

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—October 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. Volunteers choose how, where and how often they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week. Volunteers improve their own lives by staying active and civically engaged while serving. 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.

Please join Avera St. Mary's Hospital in welcoming their new volunteer coordinator, **Michelle Maupin Barrett**.



The November newsletter will have more information on Avera St. Mary's volunteer opportunities that will continue to be coordinated with Teri Royer, RSVP Project Director. Beginning October 1, Michelle can be reached at 224-3364.

Reading Buddies are still needed at Kennedy Elementary and Stanley County schools. Please take a moment and consider participating in our signature program, which 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. We need 102 volunteers. 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, 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.

Head Start Reading Buddies

Have you considered reading to preschoolers? Oahe Child Development Center requested a reading buddy program for their 3-4 year olds.

Head Start has 7 classes with 17-18 students per class. Volunteers will read with students weekly, for 30 minutes on Wednesdays, at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm, beginning Oct 19. Initially they are looking for one volunteer per class and ultimately one volunteer per preschooler. Call Pat 224-6603 or pat.hoffman@oahechild.com.

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 jseiner@pierre.org or by phone at 224-7361.



- Sheryl Blake
- Diane Bown
- Kris Bradley
- Florence Christian
- Harry Harryman
- Willa Hieb
- Diana Hunsley
- Kathy Kinsella
- Eileen Kramer
- Ann Rath
- Geraldine Ray
- Wahneta Schweigert
- Joan Sterling
- Connie Studer
- Roberta Williams
- Beverly Zebroski

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





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 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.

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

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

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 ap-

pointment. 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.

