

Central South Dakota **R**etired **S**enior **V**olunteer **P**rogram

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

RSVP Advisory Council, December, 2019

Mary Baldrige, Janice Deal, Mary Giddings, Carmen Heyd, Loni Norman, Sharon Roseland
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Reading Buddies				Christmas Break		Reading Buddies — volunteers and students read together weekly (monthly at Blunt, semi-monthly at Onida), for 30 minutes. Students choose their favorite books to share with their reading buddy. RSVP purchases books for all students twice a year. The teachers select books recommended by Prairie Pages for their students. The books will be given by the volunteer to the students before their Christmas break begins. RB is not held on school holidays or during inclement weather. When weather is questionable, please travel only if you feel you can do so safely. Call Teri at 224-3337 or email teri.royer@avera.org to participate.
School	Day	Time	#	Ends	Begins	
Buchanan	Monday	12:45 pm	25	Dec 16	Jan 6	
Kennedy	Tuesday	1:45 pm	28	Dec 17	Jan 7	
Stanley Co	Thursday	12:45 pm	30	Dec 19	Jan 9	
PILC	Thursday	10:00 am	12	Dec 5	Jan 9	
Blunt	Dec 2	2:30 pm	18	Dec 2	Jan 6	
Onida	Dec 2, 16	2:30 pm	11	Dec 16	Jan 6	

If you'd like to share information about your volunteer experience to be included in our newsletter, email teri.royer@avera.org, call 224-3337 or stop by the RSVP office, located in the main hospital.

The average age of our volunteers is 75 with volunteers from 56 to 96 years of age. We currently have 291 volunteers reporting hours, and have 44,475 hours reported during the past 12 months.

Five volunteers have volunteered 24 plus years — Wahnetta, Mary, Beverly J, Bob, and Esther, and three volunteers are at 23 plus years — Nancy B, Beverly B and Nancy M, and three volunteers are at 19 plus years — Andy, Jan, and Shirley. Sincere appreciation to all of you for all you do!!!

Carmen volunteers as a reading buddy at Buchanan. She shared her story about her first reading buddy, whom she met 14 years ago. She followed him as he grew and when he graduated from high school, she sent him a card and gift. She did not know if he would remember her, so noted in the card their reading buddy experience. He did remember her and sent her a thank you card. (*Carmen has volunteered at 25 different work stations since 2005.*)

#	Age
7	90+
77	80+
127	70+
71	60+
8	55+



Please know that every time you volunteer, you are making a difference in our communities. Please record your volunteer hours monthly. You may choose to have the monthly newsletter mailed to you with a paper time sheet that you may return to the RSVP office, located in the main hospital. If you have an email, our monthly newsletter will be emailed to you and a note on how to record your hours is included in the email. All volunteers may call in their hours to 224-3337 or email them to teri.royer@avera.org and they will be recorded for you.

To record your hours online, go to www.rsvpsd.org, select "post hours", enter username (first and last name, no spaces), enter password (the word password), select OK, select the worksite, enter your hours, select OK.

Beverly Badger	Derek Jones
Mary Baldrige	Sue Kuhl
Dorothy Collett	Loni Norman
Peggy Cruse	Doris Powell
Kathy Englund	Bonnie Reed
Judy Flagstad	Veneta Roach
Kathy Harford	Barbara Sogaard

Christmas at the Capitol 2019 continues through Dec 26th. The theme this year is "Hometown Christmas".

To greet at the Capitol, call Rick 773-3688 or email rick.augusztin@state.sd.

Scheduled shifts are as follows:
8-10:30 am, 10:30 am-1:30 pm,
1:30-4:30 pm, 4:30-7:30 pm,

The enclosed card was designed and created by our own "card-iologist", Liz Farley. Thank you Liz for making our holiday and birthday cards. It is not signed so you may pass it on to a friend. Happy Holidays!



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Call the person listed to make arrangements to volunteer.**



	Michelle	224-3364	Volunteer at Avera St. Mary's and the Helmsley Center, staffing the greeter's desks, answering phones, comforting family members, driving cancer patients, escorting patients, delivering magazines and flowers, making baby caps, quilts, and much more.
Avera's Child Assessment Center	Angela	224-3339	Provide support to children/families as they wait in the center
City of Pierre Trail Patrol	Tom	773-2527	Observe, record and report bike trail hazards, violations of law, city ordinance or unsafe conditions
Community Youth Involved Center Meals on Wheels	Pat	223-2701	Deliver meals through the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program
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	Andrew	494-3663	Pack senior boxes the first Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 pm
Oahe Child Development Center	Colleen	224-6603	Read, eat lunch and interact with children
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
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
SD State Library Braille and Talking Book Library	Josh	773-5082	A rewarding experience that produces materials that benefit South Dakotans who are unable to read standard print
SD Women's Prison	Renae	773-5368	PACT — P arent A nd C hildren T ogether program meets monthly, book club, W-2 program, friendly visits
Sully Co Nutrition Center	Bev	258-2348	Assist with providing meals in Onida

Volunteer for special projects—just call		
AARP	Lindsey	362-3044
Capital Area United Way	Ashlee	224-9229
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

Visit residents at these retirement centers! Enjoy conversation, activities, and make someone's day!

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

