

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—December 2018

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The enclosed Christmas card was hand made by our Winner Coordinator Liz Farley also known as our "cardiologist". She designs and makes all of the birthday cards for our 300 volunteers. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Liz for all of her work. It is customary to not sign the Christmas cards so you may pass it on.

Happy Holidays!

Reading Buddies

Volunteers and students read together weekly for 30 minutes. Students choose their favorite books to share with their buddy. RB is not held on school holidays or during inclement weather. Call 224-3337.



PILC reading buddies provided cupcakes, frosting, and candies for students to decorate and eat after RB. Kudos to all the PILC reading buddies as nearly every week treats are provided for all the students to enjoy!

ABO Blunt invites their reading buddies to their classroom on Dec 10, 2:30 pm for a tea party and Christmas concert. **Buchanan** buddies will perform a readers theater, Dec 17, "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" in their classroom for their buddies. **Kennedy** is planning board games for reading buddies on Dec 18. **Stanley County** invites all buddies to a sing a long on Dec 19.

RSVP purchases books per a ZONTA grant, for each volunteer to give to their buddy right before Christmas break when the fall session ends as noted below. **Come early so you can jot a note in the book for your reading buddy to keep, to remember you by.**

School	Day	Time	Ends	Begins
Buchanan	Mon	12:45 pm	Dec 17	Jan 7
Kennedy	Tues	1:45 pm	Dec 18	Jan 8
Stanley Co	Wed	12:30 pm	Dec 19	Jan 9
PILC	Thurs	10:00 am	Nov 29	Jan 10
ABO	Dec 10	2:30 pm	Dec 10	Jan 3



Barbara Sogaard	Kathy Harford
Bessie Husband	Loni Norman
Beverly Badger	Mary Baldrige
Bonnie Reed	Peggy Cruse
Carol Hepler	Sue Kuhl
Doris Powell	Twila Merkwan
Dorothy Collett	Veneta Roach

Head Start Reading Buddies
 Consider reading to preschoolers. Head Start has 7 classes with 17-18 students per class. Volunteers read with students weekly, for 30 minutes on Wednesdays, at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm. Call Pat 224-6603.

The Pierre Area Chamber 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 are needed from early Dec to mid-Jan. Call Jamie, CEO of the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce at 224-7361, jseiner@pierre.org.

Find the volunteer opportunity that's perfect for you by calling 224-3364 and visit with Michelle, **Avera St. Mary's Hospital** volunteer coordinator. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Helmsley Center, the surgery center, and the main desk, and if you quilt, consider making lap quilts for patients.

Visit, enjoy coffee, play board games, cards, puzzles, take walks, read to those who have lost their sight, provide entertainment, at these **retirement centers**.

- 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

Christmas at the Capitol Greeter

Provide general information about the Capitol Christmas tree display, ends Dec 25, 10 pm, and have guests sign the guest book. Shifts vary from 2 to 4 hours. Call Tammi, 773-3688 or Tammi.Florentz@state.sd.us





Avera St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, \$3 annual membership, \$2 monthly luncheon, 1 pm, Hospital Cafeteria, Sep-May. Call Cookie, 224-3460 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. Call Colleen, 224-6603.

Receive endless benefits at **Oahe Inc.** assisting at the Community Connection Center, 125 W Pleasant. Call Justin 224-4501 for a variety of volunteer opportunities.

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.

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.

Volunteer for Special Projects		
AARP	Lindsey	362-3044
Blunt Area Senior Center	Karen	280-7205
Capital Area United Way	Ashlee	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

