Dear Volunteers:  

May, 2016

Just in case I haven’t told you for a while, I think all of you volunteers are amazing! I think the gifts you give to this community by sharing your time and skills is so wonderful that words just feel inadequate when expressing gratitude! Ann and I just finished our fiscal year end reports and WOW! During the past 12 months, 586 volunteers donated more than 152,830 hours of service to our community! That comes out to **12,736 hours each month** and that isn’t even the whole picture! RSVP+ Volunteers in the Rapid City and surrounding communities are addressing real and significant issues. Issues such as literacy, food security, adult education, homelessness, senior citizen assistance, environmental awareness and disaster readiness are just a few of the service categories our volunteers are making a difference in. You all freely give of yourself and bring with you your life experiences, skills, abilities, compassion, intellect and humor and ask for nothing in return. Please know that we genuinely appreciate and value your commitment of time to volunteering with our organization!

Plans are underway for our annual recognition event coming this September! Invitations will be sent in August to all volunteers that have a minimum of 15 hours and have served at least 3 months. If you are behind on submitting your timesheets, please get caught up so you won’t miss the party! If you are new to the program or have been inactive, you still have time to get started! Ann has put together a help wanted page that lists just a few volunteer opportunities! If you don’t see something that interests you, come talk to us and let us help you get started in something that is just right for you!!

Do you have any photos of yourselves volunteering? If so, would you share them with us to use as part of our recognition slide show? Please submit any photos via e-mail in jpeg format, or bring them in and we will scan them and get them back to you!

In closing, I would like to wish you all a beautiful Spring and Summer Season! Please remember we will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day, but other than that, stop by anytime. *Kindest Regards- Angie 😊

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Linda Carpenter, Erika Cornella+, Josh Ellis+, Patrick Havener, Becky Huber, Regina Kocher+, Jamie Lowry, Anna Maeschen, Monica Sorensen Haeder+, Jaden Wells-Raup+, Wanda Wells,  
(*Indicates Community + Volunteers)

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” ~Author Unknown
Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
* Keep skunks and bankers at a Distance.
* Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

* A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
* Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
* Meanness don’t jes’ happen overnight.
* Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
* Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
* It don’t take a very big person to carry a Grudge.
* You cannot unsay a cruel word.
* Every path has a few puddles.
* When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
* The best sermons are lived, not preached.
* Most of the stuff people worry about ain’t never gonna happen anyway.
* Don’t judge folks by their relatives.
* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

* Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you’ll enjoy it a second time.
* Don’t interfere with somethin’ that ain’t botherin you none.
* Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
* If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin’.
* Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
* The biggest troublemaker you’ll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin’.
* Always drink upstream from the herd.
* Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
* Lettin’ the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin’ it back in.
* If you get to thinkin’ you’re a person of some influence, try orderin’ somebody else’s dog around.

* Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

**Congratulations and best wishes to our graduating Community Volunteers:**

**Central High School:** Isabelle Barraza, Cheyenne Trautman

**Douglas High School:** Elicia Lopez

**Stevens High School:** Jacob Dempsey, Isaac Egermier

**St. Thomas More:** Kelsey Timmer, Maria Wilson

**Black Hills State University:** Dan Hines

**Casper College:** Grace Weeks
In Loving memory of:
Irvin Argeanton, Anna Beers, Susan Johnson Markye, Reva Kurtz, Alice Salen, Alvina (Jeannie) Schultz, Lulu Yeager, Mildred Zenker

The world may never notice
If a Snowdrop doesn't bloom,
Or even pause to wonder
If the petals fall too soon.

But every life that ever forms,
Or ever comes to be,
Touches the world in some small way for all eternity.

These volunteers we’ve come to love were swiftly here and gone.
But the love that was then planted Is a light that still shines on.

And though our hearts are broken,
Our minds know what to do,
We’ll follow your example, let you rest, bid farewell, and always remember you.

Your gift to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program assists in furthering the mission and providing volunteer support throughout our community.

My gift of $______ to the Black Hills Retired Senior Volunteer Program is enclosed.

I would like my gift to be in Memory of: ________________________________

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VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Lila Doud has been named our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Lila first joined RSVP in June of 2006 and for the past 10 years has remained an active volunteer. However, before joining RSVP+, Lila Doud has been the face of MADD for decades! From Pennington County Chapter President through the 80’s to Victim Advocate today, Lila has educated, increased awareness, and assisted victims of Drunk Drivers in any way she could. As a Champion for MADD, over the years she has participated in check points, attended court hearings, planned and organized special events and recognitions, managed and maintained the local MADD Office and every other task associated locally with this organization...all as a VOLUNTEER!

MADD is not the only place Lila has volunteered, she has also volunteered at the Humane Society, Rapid City Police Dept., assisted with evening and weekend meals at the VFW, and food service with Western South Dakota Senior Services. Over the years, she has contributed more than 35,000 hours of volunteer service to our community! Thank you, Lila, you truly are a local GEM and we are so proud to name you as our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!!
Happy Birthday, Volunteers!

For April, May and June


JUNE: Jan Albright, Nadine Benke, Barbara Britt, Alberta Crosswhite, Edith Cvancara, Penelope Dawson, Jacob Dempsey, Cooper Ehlers, Louise Engelstad, Sharon Everett, Janelle Finck, Karla Fullerton, Selina Gasseling, Mary Haveman, Linda Herreman, Robert Hiller, Becky Huber, Larry James, Susan Juhala, Jean Keiser, Heather Kickery, Lori Kline, Robert Lee, Joann Leonard, Maximo Lopez, Arlene Mattis, Stanley McNabb, Vera Mettler, Marilyn Naylor, Kathryn Pomerenke, Josephine Reber, Pearl Risinger, Nicole Saylor, Margaret Schelske, Patricia Seegrist, Jessica Simon, Keo Smith, Susan Sprecher, Dean Steinberg, Joan Sutton, Helen Tellinghusen, Evelyn Thompson, Kelsey Timmer, Ashley Wasserburger, Janet Wasserburger, Carol Weiss, Lee Willier, Maria Wilson, Courtney Wirtz

What's Cookin'?

Easy Nutella Brownies!

Ingredients: 1 ¼ cup Nutella, 2 eggs, ½ cup all-purpose flour

1. Grease a 9 x 9 baking pan and preheat oven to 350F. Mix all ingredients into a large bowl with a large wooden spoon until batter is smooth. Pour into baking pan and smooth top with spatula.

2. Bake for about 15 minutes until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Careful not to bake too long otherwise brownies will dry out. Let brownies cool and set before cutting and serving.

Food for Thought…

“Don’t ever aim your doubt at yourself. Laugh at yourself, but don’t doubt yourself or your abilities” – Alan Alda
**Volunteer Opportunities**

With spring upon us and summer just around the corner, it might be time to start a new volunteer assignment! Take a look at the opportunities listed below. If you see something that sounds interesting, or if the opportunities below aren’t up your alley, give us a “buzz” at the office. Our number is 394-2507. You can also email me at ann.hines@rcgov.org, or better yet stop in to the office at 333 6th Street!

**United Blood Services:** The United Blood Services is looking for volunteers to call and ask donors to sign up to donate blood at local blood drives. You will also log on and schedule the appointments online. Training will be provided. Times and days are flexible, and they are willing to work with your schedule. This is a volunteer opportunity that you can even do from the comfort of your own home! Give the office a call for more details.

**Mailing Team:** We are looking to add volunteers to our mailing team! One place in particular that needs help is the Chamber of Commerce. They do their mailing, the Chamber Pak, on the 4th Monday of the month. If the fourth Monday of the month doesn’t work, we have other organizations that ask for assistance with their mailing needs. These days and times vary throughout the year, and happen a couple of times a month. Let us know if you would like to join the mailing team!

**Meals on Wheels:** Western South Dakota Senior Services is in need of volunteers that would like to deliver meals to homebound individuals. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, and your shift will begin at 11:00am. It takes roughly 1 ½ - 2 hours to complete your delivery route. Reimbursement for mileage is available but may be forfeited back to the program to assist other seniors with meals. This is an opportunity that is very rewarding, and you will definitely enjoy this amazing opportunity!

**Special Projects:** Every month we have a number of volunteer opportunities that we classify as ‘special projects’. These are one time volunteer opportunities that take place over the weekend or one day during the week. They are perfect for volunteers with a busy schedule, or who are unable to commit to an ongoing volunteer assignment. A couple of examples of special projects are, the SD Child Identification Program, helping get the ducks ready for the Children’s Miracle Network duck race, even bake sales. One special project coming up this summer is the Central States Fair. This is a fun volunteer activity, and you get to see the events for free while volunteering! In the past volunteers have helped take tickets at the grandstand gate or were ushers inside the grandstands. This opportunity is a great chance to meet new people and get out and enjoy the grandstand activities all while volunteering! We will start filling positions for the fair late July/early August. If you would like to get on our call list for the fair, or any special projects let us know and we will get you added to the list.

**SD Game, Fish and Parks Outdoor Campus-West:** With summer just around the corner what better way to get out and enjoy the weather than to volunteer at the Outdoor Campus – West? They provide a wide range of activities for children of all ages! They are looking for assistant instructors and program assistants to help with fishing lessons, hiking classes, archery, outdoor cooking, just to name a few. They also need help with landscaping and gardening! If you are looking for something to do indoors they are always looking for greeters to greet visitors as they arrive at the facility. They are open 7 days a week, and have evening hours as well. If you have a full schedule and having evenings or weekends available they would definitely love for you to be a volunteer.

**Timesheet Reminders:** I know I put this in our last newsletter but wanted to mention again a few items that can go on your volunteer timesheet. If you donate blood make sure to put it on your timesheet. Also if you give rides to the grocery store, doctor’s appointments, events or errands please put those hours on your timesheet. Please put how many people you gave rides to. If you have any questions on what you can put down as volunteer hours please do not hesitate to give me a call.

**If you have changed your phone number, moved to a new place or have a new email address please call the office and let us know. We want to make sure we have your information up to date!**

And, PLEASE turn your time sheet in by the 10th of the month. You can mail them, call in your hours, or email your time to me at ann.hines@rcgov.org. We really appreciate your effort to get the hours to us. Thank you!!
No matter where you are in life, 
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You’ll always find your way.

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