



May 2008

Hello RSVP Volunteers!

Welcome to Spring! Don't know about you, but I love snow less and less as the years pass! Included in your envelope today are timesheets AND your invitation to the Volunteer Awards Banquet.

RSVP has been overcome some huge challenges during the past two years. We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We are revamping, restructuring, refocusing—all exciting opportunities for us. If you have questions or want to be involved, let me know. One way for you to be involved would be to apply to be on our Advisory Board. Call me and we can chat about that.

About timesheets: Our guidelines and requirements we must meet have not changed about paper timesheets. However, we also now have another option. Volunteers who are doing their timesheets on our website are finding it VERY easy. Go to www.highcountryrsvp.org. Then go to Keeping Time (<http://www.highcountryrsvp.org/voltime.html>). You can call me for your username & password, & your volunteer activities you do need to be input. At that point, you can put your hours in online! If you do not have internet access, we hope to have at least one volunteer in each area who does have access to help you with that. We still need to have you turn in your volunteer timesheets so if you do not do online time, so please, please continue that! **YOUR TIMESHEETS ARE CRITICAL!**

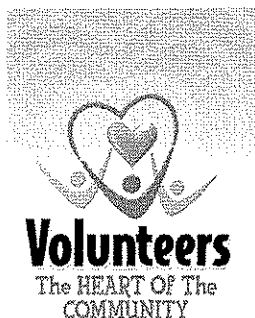
Some of the MANY ways sending your in timesheets help RSVP to provide:

- Free Medicare D counseling to seniors—COUNTYWIDE—we helped more than 300 seniors!
- Free tax assistance to seniors—COUNTYWIDE—this year we helped more than 400 clients—most of them seniors.
- Free senior advocacy for your friends and neighbors when needed—COUNTYWIDE
- The annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet—COUNTYWIDE— planned for May 31, 2008
- Assistance to make volunteering better for all in Garfield County - COUNTY-WIDE
- Your volunteer insurance—COUNTYWIDE
- Information about new and needed volunteer opportunities—COUNTYWIDE

See you at the RSVP Volunteer Banquet! May 31, 2008 12 noon to 2PM Hotel Colorado!

If you have an e-mail address and did not put it on your application, please let us know. We are not going to disclose your address, but do hope to ultimately be able to send our newsletter via e-mail to many of you—plus we want to let you know about new volunteer opportunities that are available.

You can just send me a test e-mail at rsvp@coloradomtn.edu and I will put your e-mail address into your record!



Volunteer Timesheet Help:

- Cheryl Cain—947-8462
- rsvp@coloradomtn.edu



! NEW INFORMATION !

RSVP is working to build a "HandyMan/Chores" program. Our resources are limited, so we will be starting first in Glenwood Springs. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer, call me at 947-8462. If you can use our services, please contact our special phone line

384-8746

If you have not filed for your Economic Stimulus Payment, let me know—we can still help you.

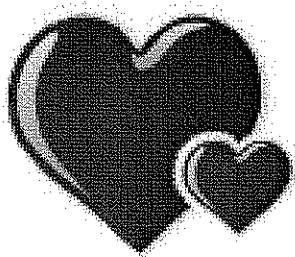
It is a simple process and you will get your check for at least \$300 in the mail from the IRS!

Call 947-8462

RSVP is also developing a group of SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) counselors. These volunteers will learn about Medicare in depth and provide counseling assistance to seniors countywide. This includes helping with Medicare D, but is much more in-depth. Training is provided for this **CRITICAL** informational program. Please call me with any questions as you decide your involvement!

947-8462

**Check us out on the web!
www.highcountryrsvp.org.**



Volunteers
The Heart
of the Community



VOLUNTEER CLASSIFIED ADS
 SOME SAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER NEEDS THOUGHOUT GARFIELD COUNTY—WE NEED VOLUNTEER HELP!
 INTERESTED? CALL 947-8462 OR E-MAIL rsvp@coloradomtn.edu



Remember—the time you have to volunteer may be filled, but please spread the word about RSVP and our volunteering services to your friends, family, and your neighbors. *They may not know that they can make a big difference!*

If they are over 55 we would love to offer them the benefits of being RSVP members and in the process, help offer not only assistance to volunteers and non-profits county-wide, but also support services that are vital to the seniors of Garfield County.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Eat a good meal, visit with some great people, serve meals, clean up afterward—sounds like Thanksgiving doesn't it!? We can offer you yummy food & good companionship every day of the week at each of our meal sites. Carbondale to Parachute! Call us!

None of these appeal to you? Then let us know what does appeal & we will work with you on that. We are here to help each person who wants to volunteer find the *right match* for their special interests and skills.

Remember that just **ONE** hour can make a difference—of course, you may choose to volunteer more, but don't think that one hour is not enough!

Help input volunteer hours on the internet! Call 947-8462

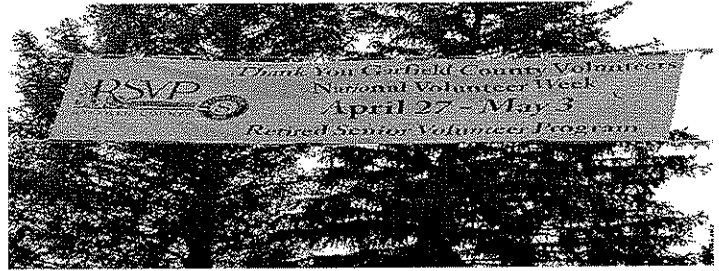
We are lucky to have two fantastic Hospitals in this area—both **NEED** volunteers in so many ways. What a way to make a difference! Call us and let us help you get connected to these fun & so critical opportunities.

We need additional volunteers to dispatch the Traveler in both Glenwood Springs and Rifle. Again, training is provided—if you can help, let us know.

We did more than **400** tax returns this year—even more than usual because of the Economic Stimulus Payments.
We are able to provide this service BECAUSE you turn in your timesheets and we can take advantage of that reporting to get funds that support this vital program.
All 400 who were helped thank you!



Did you see our banner over Grand Avenue in Glenwood?



These are just a few of the volunteer opportunities we work with - let us know your volunteer interest and we can guide you, or let us know what you are already doing in your volunteer work and we will be sure that we can take advantage of the work you are already doing and make it benefit ALL Garfield County seniors.

Would you like to make a difference by mentoring a child? We work closely with several youth organizations who would love your wisdom & friendship for a special child. Call us! 947-8462

Love to read?? Read to a child, an adult, help someone learn to read, get involved in storytelling to enhance a love of reading. Let us know—there are many opportunities to share your reading passion!


Ever think that it would be scary & lonely to no longer be able to leave your home easily? Could you be the one who makes a connection with a homebound person & check on them, offering friendship & support? If so, we have the program for you—plus we need someone really special to administrate it. Let us hook you up! Call RSVP.

Help us with the RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Banquet this year—We need folks to help with the decorations on banquet day—May 31!

Are you the one who nurtures those ill & needing support through health care 'crisis' times? Let us find the perfect place for your cool head, warm heart & listening skills. We can connect you where you touch lives at an important crossroad.


Are you a fund raising dynamo? We have a mission for you if you are willing to accept it!

Did you know?—you can donate a portion of your City Market purchases to RSVP. We would need your City Market Value Card number & your signature to do that. It is an easy way to support our countywide non-profit. We rely on grants & donations to make our program work. Fill out the card below and return to us, or call us at 947-8462. Thanks!



City Market Cares
ELECTRONIC FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Value Card Sign-Up Card



Record these ID digits in the Value Card column

Organization Name _____	
Date _____	
Name _____	Value Card Number _____
Address _____	Telephone (_____) _____
Authorized Signature _____	By signing, I am indicating that I do wish to receive special offers by mail