Dear Volunteers:

November, 2016

WOW! I spent most of October wondering where September went and now, here we are, Mid November. Unbelievable how fast time flies!!! Speaking of September, our Fall Festival was held the 13th of September at Canyon Lake Senior Center, and more than 200 volunteers were able to attend! Thanks to Catered Two Productions, KFC, and Janet Wasserberger for the wonderful meal, drinks and desert! It was just delicious! Thank you! On top of the wonderful food, the evening was further enhanced by Mark Kline and Troy Kilpatrick who did a fabulous job as Masters of Ceremonies. And the Coull Band!!! They were fantastic!! Awards were presented to Sue Ferguson, Marian Reed, Lila Doud and Clinton and Rose VanBlaricum who were selected throughout the year as Outstanding Volunteers of the Quarter. Then the big moment came when we revealed Natalie Termes as our Volunteer of the Year! Natalie has been a volunteer with RSVP+ for 30 years and has more than 11,000 volunteer hours invested in our community! WAY TO SHINE, Natalie!

We also recognized the time and efforts of all the 600+ volunteers that make up RSVP+ and contribute more than 12,000 hours each month to our community’s non-profit and service organizations. Your selfless acts of kindness make our communities a wonderful place to live.

Each year for Make a Difference Day, RSVP+ collects Sweats/sweaters and Socks for Veterans that are living in the homeless shelter. This year, we delivered 85 new socks and sweaters to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Thank you to everyone that helped by donating to this project. No doubt about it, YOU made a difference!

Thank you to all that participated in our annual Turkey Raffle by buying and selling tickets. The drawing has not yet been held as I write the newsletter, however, by the time you receive this, a complete list of winners will be available at the office.

As most of you know, it is time for our annual Gift Wrapping Fundraiser. This year we will again be wrapping at K-mart throughout the Christmas Season. In addition to wrapping gifts, we will also be selling Banana Bread and are in need of volunteers willing to donate loaves (preferably full size loaves). Our Holiday Bread sale has become as successful as our gift wrapping! We always sell every loaf that is donated and make almost as much on banana bread sales as we do wrapping. This is a very important fundraiser for us as 100% of the money raised helps RSVP+ sustain our mission throughout the year. Please, if you are willing to help us wrap gifts or bake banana bread, give us a call at 394-2507.

One of my favorite quotes is “To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world.” I know so many of you that regularly volunteer, never know the profound effect you may have on a person’s life. I also know that it isn’t often enough that people actually say “thank you” for your service. As we approach Thanksgiving, I wanted to let you know what an inspiration your service is to this community. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the example of kindness and commitment to service that is quietly displayed throughout the year. You all have such an amazing ability to meet the needs of others in so many unique and important ways. Our community is very lucky to have you as a volunteer. I hope you know that. Thank you all, for your service.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Kindest Regards, Angie Weeks, RSVP+ Director
Great Things RSVP+ Volunteers Can Do To Make a Difference During this Holiday Season!

By: Angie & Ann

There is an old saying, “The world is full of nice people. If you can’t find one, be one! It’s easy to get caught up in the holiday blues but studies have shown, time and time again, that doing nice things for others often lifts the mood of the giver as much as the recipient. Ann & I came up with some easy things everyone can do to make a difference AND make this a WONDERFUL Christmas Season!

* Tie a scarf around a statue downtown or a light post in a store parking lot.
* Bake a plate of cookies or goodies and drop off at local fire or police stations...don’t forget the mail man and Trash Collectors.
* Decorate zip lock snack bags and fill with peppermint candy and a chap stick and donate to a local nursing home, shelter or school.
* Let somebody cut in front of you at the Grocery Store. 😊
* Tape a Candy Cane to a Christmas card and randomly leave on someone’s windshield.
* Pre-pay for a meal at a fast food/restaurant with instructions it benefit a soldier or veteran.
* Make a deal with a friend, instead of exchanging gifts, you will both do something nice for a stranger.
* Deliver a cup of Coffee or Hot Chocolate to someone that may be working outside (meter maids, bell ringers, school crossing guard, etc.)
* Send/give Christmas Cards to friends and family just to “let you know how much I care about you.”
* Save pocket change through December and donate to favorite charity.
* When people are gossiping about someone, be the person to chime in and say something nice.

***Of course, you can always wrap gifts or bake banana bread for our fundraiser 😊 but also remember to turn in your timesheet to RSVP 😊

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Marilyn Multz has been chosen as our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Marilyn first joined RSVP in April 1999 and for more than 17 years has remained an active and faithful volunteer in our community. Over the years she has volunteered at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Youth and Family Services, Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, YMCA, Chamber of Commerce, Chiesman Center and the Rapid City Pennington County Emergency Management Office. In 2006 she accepted a volunteer assignment at the Rapid City Club for Boys and remains active there today.

During her tenure with RSVP+ Sue has contributed more than 10,500 lifetime hours of volunteer service to our community. We are proud to recognize MARILYN MULTZ as our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!
Happy Birthday to October, November & December folks!

**OCTOBER:** Larry Abel, Susan Abel, Mary Afemui, Kay Anderson, Linda Bak, Bonnie Beer, Lorann Berg, Edna Bingham, Nancy Bolyard, Carolee Buchanan, Ken Burnham, Maria Carroll, Doris Castle, Karen Collins, Paula Coupe, Jon Dahlke, Dee Erickson, Sue Ferguson, Rebecca Fisher, Jim Galbraith, Michael Goggin, Wilma Goldammer, Robert Hayes, Kip Hoback, Laura Huber, Candace Hughes, Betty Jansen, Mary Beth Johnson, Vern Johnson, Mary Keck, Mildred Kirschenmann, Dennis Luce, George MacDonald, Mary Lou Maguire, Karen McCleery, Beatrice McCoy, Casey McNulty, Bernice Miller, Karen Morgan, James Morris, Morgan Mueller, Tommy Nickel, Clarice Oswald, Harold Parquet, Agnes Patterson, Anthony Patterson, Lache Price, Beverly Prue, Millie Roland, Margaret Rossknecht, Zach Routt, Alexandra Sabol, Mildred Sanders, Ruth Scanlon, Barbara Sealy, Marjoline Self, Bonnie Strobol, Marcella Sunding, Carol Swenson, Natalie Termes, Cheyenne Trautman, LaVonne Waldner, Jaden Raup, Rebecca Wright

**NOVEMBER:** Dolores Ackerman, Anna Ahlstrom, Rachel Barari, Shelly Birrenkott, Judy Charbonneau, Linda Cobb, Collin DeBow, Robert Fodness, Golda Galyen, Vivian Gilles, Roberta Hageman, Jean Hall, Lois Halley, Wayne Herreman, Darlene Hill, Danielle Hintz, Evalyn Houk, Brenda Hulstom, Jean Ireland, Keith Johnson, Tom Johnson, Stella Kabris, Addie Kalmback, Phyllis Kertzman, Mark Kline, Zee Kruger, Norene Lantz, Jill Leberknight, Roger Lewis, Debbie Maher, Mac McCracken, Patricia McGarrigle, Judith Mehlhaff, Linda Miller, Bev Paschke, Mary Pettingell, Louis Rohde, Ron Roland, Karen Root, Craig Schaffer, Carol Seitz, Lila Sharp, Ordean Stevenson, Dorothy Thompson, Reta Thovson, William Trumble, Doris Ann Werlinger, Cheryl Williams, Joyce Williamson, Edward Ziegler, Sena Zoller


Those we love don’t go away, They walk beside us every day…
Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

**In Loving memory of:**
Leslie Bierley, Ida Brown, Mary Dafoe, Bea Dodson, Ella Dvoracek, Lola Francis, Walter Gardner, Edith Hansen, Helen Houska, Gene Johnson, Joseph Roybal
**What's Cookin'?**

**Delicious and Easy Pumpkin Cake**

*1 Spice Cake Mix  *1 - 15oz. can of pumpkin

Mix the two ingredients completely (don’t add anything else!) Spread evenly in 9x13 inch, greased pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350F or until done testing with a tooth pick. Store in refrigerator, top with cool whip, ice cream, glaze or favorite frosting.

**Food for thought…**

“What if, today, we were grateful for everything?” - Charlie Brown

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**Welcome New Volunteers**

John Buck, Karen Collins, Jessica Davis+, Collin DeBow+, Zachary Dempsey+, Demetrius Duncan, Rebecca Fisher, Terresah Hall+, Dan Herman, Dave Martinson, Catherine Mason+, Jimmy Nesbitt+, Tiffany Tan+, Sharon Vitter, Tanya Waskul+, Larry Welke, Rebecca Wright

(+ indicates Community + Volunteers)

“Great people do things before they’re ready.” ~ Amy Poehler

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**A Global Day of Giving**

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

Black Hills RSVP+ desperately needs your support. In the last 12 months, 682 volunteers volunteered 151,728 hours through our program. That equals 12,644 hours EACH MONTH to Rapid City’s and surrounding community’s non-profits, schools, hospitals, veteran centers and various service organizations. You can make a difference by helping us make a difference!

Donations can be made by mailing in the form below, or electronically at this link: http://friendsofrsvpinrapidcitysd.mydagsite.com/

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**DONATIONS**

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

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Thank You for Making a Difference by Helping us to Make a Difference!
With the beautiful weather we have been having it is hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner. Please take a look at some of the holiday and ongoing volunteer opportunities listed below, and let us know if you would like to help out! If you have any questions on volunteer opportunities please do not hesitate to give me a call at 394-2507, or email me at ann.hines@rcgov.org. Better yet stop by the office at 333 6th Street!

Retired Senior Volunteer Program+: It is already that time of year for our annual gift wrapping fundraiser!!! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we need your help! I am looking for volunteers to help wrap gifts at Kmart starting the beginning of December going through Christmas Eve. If you aren’t the best gift wrapper, you can still help out by selling banana bread and being the cashier. If you have a friend or family member you would like to bring with, let us know and we can get them signed up and on the schedule with you! Day and evening shifts are available. Please call the office and schedule a shift to wrap gifts and sell banana bread. Our office number is 394-2507, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Bakers: We not only wrap gifts at Kmart, we also sell banana bread! We are looking for bakers to make a couple of loaves of banana bread to sell at the Gift Wrap at Kmart. With a lot of people being allergic to nuts, we ask that you do not put nuts in your banana bread. Save yourself the added expense and keep it simple. So warm up your oven and get the smell of banana bread in the air! If you are running out of freezer space at home, you can drop your banana bread off at the office and we can store it here.

Front Desk: Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that takes place on the weekends? If so, we have a volunteer station that is looking for help being a greeter at their front desk. Tasks would include greeting guests and residents, directing visitors to their desired location, and answering interoffice phone calls. Help is needed Saturday and Sundays from 11:00am – 3:00pm. If you would like to help a day or two a month or more, please let us know. Oh and did I mention volunteers are welcome to enjoy lunch in the dining room during your volunteer shift.

Mobile Food Pantry: Volunteers are needed to help with the Mobile Food Pantry! Volunteers are needed to help distribute food to about 350 families. You will help bag and distribute food, and also might help haul bags to cars. This is a once a month volunteer opportunity, that takes place the last Friday of each month, with a couple of exceptions. Volunteers are needed from 1:30 – 3:00pm, and the event takes place outside rain or shine. Let us know if you would like to help, and we will go over location and dates of the event.

Clothing Closet Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to assist clothing closet referrals with selecting clothing per approved family member from inventory on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 4:00pm. Duties include welcome and greet guests, assist in selecting clothing from inventory, and help keep the closet visually pleasing. Let us know if you would like to learn more about this great opportunity.

Entertainment: Can you play a musical instrument? Sing some sweet tunes? Or do have a group of friends that you play in a band with? If so, we have plenty of places for you to let your talent shine! Local nursing homes and senior living centers are always looking for volunteers to come in and entertain their residents. Let us know if you have a fun talent you would like to share.

Literacy Room Helper/Tutor: One of the elementary schools is looking for help in their Literacy Room. They need help sorting and putting away guided reading books into their correct bins. You will be working in a quiet environment and not with children. They are looking for help once a week for 1-2 hours, and the days and times are flexible. This is a great opportunity if you would like to volunteer in the schools, but not work directly with students. IF you want to work with students we are still in need of tutors! Mornings and afternoons are available.

Whether you are looking for an ongoing project or a special project that only requires a one-day commitment, we have many volunteer opportunities available. If you haven’t found your niche, let us help you – just give us a call.

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 one is useless in this world who Lightens the burdens of another.”
-Charles Dickens

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