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Upcoming Events

Please keep an eye out on our social media and website for updates on fundraising and quilt raffle events in 2022. We are hoping for another successful fundraising year!

Don't Forget to follow us on our website or social media at CCRSVP for more information about upcoming fundraising events!

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From the Director

From The Director:

Volunteering Still Looks a Little Different!

In the context of a global pandemic, volunteering continues to look a little different. The world is no longer the same as it used to be! The pandemic has turned things upside down, and the waves of uncertainty will keep flowing in the future. The attributes that make volunteering appealing - teamwork, working closely with the public, getting out and about in the community - haven't been as accessible as we contend with social distancing and other public health measures.

The question has been asked, "Is volunteering among older adults another casualty of COVID-19?" The answer to that question is "no." While many older adults can't volunteer right now, there are still opportunities where seniors in Carroll County can meet critical needs and where others are stepping in to support seniors who need help year-round. Many of RSVP volunteers are still volunteering in food pantries and congregate meal sites; delivering food and medication; providing non-emergency medical transportation; and making wellness calls to vulnerable seniors.

RSVP looks forward to our volunteers who have hesitated to be part of in-person volunteer activities during the pandemic to feel comfortable returning to their in-person volunteer activities. RSVP is asking our volunteers who have been ready to help in the past if they can give us a head start as our volunteer needs ramp up. If you are ready to resume in-person volunteer activities, please give Doris a call at 603-356-9331. Thank You!

Sincerely,



RSVP Director

A VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION POEM

*The key to our success
rests in people like you,
who embody the spirit of greatness
by saying, "Yes i can, and you can, too!"*

RSVP Volunteer Bulletin Board

RSVP's Year at a Glance

Thanking all of our volunteers for a great year!

During 2021 RSVP was very fortunate to have a group of volunteers who served non-stop on the frontlines of the pandemic. In masks and gloves these volunteers provided food assistance and non-emergency medical transportation to the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and veterans, as well as, using their social media platforms, raising awareness about good hygiene and social distancing. Even though many of these volunteers did not have prior medical training, they quickly adapted to new realities and found new ways to continue their noble work. They volunteered at COVID-19 vaccination sites and, when needed, stepped up to the plate and transported clients to vaccination sites, making a difference in our communities. The costs and efforts to protect these vulnerable volunteers required emergency PPE funds and federal lawmakers, corporations, foundations, and the general public to all step up to support RSVP's endeavors.

In June RSVP hosted our post-pandemic volunteer appreciation. It was a huge success! We were so happy to honor and interact with 160 RSVP and Gibson Center volunteers at the Wentworth Inn in Jackson, NH. There was an abundance of smiles and hugs going around the tent, as vaccinated volunteers felt safe again to mingle with old and new friends. Thank you to everyone that made this event possible, and an even larger thank you to our many volunteers that do amazing things for their communities every day!

In September 2021 RSVP hosted its 1st Annual Golf Tournament at Lake Kezar County Club, Lovell, Maine. It was a fun day on the green with raffles, a 50/50, and a little competition among friends. The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at Lake Kezar County Club. Mark your calendar and plan to join us to the fun event!

RSVP's 6th Annual Festival of Trees was held Friday, November 26th - Sunday, December 5th at Settlers Green Outlet Village in North Conway. There were over 85 beautiful trees donated by individuals, businesses, and sponsors in support of RSVP's operating budget - dollars that will help RSVP continue its mission of providing lifesaving volunteer programs that help seniors and people with disabilities maintain their independence with dignity. The Festival of Trees is the single most important fundraising event for RSVP.



RSVP was able to hold four "dine-to-donate" fundraiser events in 2021- Black Cap Grille, Barley & Salt Tap House and Kitchen, Cheese Louise, and Flatbread Company. All were fun and well attended. RSVP also held a "Cones for a Cause" fundraiser event hosted by Trails End Ice Cream Shop and was part of the 2021 Mud Bowl.

RSVP looks forward to a wonderful 2022!



Marshall Allan (RSVP Board VP) at Cones for a Cause



Bernadine Jesseman & Ellen Hayes - 25 Years of Service Annual Appreciation Luncheon 2021



Team Mary Walden Annual Golf Tournament 2021



RSVP Volunteer Chefs Mud Bowl 2021

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Volunteer Years of Service

5 YEARS

Marshall Allan
 Pat Bracci
 Nancy Brothers
 Jean Carey
 Sue Crowley
 Carolyn Ellis
 David Emmet
 Patricia Fleck
 Linda Kirschbaum
 Marlene Lawton

Patricia Mason
 Holly Maudsley
 Richard Nelson
 Barbara Rines
 Maureen Seavey
 Marvin Swartz
 Peter Thomas
 Diana Thurston
 Joseph Webb

10 YEARS

Paula Belluche
 Jane Kennedy
 Don MacLeod
 Carol Manley
 Terry McCarthy
 Robert Scolameiro
 Suzanne Scolameiro
 June Vendrillo

20 YEARS

Judy Blake
 Doris Dreyer

25 YEARS

Evelyn Bailey
 Ellen Hayes
 Bernadine Jesseman

Thank You For All That You Do!

Outreach to Volunteers

There continues to be a critical need for volunteer drivers to provide non-emergency medical transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and veterans throughout Carroll County. As people become more confident in stepping out of their comfort zones, RSVP is hopeful that we will get back to the “new normal” and be in a position to engage new volunteer drivers in support of our Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program. RSVP is seeking new volunteers to help fill this need, as well as to provide an enriching and fulfilling volunteer opportunity.

Volunteer drivers use their own cars to transport the clients to their appointments and can wait for the duration of the procedure before taking them home. Rides can be scheduled on weekdays from 9:00am-4pm with the RSVP Transportation Coordinator, and at least 48 hours’ notice is requested, but rides cannot be guaranteed as they depend on the availability of the volunteer drivers. As a volunteer driver with the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program, you will be on an on-call email list along with other volunteers. When new requests for service come in, volunteers receive a notification and can pick and choose the appointments that fit in best with their schedule. With this volunteer on-call email system, we can provide seniors, individuals with disabilities, and veterans with access to a free, reliable service that allows them to stay secure, comfortable, independent and living in their homes for as long as possible. RSVP has worked diligently throughout the pandemic to make significant adjustments to our volunteer engagement strategies for this program to ensure a safe and sterile environment for our volunteer drivers.

The lack of drivers for this program is one of the largest volunteer voids in Carroll County. If you would like to become a driver or need more information on the program, please contact Angelica Kitsis at 603-356-9331 or email at info.ccrsvp@gmail.com.

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Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley
Moultonborough Women's Club

New Volunteers - 2021

Deborah Almquist	Kathryn Karlson
Kimberlee Altomare	Vicki MacDougall
Marcia Bailey	Roxanne Major
Roberta Box	Lynette Morrison-Norton
Susan Cecil	Steve Norton
Ruth Conway	Betty Newton
Michael Cook	Betsy Packard
Barbara Cosby	Margie Papini
Dana Cosby	Deborah Plumer
Janice Crawford	Sandy Pope
Ingrid DeWitt	Corinne Rocco
Anne Foley	Jacqueline Scaletti
Pamela Fox	Linda Seiler
Susan Fox	Jim Sheff
Elaine Gordon-Swanson	Michelle Stackpole
Carol Hastings	Sandra Steele
Stefi Reed Hastings	Brenda Thomas
Pim Hinrich	Mark Thomas
Marie Kapsar	Gail Yalenezian



In Memoriam

Evelyn Bailey
Kent Hemingway Sr.

