

Make A Difference



AmeriCorps Seniors

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Tax Program

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Statistics:

New Volunteers: 1
Total Volunteers: 186
Total Stations: 46
Volunteer Hours: 3,969.75
Value of Hours: \$113,297
(According to federal guidelines, the value of a volunteer's time \$28.54)

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a federal program charged with leading efforts to expand the use of service and volunteering as key solutions that respond to our nation's most pressing challenges. Our mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement, through service and volunteering. RSVP is sponsored locally by Etowah County Commission and federally by the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS)

Director's Corner

Did you know that the term "Spring Fever" can mean a feeling of renewal, invigoration and restlessness OR a feeling of laziness or listlessness, all because of warmer weather? It may affect us differently each year.

Sometimes it's hard to be energized & full of life, and there are times when we all don't feel quite up to par. There may be something going on in your life, with your family or with your health that keeps you from being joyful. Know that this is only a season, and things do get better.

But hopefully this spring season will be free from worries, and allow all of us to see the best in our circumstances, our surroundings and all of the people we come in contact with. Pay attention to the flowers blooming, the birds singing & the butterflies dancing around.

Whichever "Spring Fever" you have, use it to your advantage – think of new ideas or ways you can help others, or take stock of what you need to be the amazing volunteer that you are! The weather's gorgeous – get out there!



In the News

Our tax program is going strong, so far volunteers have completed over 1,000 federal returns and now we're ready for all of our procrastinators! And we are not only growing the number of people we help in Etowah and Cherokee Counties; we have moved into DeKalb County also.

While the free tax preparation program is – and always will be – the principal thing that RSVP operates on our own, there are a couple of other volunteer activities that we manage that we are very proud of. One is nicknamed EGMAP (Etowah Guardian/Conservator Monitoring Program). We do this in conjunction with the Council on Aging, and volunteers train and monitor people who have been appointed a conservator over someone's finances because that person can't handle it themselves for some reason. The other program is our Reading Buddies Program, where volunteers go into local elementary schools to tutor children who need a little help with reading. Remember these 2 programs if you want to volunteer with them in the future!

Volunteer Opportunities

*** Etowah Baptist Mission Center**

Looking for help in front office, sorting clothes and food donations.

*** Habitat for Humanity**

Volunteers are always needed for various parts of construction.

*** Manna**

Volunteers are needed to help deliver meals to homebound individuals.

*** The Freedom Center of Gadsden**

Volunteers needed to help greet guests, monitor laundry area clothing donation area, and assist with lunches.

If you are interested in volunteering at any of these locations please call our office at 256.549.8147

Volunteer Recognition

Our *on-time, timesheet winner* is **Frances Lipscomb!!!** Ms. Lipscomb has been with RSVP since 2016 and currently volunteers at the Etowah Pregnancy Center. Frances has 1,125 lifetime hours on record.

Volunteer Highlights -

Ivette Hart is a volunteer with the Etowah Baptist Missions Center and has been with RSVP since 2022. She is a great asset to the EBMC and enjoys helping twice a week in their food room. She also helps guests shop for their food and put together recipes for food picked up. After shopping, Ivette will help the guests load their groceries and hygiene products into their car. Her kindness is valuable to the Center and the guests.

Art Fitterer is a wonderful volunteer for GE-Habitat for Humanity where he has been volunteering for many, many years. He is part of The Gray Tigers which is a group of extremely dedicated volunteers that show up twice a week and work with our families and contractors to help build houses. Art also participates in some of our Family Focus classes and helps the families learn about all things related to homeownership. We are extremely grateful for his hard work and dedication to Habitat! Art also volunteers with the RSVP free tax program.

*Thank
You*

Upcoming Events

- April 7th** - Good Friday (RSVP Closed)
- April 9th** - Easter
- April 18th** - Last Day to File Income Taxes
- April 19^h** - Health Fair at George Wallace Senior Center
9am till 11am 407 Hollingsworth Park Lane
- April 26th** - Wills for Seniors 10 am till 2 pm. This will be held
in Centre. Call our office 256.549.8147 if interested

- May 11th** - Smarter Senior Workshop 10:00 am
Etowah County Courthouse room 205
- May 13th** - Mother's Day
- May 29th** - Memorial Day (RSVP Closed)

- June 14th** - Flag Day
- June 18th** - Father's Day
- June 21st** - First day of Summer



Sudoku

	4				2		1	9
			3	5	1		8	6
3	1			9	4	7		
	9	4						7
2						8	9	
		9	5	2			4	1
4	2		1	6	9			
1	6		8				7	

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BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

CENTRAL-CARVER
FOUNDATION, INC.

CHARLSIE HOUSE

CHEROKEE COUNTY
HEALTH & REHAB.

CHEROKEE COUNTY
HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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OF ETOWAH COUNTY

CITY OF GADSDEN

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MISSION CENTER

ETOWAH COUNTY DEPT. OF
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CENTER

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CLINIC

ETOWAH HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

EXTENDED FAMILY

FREEDOM CENTER OF
GADSDEN

FRIENDLY NURSING HOME
VISITORS

GADSDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

GADSDEN QUILTERS GUILD

STATIONS

GADSDEN REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HEAD START

HUMANE SOCIETY OF
GADSDEN

MANNA

PILOT CLUB

READING BUDDIES

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VOLUNTEERS

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TAX COUNSELING PROGRAM

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COUNTY

Volunteer Birthdays

Jeanette Reed	04/01	June Maddox	05/11
Carolyn Elkins	04/05	Sherrie Barclay	05/13
Denise Maddaloni	04/09	Jerry Skinner	05/14
Carolyn Hammond	04/16	Lisa Dukes	05/20
Georgia Henley	04/16	Vicki Spelce	05/20
Jean Pettis	04/17	Gloria Jan Kelley	05/21
Matthew Gunter	04/18	Joyce Wheeler	05/24
Thelma Thornton	04/18	Carol McPherson	06/02
Gloria Hope	04/20	Ann St. John	06/02
Margaret Long	04/20	Becky St. John	06/02
Alice Hurst	04/24	William Bill Steinka	06/02
Jerry W Lee	04/24	Deborah Henderson	06/03
Tony Wallace	04/25	Sarah Spear	06/07
Kimberly Ingram	04/27	Christine Woods	06/08
Ping Pondick	04/28	Claude Burnett	06/11
Craig Scott	05/01	Betty Ann Watkins	06/12
Daniel Levinson	05/03	Suzanne Scharfenberg	06/21
Carolyn Sterling	05/03	John Leach	06/22
Jean Foster	05/04	Debbie Caldwell	06/23
Shirley Pollard	05/05	John Parks	06/24
Eloise Ramer	05/06	Dorman Robinson	06/24
Danny Wagnon	05/06	Becky Henson	06/29
Jerry Howell	05/09	Marilyn Wafler	06/30
Michael Henderson	05/10		

Happy Birthday

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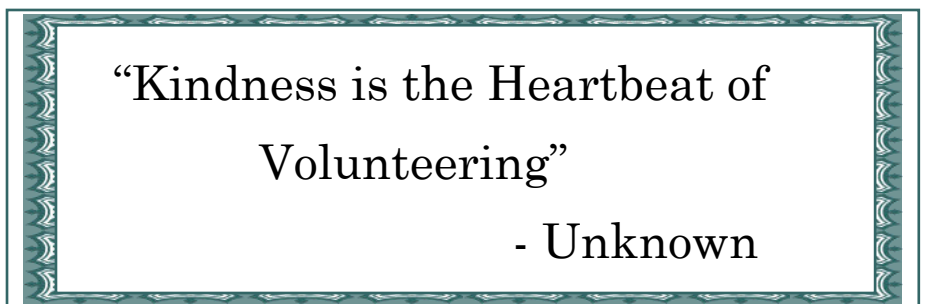


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volunteers_of_etowah/

RSVP Staff
Director – Traci Pondick
Secretary/Reading Buddies
Coordinator – Rachel Wood

RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL

President:	Amelia Millie Cartrett	Jeff Little
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	Jenifer Grace	Delma Smith
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Portia Foster	Pat Hill	Jill Vincent
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| Advance Cardio Association | Modern Woodmen |
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| Alaco Pharmacy | O'Reilly's Auto Parts |
| AL Teacher's Credit Union | Partner's Medical Clinic |
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| City of Gadsden | Red Barn Farm and Garden |
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| Exchange Bank | Salon Envi |
| Family Savings Credit Union | Scoop Du Juor |
| Gadsden Health and Rehab | Silver Lakes Senior Living |
| Gadsden Public Library | Smith and Bailey Dental |
| The Healing Tree | Southern Skies Dermatology |
| Hokes Bluff Drug Shoppe | Sports Mania |
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| King's Olive Oil Company | Sutton Bridge Full Service |
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| Life Insurance Company of Al | Taming of the Ewe |
| Local Joe's | Tigers for Tomorrow |