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Hello RSVP Volunteers!

I want to thank you for being a part of RSVP—we appreciate all you do, and I hope you know that!

Well, here it is—the new method of collection for RSVP hours which you may have heard about! There have been so many changes required since I began as the RSVP Director! This is the one each volunteer will be working with monthly. I want to thank you in advance for your help. I know change can be hard sometimes, but know this—this is not my idea, not Maegean's idea, not something to do just because we need something to do. These timesheets are **REQUIRED** and **MANDATED** by our major funder, the Corporation for National & Community Service. If we do **NOT** do them, we will lose about \$60,000 in funding from CNCS and our program will stop. We have no choice. Believe me, the change is important for you and I know that. Also, remember that it has massive impacts in *our* office too. We will be working with solutions regarding this transition this for months. Your cooperation and help will make the transition that we must make easier. We thank you for that. Let us help in any way we can, but know that there is no choice regarding this timesheet method.

Again, thank you for making what some see as a 'bitter pill' a bit easier!

Thank you for filling out your new volunteer application!

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. As always, you do not need to get involved with any new opportunities, but you might **WANT** to and you can't if you do not know about them. Information is our business! Additionally, we are trying hard to limit our postage costs that are very high! Thanks for your support!

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

Volunteer Timesheet Help:

- Cheryl Cain—947-8462
- Maegean Smith—285-7923
- Your volunteer caller
- [rsvp@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:rsvp@coloradomtn.edu)

How do you like our new RSVP LOGO? We are working on web pages too!

# VOLUNTEER CLASSIFIED ADS

SOME SAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER NEEDS THOUGHOUT GARFIELD COUNTY—WE HAVE MORE!

INTERESTED? CALL 947-8462 OR E-MAIL [rsvp@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:rsvp@coloradomtn.edu)

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.

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.

We live in a time where a family can be on really hard times because of unplanned problems. If you want to help those down on their luck with food, clothing, shelter, & smiling support, call us.

Want to work to keep your community safe and have fun doing it? Call us to make a connection!

Can you do a few errands for someone who can't do it for themselves? An Rx, groceries? If this is you, give us a call!

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!

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!  
Remember the song? Like the game and want to help? We have your number! Call us!

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!

Love being with children? Help out at one of the preschools where we have volunteers! Storytelling, games, coloring—catch the enthusiasm of youth!

Several of our programs are desperately in need of a volunteer administrator. If you have those special organizational skills—call us! We need YOU!

Interested in improving the lives of women and children affected by domestic violence? You are **needed** by Advocate Safehouse - Training is provided. Join and make a HUGE difference!

TAXES R COMING! We are looking for tax experts or would be tax experts—we do the training. You would do simple taxes for seniors & low income families. Call 947-8462

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.

Want to share your knowledge of local history? And have some dramatic fun? We have a great opportunity for you to do Just that! Let us know.

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

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.

**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. Call us at 947-8462. Thanks!