for the holiday season, and we help get their wishes granted! We should have this information ready before Thanksgiving if you want to adopt an angel!

Let us know if you would like to help with either of these fabulous programs!

Success Story

Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the Fall.

~ F. Scott Fitzgerald

For many years now (I don't know exactly how many), social service agencies in Etowah County have coordinated together to help people for Christmas.

The Salvation Army, Etowah Baptist Missions Center, Toys 4 Tots, Catholic Center of Concern, Hokes Bluff Lions Club and Gadsden Fire Department, to

name a few, take information from people asking for help and complete one master list of requests. This way, more people are assisted, the agencies' donations go farther, and requests can be matched to donors in a more beneficial way.

When you see an Angel Tree (like our Senior Angel Tree), this is where those requests

come from.

If you know of anyone who needs assistance this year, they can sign up at any of these agencies. Signups will start mid-October this year. Call us if you need phone numbers or addresses.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Etowah Animal Shelter & Humane Society** –Volunteers are needed to exercise and socialize with the pets that are up for adoption, or help in the office and answer phones.
- **Etowah Baptist Missions Center** – volunteers are needed to sort clothes. During this pandemic you do need to wear a mask, and gloves are encouraged for this activity!
- **Etowah Free Community Clinic** – volunteer dental hygienists and assistants will be needed when the dental clinic is set up.
- **Red Cross** – needs volunteers for virtual casework, or to be a blood donor ambassador, shelter volunteer or disaster action team member.
- **For these & other volunteer opportunities, call RSVP @ 256-549-8147!**

STATISTICS

New volunteers – 3

Total volunteers – 264

Total stations – 56

Volunteer Hours – 1580

Value of Hours – \$37,046.36

(According to federal guidelines, the value of a volunteer's time is \$20.84 per hour)

Station Needs

Head Start in Gadsden is accepting applications for 3 & 4 year olds. This is a great stepping stone to kindergarten! Call 256-546-7766 for more information.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming soon, many agencies will be asking for donations of food and toys and money to help families in need.

If you are curious about how our Free Income Tax service operates, give us a call (256-549-8147)! It's easier than you think to volunteer with this program!

Upcoming Events

- **October 15 – December 7** is Medicare Open Enrollment season. Call the Council on Aging at 256-492-0230 to make an appointment for in person, over the phone, or virtual to discuss your options.
- **October** – several agencies will be accepting applications for holiday assistance in October & November (Etowah Baptist Mission Center, Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, Gadsden Fire and others). Remember to tell people!
- **October 8** – Virtual Life Chain sponsored by Etowah Pregnancy Testing Center on Facebook. Call 256-442-6101 for more info.
- **October 24** – RSVP is sponsoring another free Shred event & drug round up in the parking lot of the Etowah County Courthouse from 10 – 2.
- **October 29** – Wall Street Treats 5-7 pm. To set up a booth call Ashley @ Etowah Baptist Mission Center 256-546-2980 or for more information.

- **October 31** – Halloween
- **November 1** – Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.
- **November 3** – Election Day in Alabama
- **November 11** – Veterans Day



- **November 26** - Thanksgiving
- **December 25** – Christmas

Merry Christmas!

- **December 31** – New Year’s Eve.

Word Search



Football Terms Word Search

W	I	D	E	R	E	C	E	I	V	E	R	E	T	U	R	N
Q	U	A	R	T	E	R	B	A	C	K	F	I	E	L	D	E
P	T	I	G	H	T	E	N	D	G	U	A	R	D	S	P	S
A	R	R	E	K	C	A	B	E	N	I	L	D	F	Z	Z	P
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WORD SEARCH ANSWERS:

- BACKFIELD
- CENTER
- CORNERBACK
- DOWN
- DRIVE
- END ZONE
- EXTRA POINT
- FAIR CATCH
- FIELD GOAL
- FULLBACK
- FUMBLE
- GUARD
- HALFBACK
- HAND OFF
- HUDDLE
- INCOMPLETION
- INTERCEPTION
- KICKOFF
- LINEBACKER
- OFFENSIVE LINE
- PUNT
- QUARTERBACK
- RED ZONE
- RETURN
- RUSHING
- SACK
- SAFETY
- SNAP
- SPECIAL TEAMS
- TACKLE
- TIGHT END
- WIDE RECEIVER



Volunteer Recognition

We had several volunteers submitted for recognition this quarter, and we are going to recognize all of them!

Mike Struntz received the 2020 Volunteer of the year award from the AL Assoc. of Habitat Affiliates for his work with our local Habitat for Humanity. "Mike has been a key construction volunteer for the last 5 houses & a wonderful asset to Habitat, and his recent retirement has allowed him to be an active volunteer."

~ Suzanne Scharfenberg, Executive Director of Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity.

Jerry & Agnes Skinner moved to Glencoe and jumped in to volunteer at the George Wallace Senior Center. Until recently, Jerry volunteered on the van delivering food to home bound seniors and Agnes was active in line dancing and led the low cardio exercise class. They both serve on the senior advisory council and have such a contagious positive attitude!

~ Vicki Scott, George Wallace Senior Center Nutrition Manager

Our on time – time sheet winner this quarter is Theresa Frye! Mrs. Frye volunteers at Floyd Cherokee Medical Center, coordinating that volunteer program; and also with our RSVP Advisory Council. She has volunteered through RSVP for over 14 years and has 4,349 hours of service on record!

I would like to give a shout out to Ms. Katherine Edwards (AKA Ms. Kay) and Sherri Pettit! We can't have volunteers at school this year, but these 2 ladies are such an asset to our school! They have faithfully volunteered with us for the past 2 and 3 years! I am so thankful for their willingness to serve our students! They both are a blessing! I love working with them! It is evident that they have servants' hearts and that they love children! I'm very thankful for their partnership and friendship! Thank you RSVP for connecting us!

~ Michelle Hunt
John Jones,
Guidance Counselor

"Autumn – the season that teaches us that change can be beautiful."

~ Unknown

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sarah Trammell 10/01	Ellie Higgins 11/01	Sue Young 12/04
Betty Woodward 10/03	Ray St. John 11/04	Kathy Blattel 12/05
Lucile Harris 10/04	Janice McClure 11/05	Kenneth Mayo 12/07
Connie Wappelhorst 10/6	Sherre McGinnis 11/11	Eloise Turk 12/07
Jeanne Chambers 10/08	Nancy Phillips 11/14	Judy Smith 12/08
Mary (Liz) Howell 10/08	Jackie Hamilton 11/19	Rebecca Tinker 12/08
Janice Glover 10/11	Teresa Brannon 11/22	Nina Tenerani 12/17
Shirley Steapleton 10/12	Alma Alford 11/23	Les Wisley 12/17
Betty Causey 10/14	Treasia Spelce 11/24	Maureen Latronico 12/18
Dianne Williams 10/18	Millie Cartrett 11/26	Elizabeth Cline 12/20
Troy Word 10/20	Jeanette Boggs 11/28	Evelyn Westcott 12/21
Bess Estis 10/21	Jimmie Leonard 11/29	Erma Davidson 12/22
Bonnie Childs 10/22	Richard Wappelhorst /29	Kenneth Means 12/22
Debbie Gramling 10/22	Rebecca Hilleke 11/30	Sandra Coffey 12/25
Rose Higgins 10/24	Debra Yokem 11/30	Frances Lipscomb 12/25
Sonya Nesbitt 10/24	Portia Foster 12/01	Beth Serrentino 12/25
Theresa Beverly 10/25	Sue Myers 12/01	Steve Scharfenberg 12/26
Danny Phillips 10/26	Dolly Thomas 12/02	Linda Ellison 12/28
Glenda Thornton 10/26	Sally Shamblin 12/04	Pat Hill 12/28
Barbara Mosley 10/29		EllaJay Willis 12/29



*It's your birthday to-day,
so why are we waiting?
Without further delay,
Let's start celebrating.
~Norman Wesley Brooks*

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