

# Central South Dakota Retired Senior Volunteer Program

*is committed to improving lives, strengthening communities and fostering civic engagement through service and volunteering.*

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## **Pierre Indian Learning Center Reading Buddies,**

*I just wanted to take a moment and thank you all, Barb, Bonnie, Bruce, Carol, Connie, Dale, Deon, Ed, Florence, Frank, Gary, Geraldine, Janet, Jim, LeRoy, Linda(s), Norm, Peggy and Teri, for all that you do! I have never seen my students so LOVED and cared for like I have this year. They genuinely look forward to reading buddies every week. I just feel you all need to know just how much of an impact you all have had already this year. These students don't always get that much*

*love and attention when they are home, but they know they are going to get it*

*(and then some!) on Thursdays and it just makes me so happy for them. You all have gone*

*above and beyond and we are all (myself included) so lucky to have you take time out of your busy schedules to come hang out with us on Thursdays! Words can not express just how thankful I am, and I know my students are. Thank you for showing up and loving my students! It means the world to me!*

*Ms Wellman, PILC 1st Grade Teacher*

Volunteers and students read together weekly for 30 minutes at 5 area schools. To read with 1st graders at Buchanan, Blunt, PILC or Kennedy, call Teri 224-3337. Call Patti 223-7741 to read with 3rd graders at Stanley Co.

Buchanan and ABO—no school on Monday, April 2 and Stanley Co—no school on Wednesday, April 25, testing

### **Reading Buddies**

School	Day	Time	Ends
Buchanan	M	12:45	May 7
Kennedy	T	1:45 pm	May 15
Stanley	W	11:45	May 9
PILC	Th	10:00	May 10
ABO	Apr 2	2:30 pm	May 7

This year's reading buddies program ends in May. Please know how much your participation means to our students. Remember, we want all children to be treated equally at RB so we ask our volunteers to please not bring any gifts or treats for their RB. It is understandable to want to give your RB a gift, so in order to treat all students equally, RSVP provides books twice a year. The books will be available on the last day of RB for our volunteers to give to their buddies.

### **Volunteer for Special Projects**

AARP	Lindsey	362-3044
Blunt Area Senior Center	Karen	280-7205
Capital Area United Way	Christina	224-9229
Chamber Commerce	Mallory	224-7361
Pierre Retired School Personnel	Jean	224-4930
Pierre School District	Jeri	773-7300
Rural Health Care, Inc.	Diana	223-2200
SD Discovery Center	Kristie	224-8295

### **Retirement Centers—Make someone's day!**

Visit, have coffee, play board games, checkers, cards, puzzles, take walks, read to those who have lost their sight, provide companionship and entertainment.

*Avera Parkwood..... Lance 224-3183*  
*Avera Mary House.....Jaccinda 280-1049*  
*Kelly's Retirement Home.. Karmyn 224-5261*  
*Lincoln Apartments ..... Gary 224-7330*  
*Pierre Care/Rehabilitation.....Faith 224-8628*  
*Pierre Senior Center.....Jeannie 224-7730*

### **April Birthday Wishes**

Rose Andersen	Deb Fahey	Clara Shelbourn
Shari Anderson	Donna Gutenkauf	Len Sheppard
Carlene Barber	Darlene Hallem	Don Shields
Gary Cutler	Laurie Kelley	Verna Spoonemore
Ruth Downs	Irma LeFaive	Penn Williams
Jean Easland	Doreen Miller	Jerre Willis

### ***You are Invited to Our Annual RSVP Luncheon To Celebrate 23 Years of Volunteer Service***

***Friday, April 27, 11:30 am, Ramkota***  
***RSVP, call 224-3337 by April 10***  
***or email teri.royer@avera.org***

**Stuffed pork chop, sage dressing, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, water, and tea.**

**Special diet needs will be accommodated with advance notice.**



If you enjoy being outside, Avera St. Mary's Hospital Foundation seeks a volunteer or two for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm to monitor a 50/50 contest/tickets on a golf hole. They are \$1 each. Bag chair provided. Proceeds benefit Helmsley Center Challenge. Call Kellie, 224-3502.



The **Helmsley Center** opens this fall, providing new volunteer opportunities. The information desk, located next to the fireplace, is a perfect place for volunteers to offer a warm welcome and provide information to those who enter. Training is provided. Call Teri 224-3337.

- \* Hospital Greeter, greet all visitors and provide information, training provided. Call Arlene, 224-3233.
- \* Surgery waiting room, 7 am to noon, weekdays, provide information, greet patients, family. Call Karna, 224-3251.
- \* **Auxiliary**, \$3 annual membership, \$2 monthly luncheon, 1 pm, Hospital Cafeteria, Sep-May. Call Marjorie, 280-2990 about the Auxiliary and to volunteer to knit baby caps, (provided to all newborns), or call Myrna, 224-7039 to assist at the Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop.
- \* Please consider donating yarn you no longer use for baby caps. Bring it to the RSVP office. Thank you!

Assist one hour per day on weekdays delivering meals, at the **Community Youth Involved Center**. Call Pat, 223-2701.

**Countryside Hospice Thrift Store** is seeking cashiers and volunteers to test and clean small appliances and take home projects. **Countryside Hospice Support and Memory Center**, help with the monthly newsletter labeling and special projects. Call Marie or Rose, 945-0150.



**Feeding SD**, needs 20-30 volunteers the first Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 pm to pack senior boxes, and to sort donated food. Call Russ, 494-3663 or visit <http://feedingsouthdakota.org>.

**Kids Venture Day**, YMCA, April 21, 10 am to 2 pm, assist with Child ID, call Dawn, 224-3189.

Call Jenna, 224-4617 if you are interested in learning area tourism information and sharing it with visitors at the **Oahe Dam Visitor Center**.

**Oahe Child Development Center** needs volunteers to come in to read, interact and have lunch with the children in 7 classrooms. Free lunch is provided. Call Jodi, 224-6603.

Receive endless benefits at **Oahe Inc.** assisting residents with laundry, meal preparation. Call 224-4501.

If you can use a tape to measure lumber, cut a straight line, hammer a nail, or paint walls, then your skills are needed. at **Oahe Habitat for Humanity**. Call Don, 224-1366.

Visit [www.pierreareareferral.org](http://www.pierreareareferral.org) and register for volunteer opportunities at **PARS**; Food Pantry, holiday meals, Back Pack Program. Call Brenda, 224-8731.

BINGO is available on Thursdays at the **Pierre Area Senior Center**. If you are interested in calling bingo, call Jeannie, 224-7730.

**River Cities Public Transit** needs volunteers who can be an escort for a person with a disability or an elderly person or someone who is unsteady or has issues with balance or their gait. Provide assistance carrying groceries, going to a medical appointment. An escort will ride the bus for FREE and assist the individual as needed. Schedules can be done in advance so volunteer escorts can plan around the need for service. Call Chuck, 945-2360.

**SHINE** provides free, confidential, unbiased counseling to SD Medicare beneficiaries. Call Roger, 877-331-4834.

Be a tour guide, archives assistant, gift shop attendant, or desk attendant at the **SD Cultural Heritage Center**, or gift shop attendant at the **State Capitol**. Call Dorinda, 773-6006.

Volunteer as a tour guide at the **SD State Capitol**. Duties include providing guided tours, restocking the brochure racks, and providing general info. Call Tammi, 773-3688.

Volunteer for the Braille and Talking Book Library Program at the **SD State Library**, for an interesting, rewarding experience that produces materials that benefit South Dakotans who are unable to read standard print. Call Josh, 773-5082.

Volunteer to help **SD State Parks** with special events in the park and assist in the office. Call Emilie, 773-7048.

Wash dishes, serve drinks, assist guests, host servers at the banquet, **South East Community Center**. Call Barb, 224-7244.

**SD Women's Prison Parent And Children Together**, program meets monthly, book club, W-2 program, friendly visits. Call Warden Brent, 773-5368.

Call Bev, 258-2348 to assist with providing meals in Onida at the **Sully Co. Nutrition Center**.

Be vigilant for safety violations on the City of Pierre trails doing **trail patrol**. Provide assistance. Observe, record and report any bike trail hazards, violations of law, city ordinance or unsafe conditions. Visit with pet owners when they violate animal ordinances. Call Tom 773-2527.

