

Central South Dakota Retired Senior Volunteer Program

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

RSVP Advisory Council—September 2018

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Your volunteer hours are important to RSVP as they demonstrate the number of hours volunteers are contributing to our community. Please submit your hours monthly. Bring your timesheet to the RSVP office located in the main hospital, 1st floor, next to the Gift Shop, or mail it to 801 E Dakota, or submit your hours online at www.rsvpsd.org.

School	Day	Time	Begins	#
Buchanan	Mo	12:45	Sep 17	21
Kennedy	Tue	1:45 pm	Sep 18	23
Stanley Co	We	12:15	Oct 3	32
PILC	Thrs	10:00	Sep 20	16
ABO	Mo	2:30 pm	Oct 1	9



Pat Bernstein	Beverly Huckins
Bobbi Fowler	Gail Lyngstad
Gloria Hanson	Doris Ping
Pamela Hericks	Barbara Poches
Barbara Hight	Mary Rezac
Priscilla Hofer	

Avera Parkwood.....	Lance	224-3183
Avera Mary House...	Jaccinda	280-1049
Golden Living Center	Faith	224-8628
Kelly's	Karmyn	224-5261
Lincoln Apartments	Gary	224-7330
Pierre Senior Center...	Jeannie	224-7730

Reading Buddies, our signature program, began in 1995. Elementary teachers partner with RSVP to offer this volunteer opportunity. Volunteers and students read together weekly for 30 minutes. Students choose their favorite books to share with their reading buddy and are so excited when they see their reading buddy enter the room. If you haven't tried it, do so this year. And ask a friend to sign up with you today! We need 101 volunteers this year.

- ◆ We understand there may be times when you can not participate. Ask your reading buddy which friend they would like to read with when you can't be there. Visit with the volunteer who reads with their friend so they know who to read with when you can't be there. Or, ask a friend to read with your buddy when you can't.
- ◆ RSVP provides a book for all volunteers to give to their buddy twice a year. We want all children to be treated equally so ask our volunteers to respect this by not bringing gifts or treats for your buddy. If you'd like to bring a treat for the class, check with the teacher.
- ◆ Confidentiality is a core value of Reading Buddies. If the child mentions an issue that concerns you, please share it with the teacher at a private moment.
- ◆ Reading Buddies is not held on school holidays or during inclement weather. If cancelled, an email or phone call will be made to all volunteers asap.



Email teri.royer@avera.org or call 224-3337 to read with 1st graders at Buchanan, Kennedy, PILC and Blunt.

Call Patti at 223-7741 Ext 201, or patti.duffy@k12.sd.us to read with 3rd graders at Stanley Co.

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, entertainment at these locations. Call the person noted to begin today.

The Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce is helping coordinate volunteers to assist with a variety of **Inaugural events** that will be held in conjunction with the Inauguration of the new Governor of South Dakota and elected officials. The volunteers will be needed from early December to mid-January. If you have an interest in volunteering with these festivities please contact Jamie, CEO of the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce by email at jseiner@pierre.org or by phone at 224-7361.

Avera St. Mary's is expanding our volunteer program with the opening of the **Helmsley Center** and expansion of the Avera Cancer Institute to include radiation oncology. This is an exciting time for our community to have the services right here without the need to travel out of our area for radiation treatment. The areas we plan to initially start with volunteers include:

- ◆ Greeting at the main entrance of the Helmsley Center
- ◆ Driving patients to/from appointment in River Cities Public Transit Minivan
- ◆ Helping people find their way to their destination
- ◆ One to One visits with patients receiving chemotherapy
- ◆ Sharing musical gifts with patients or in the main lobby
- ◆ Making quilts or blankets for patients undergoing cancer treatment
- ◆ Call Karen, 224-3303 if interested.



- * 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 1 hour per day, 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 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>.

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 Colleen, 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, your skills are needed at **Oahe Habitat for Humanity**. Call Don, 224-1366.

Visit www.pierreareareferral.org and register for volunteer opportunities at **PARS**; Food Pantry, holiday meals, Back Pack Program. Call 224-8731.

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
SD Discovery Center	Kristie	224-8295

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 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 rides the bus for FREE and assists the individual as needed. Schedules can be done in advance so volunteer escorts can plan. Call Chuck, 945-2360.

SHIINE 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** by 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 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**. 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.

