

Make A Difference



RSVP of Etowah & Cherokee County

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AmeriCorps Seniors

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- Health Fair
- Flower Fundraiser

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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.

Director's Corner

It may still look like Winter in some places, but you can see Spring popping up in the daffodils and daylilies and yellow bells!

Spring helps to gently bring us out of hibernation too—the days are getting longer & the sun is seeping into our bones. It's time to get outside more and soak up some vitamin D and get our hands dirty.

At RSVP, we are trying to come up with new or different ways to volunteer while continuing with the important jobs our volunteers already do. We have a new partnership with Greater Gadsden Area Tourism to help in their office and at First Fridays in Downtown Gadsden; and we are also trying to find some volunteers who would like to help in the Etowah County Courthouse at the information desk. And don't forget about our schools, senior nutrition centers and hospitals!

Let us know if you have ideas for us!

Statistics:

New Volunteers: 6
 Total Volunteers: 179
 Number of Stations: 39
 Volunteer hours: 2,854
 Value of Hours: \$81,453
 (According to federal guidelines, the value of a volunteer's time \$28.54)

In the News

Did you know that the Council on Aging office is moving to the new Elliott building? This should happen in April, so be sure and call them (256-543-3616) to see where they are before you visit.

Did you know that there is a Health Fair in Glencoe on April 17th? It will be at the George Wallace Senior Center from 9 - 11 am. If you visit you will get lots of good information!

And did you know that RSVP is having an online flower fundraiser? If you want to order some bulbs to be shipped directly to your home in time for planting, visit this link: <https://giveandgarden.myshopify.com/pages/fundraiser/plant-with-a-purpose-plant-with-a-purpose> Or call us to email it to you!

Success Story

Every year during Spring we are in the middle of tax season, so this is what we like to highlight. This year we are fortunate to have 38 intelligent, thoughtful volunteers helping at 11 locations with our tax assistance program, and they have already prepared and filed over 1500 federal tax returns—with 2 weeks left to go in this filing season!

If you know one of these people let them know how wonderful they are!

Volunteer Opportunities

*** George Wallace Senior Center**

In need of volunteers to help in the kitchen, one or two days a week.

*** Etowah County Baptist Mission Center**

Looking for help in the following areas: office receptionist, food bank, sorting donations, and helping in the clothing closet.

*** Greater Gadsden Area Tourism**

Looking for help at the Downtown Civic Center, with mail-out and possibly help with First Fridays

*** RSVP Information Desk at the Courthouse**

In need of a few volunteers to help direct individuals coming to the Etowah County Courthouse on where to go.

If you are interested in volunteering at any of these locations or others, please call our office at 256.549.8147.

Volunteer Recognition

The winner of our on-time timesheet drawing is Shirley Dupont. Ms. Dupont has been volunteering with RSVP since 2009 with the El Senor Club and has 10,770 life-time hours since joining RSVP. Congratulations Shirley and thank-you for everything you do in our community.

This Quarter we would like to recognize Julie Sanders as our Volunteer Spotlight Winner! She joined RSVP in October of 2023, and volunteers with the Extended Family Program. Ms. Daphne Rogers from Extended Family had this to say about Mrs. Sanders: "Julie has a heart for children. Her warm and caring spirit shows through to the children in our groups. She has been a great help in the West End schools." Congratulations Julie on being this quarter's Volunteer Spotlight.

**THANK
YOU!**

Upcoming Events

April 17—Senior Health & Resource Fair 9—11 AM @ George Wallace Senior Center in Glencoe. Sponsored by Council on Aging

April 26—Arbor Day

May 12—Mother’s Day

May 15—Last day to order plants from our online fundraiser

May 27—Memorial Day

June 14—Flag Day

June 16—Father’s Day

June 19—Juneteenth

June 20—First day of Summer



Word Search- Foods from around the World

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Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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| Baklava | Bibimbap | Chilaquiles |
| Churros | Crepes | Curry |
| Dumplings | Escargot | Fried Rice |
| Gazpacho | Gelato | Jeon |
| Kebab | Kimchi | Lasagna |
| Lokum | Naan | Pad Thai |
| Paella | Peking Duck | Pizza |
| Popiah Tod | Ramen | Ratatouille |
| Samosas | Sushi | Tacos |
| Tamales | Tempura | Tom Yum |

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AARP – COOSA VALLEY
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CITY OF GADSDEN

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ETOWAH COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE

ETOWAH COUNTY
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CENTER

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PREGNANCY TESTING
CENTER

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CLINIC

ETOWAH HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

EXTENDED FAMILY

FREEDOM CENTER OF
GADSDEN

GADSDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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GADSDEN REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER

GREATER GADSDEN AREA
TOURISM

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

STATIONS

HEAD START

HUMANE SOCIETY OF
GADSDEN

MANNA

READING BUDDIES

RIVERVIEW REGIONAL
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VOLUNTEER

Reed, Jeanette	04/01
Elkins, Carolyn	04/05
Marshall Brenda	04/06
Maddaloni, Denise	04/09
Hammond, Carolyn	04/16
Pettis, Jean	04/17
Gunter, Matthew	04/18
Hope, Gloria	04/20
Swinford, Glenda	04/21
Hurst, Alice	04/24
Ingram, Kimberly	04/27
Pondick, Ping	04/28
Lehmann, Grace	04/29
Scott, Craig L.	05/01
Levinson, Daniel	05/03
Sterling, Carolyn	05/03
Edwards, Judy	05/04
Foster, Jean	05/04
Pollard, Shirley	05/05
Wagnon, Danny	05/06
Howell, Jerry	05/09
Henderson, Michael	05/10
Maddox, June	05/11
Chastian, Mitchell	05/16

BIRTHDAYS

Portwood, Donald	05/16
Dukes, Lisa	05/20
Spelce, Vicki	05/20
Kelley, Gloria	05/21
Wheeler, Joyce	05/24
Garza, Dora	05/26
Crumpler, Alicia	05/28
McPherson, Carol	06/02
St. John, Becky	06/02
Steinka, William	06/02
Henderson, Deborah	06/03
Wells, Nancy	06/03
Galloway, Susan	06/05
Spear, Sarah	06/07
Burnett, Claude	06/11
Watkins, Betty	06/14
Leach, John	06/22
Caldwell, Debbie	06/23
Parks, John	06/24
Robinson, Dorman	06/24
King, Linda	06/28
Henson, Becky	06/29
Wafler, Marilyn	06/30

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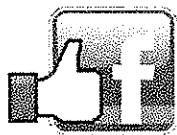
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“Spend your energy on things that make a difference.” -M. R. Ballard

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AL TEACHERS CREDIT UNION
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