

During this holiday season, we would like to thank you for your service to our communities and to RSVF.

Sometimes the joy and promise of the holiday season can get clouded with concerns and doubts about current events. Each generation has faced its difficult times, and we apparently won't be the exception. That doesn't mean we shouldn't identify and celebrate the positive in our lives. We all have much to be thankful for.

Please pause to count your blessings, and how you positively affect so many others. Collectively, we make our communities better places to live, raise families, and grow old – and that's a wonderful thing that we can all be very proud of and thankful for.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!



Directors Corner

Sometimes it irritates me when people decorate for the holidays too early. But there is a lesson here: there is always something to be thankful for and always something to celebrate. Even if we don't feel like celebrating.

My wish for everyone is that you can always see the good in others and yourself; you remember what a gift you are to this world; and that you can easily find reasons to be happy and grateful.

The world needs all of us!

Statistics:

New Volunteers: 4

Total Volunteers: 170

Number of Stations: 31

Volunteer Producing Hours: 2,594

Value of Hours: \$73,617.72

(According to federal guidelines, the value of a volunteer's time is \$28.38)



Volunteer Opportunities

* **Manna**

Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound Individuals. Call 256.543.5876
If you are interested in helping.

* **George Wallace Nutrition Senior Center**

Volunteers are needed to help deliver meals to home bound clients. Looking for van drivers and van runners.

* **Compassus Hospice**

Volunteers needed to call patients, help with arts and crafts run errands, and help with lite cleaning,

* **Freedom Center**

Volunteers needed to welcome patrons and help in the Shower, laundry, clothes closet, and food pantry areas .

If Interested in any of these volunteer opportunities please call the RSVP office at 256.549.8147

Volunteer Recognition

This quarter we would like to recognize ***Evelyn Westcott***. She has been registered with RSVP for the past 18 years, been involved with the Pilot Club and currently volunteers with the Gadsden Quilters Guild. Kathy Blattel, President of the Gadsden Quilters Guild, says: "We recognize a long-time quilter, Evelyn Westcott, for her knowledge and expertise of quilting. Evelyn has been a member of the guild the longest of any of those in the current membership. Therefore, she is depended upon a lot to help the rest of us. We sometimes make a "group quilt." After selecting a block pattern, which is agreed upon, we each make one or two blocks at home and then bring them to the meeting to be put together. Evelyn has a great sense of color and design and knows where each block needs to be placed to make a beautiful quilt. Not only is she good at quilting, she has many other talents, including COOKING, and sometimes brings goodies to treat us at meetings."

If anyone is interested in joining the Gadsden Quilters, they meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the new Gadsden Wellness Center, 2829 West Meighan Blvd., Gadsden, AL 35904.

The winner of our on-time timesheet drawing is ***Dot Phipps***. She has been volunteering with RSVP since 1990 and has 21,111 lifetime hours on record. Thank you for all you do!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1st – New Years Day

(RSVP office will be closed)

January 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Inauguration Day

(RSVP office will be closed)

January 27th –Free Tax Service begins, call RSVP @ 256.549.8147 for schedules of the tax sites.

February 14th – Valentine’s Day

February 17th– Presidents’ Day

March 9th - Daylight Savings begins (Move clocks ahead one hour!)

March 17th - St. Patrick’s Day

March 20th - First day of Spring



Winter Word Search



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| avalanche | cold | freeze | heater | icicles | Kwanzaa | sleet | snowman |
| blanket | December | frigid | hibernate | igloo | mittens | sleigh | snowstorm |
| blizzard | earmuffs | gloves | holidays | Jack Frost | New Year | slippery | sweater |
| chimney | February | hail | Hot Chocolate | jacket | scarf | slush | vacation |
| Christmas | fireplace | Hanukkah | ice fishing | January | skiing | snowflake | Valentine’s Day |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY VOLUNTEERS!



Cathea Poland 01/02
Michael Struntz 01/06
Pat Presley 01/07
Carol Hudson 01/08
Marcia Kendrick 01/09
Betty Chestnut 01/10
Delma Smith 01/13
J.L. Bellamy 01/14
Shirley Williams 01/16
Cherry Martin 01/20
Kenneth Hudson 01/26
Annette Walker 01/26
Steven Dial 01/28
James Lee 02/02
Richard Wright 02/03
Judy Clontz 02/06
Alice Neal 02/06
Jeff Poland 02/10
Malinda Evans 02/18

Sheryl Holthof 02/18
Melba Lories 02/27
Margie Chapman 02/27
Mildred Stevens 02/28
Dinah Brock 03/03
Linda Godsey 03/05
Jean James 03/06
Donna Hagedorn 03/08
Symone Cline 03/13
Perry Cline 03/14
Dottye Pierce 03/19
Barbara Bennett 03/20
Barbara Killgrove 03/23
V.V. Davis 03/24
David Gober 03/27
April Breland 03/28
Joan Beaird 03/30
Peggy Wetzel 03/30

