

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, 2019

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RSVP is one of the largest volunteer efforts in the nation, under the Corporation for National and Community Service. RSVP is a coordinating agency encouraging the support of other non-profit agencies. RSVP of Pierre, Ft. Pierre, Winner and the surrounding areas, was started in 1995. RSVP is an organization of retired and semi-retired men and women aged 55 and over who have chosen to include volunteerism as a part of their daily routine. RSVP seeks to offer continued volunteer opportunities for growth, education, socialization, community improvement, and support. Volunteers are encouraged to share the program with other eligible persons and invite friends to join RSVP. Community needs are linked to volunteer's skills.

Many of the services volunteers provide are at non-profit agencies, schools and programs that can extend, enrich, and supplement basic services. RSVP volunteer work stations accept the responsibility for assignment and supervision of the RSVP volunteers. The work stations provide orientation, supervision and support to all volunteers, and a safe work environment. Many of these organizations would not be able to exist without volunteers. Work stations cannot be sectarian or political in nature, and the only acceptable profit making organizations are licensed, proprietary health care facilities. By working together, we can improve the quality of life for all ages.

Volunteers are making a difference in our communities. Volunteers receive a monthly newsletter, via mail or email. Volunteers are asked to record their volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer hours are either entered on a paper time sheet that is returned to the RSVP office, located in the main hospital or volunteers may also record their volunteer hours online at www.rsvpsd.org. During the past 12 months, 43,543 hours were reported by nearly 300 volunteers.

Volunteers may choose volunteer opportunities at many locations, listed on the back, with many options.

Volunteers choose how, where and how often they want to serve.



School	Day	Time	# Students	Begins	Teacher	Address
Buchanan	Mon	12:45 pm	24	Sep 16	Bogenhagen	100 N Buchanan, Pierre
Kennedy	Tues	1:45 pm	20	Sep 17	Englund	2306 Brookstone, Pierre
Stanley Co	Thurs	12:45 pm	27	Oct 3	Steffan/Holm	3 E 2nd Ave, Ft. Pierre
PILC	Thurs	10:00 am	15-20	Sep 19	Wellman	3001 E Sully, Pierre
ABO	Sep 9	2:30 pm	17-18	Sep 9	Heilman	202 W Butte, Blunt

Reading Buddies, our signature program, began in 1995. Elementary teachers partner with RSVP. Volunteers and students read together weekly (monthly at ABO) for 30 minutes. Students choose their favorite books to share with their reading buddy. We need 100+ volunteers so we may pair our reading buddies one on one. On the first day, volunteers are paired up with students. Our preference is to have enough volunteers so each student has a reading buddy. If we do not have enough, some volunteers will be asked to take two students. At Buchanan, Kennedy, Stanley Co. please sign in at the main office and gather outside the office. At PILC, park by the gymnasium on the east side, enter the gym, students will meet us in the gym. ABO, go to Mrs. Heilman's classroom. Email teri.royer@avera.org or call 224-3337.




Birthday Wishes!

- Pat Bernstein
- Bobbi Fowler
- Pamela Hericks
- Barbara Hight
- Priscilla Hofer
- Gail Lyngstad
- Doris Ping
- Darleen Reiser
- Mary Rezac
- Esther Schlueter
- Susan Sheppick
- Karen Sindelar
- Bob Ten Eyck

Volunteer opportunities are available at these organizations.

Call the person listed for information. Volunteer where, when and however often you choose.

AARP	Lindsey	362-3044	Volunteer for special projects
	Michelle	224-3364	Looking for volunteers to provide support throughout the St. Mary's and the Helmsley Center, staffing the greeter's desks, answering phones, comforting family members, delivering flowers, driving cancer patients, escorting patients and more.
Avera's Child Assessment Center	Angela	224-3339	Provide support to children/families as they wait in the center
Countryside Hospice Support and Memory Center Countryside Hospice Thrift Store	Jane and Chelsea	945-0150	Help with the monthly newsletter labeling and projects or Thrift Store—volunteer as a cashier, test and clean small appliances, take home projects available; check puzzles, etc.
Feeding SD	Russ	494-3663	Pack senior boxes the first Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 pm
Meals on Wheels	Pat	223-2701	Deliver meals through the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program
Oahe Dam Visitor Center	Jenna	224-4617	Learn, share area tourism information with visitors
Oahe Child Development	Colleen	224-6603	Read, eat lunch and interact with children
Oahe Inc.	Justin	224-4501	Assist at the Community Connection Center, 125 W Pleasant
Oahe Habitat for Humanity	Don	224-1366	Measure lumber, hammer a nail, paint walls
Pierre Area Referral Service	Corwin	224-8731	PARS—Back pack program, food pantry, pack holiday meals
Pierre Area Senior Center	Jeannie	224-7730	Call BINGO on Thursdays
Reading Buddies	Teri	224-3337	Read with students at five area elementary schools; ABO Blunt, Buchanan, Kennedy, PILC, and Stanley County
River Cities Public Transit	Chuck	945-2360	Assist those using transit, escort rides bus for free
SHIINE	Nicole	494-0219	Provide free, confidential unbiased counseling to SD Medicare beneficiaries
SD Cultural Heritage Center State Capitol	Dorinda	773-6006	Heritage Center—be a tour guide, archives assistant, gift shop attendant, or desk attendant; Capitol—gift shop attendant
SD State Capitol	Rick	773-3688	Provide tours, general information, restock brochure racks
Braille and Talking Book Library Program at the SD State Library	Josh	773-5082	A rewarding experience that produces materials that benefit South Dakotans who are unable to read standard print
Southeast Community Center	Barb	224-7244	Wash dishes, serve drinks, assist guests at the banquet
SD Women's Prison	Wanda	773-5368	Parent And Children Together program meets monthly, book club, W-2 program, friendly visits
Sully Co Nutrition Center	Bev	258-2348	Assist with providing meals in Onida
City of Pierre Trail Patrol	Tom	773-2527	Observe, record and report bike trail hazards, violations of law, city ordinance or unsafe conditions

Volunteer for special projects—just call

Blunt Area Senior Center	Karen	280-7205
Capital Area United Way	Ashlee	224-9229
Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center	Kalyn	494-1094
Chamber of Commerce	Mallory	224-7361
Pierre Retired School Personnel	Jean	224-4930
Pierre School District	Jeri	773-7300
SD Discovery Center	Kristie	224-8295
SD State Parks	Emilie	773-7048

Avera Parkwood	Lance	224-3183
Avera Maryhouse	Michelle	224-3364
Golden Living Center	Faith	224-8628
Kelly's	Karmyn	224-5261
Lincoln Apartments	Gary	224-7330

Visit these retirement centers!

Enjoy coffee, cookies, conversation, play board games, cards, puzzles, take walks, read to those who have lost their sight, and make someone's day!