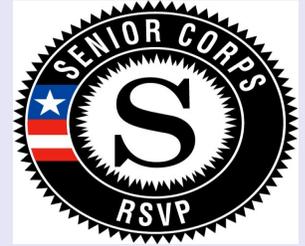


RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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RSVP

South Central South Dakota



1st Quarter 2016

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program of South Central SD offers individuals 55 and over the opportunity to use their talents and skills to address challenges and needs in their communities.

Remembering Martin Luther King

Everyone Can Be Great, Because Everyone Can Serve



RSVP in Mitchell promoted reading to 17 first graders at GB Rogers Elementary Schools for Martin Luther King Day. RSVP volunteer Dorothy Sattler read a book about diversity and each child was given two books to take home. Dorothy also brought dolls from other cultures to show the differences in their clothing.



The Yankton RSVP honored Martin Luther King Day by sharing the joy of reading with Head Start students. RSVP volunteer, Joan Neubauer, read books about diversity and sang songs with 36 inquisitive children at the Head Start center in Yankton.

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RSVP

2015 Statistics

667 Volunteers

93,631 Hours Served



RSVP volunteers assisted the Yankton Area Literacy Council and Parents as Teachers to provide a special treat to children to "Read with Mrs. Santa."

Gerrie Healy and Deanna Branaugh were Santa's special helpers.

- **Vermillion Food Pantry** is looking for volunteers to fill various positions; Pantry Helper, Stock Person/sorter, Drivers, Food Recovery, or Professional fund raising, grant writing, and marketing.
- **The Banquet in Yankton** is in need of 1 or 2 volunteers to coordinate volunteers at the Banquet meal on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
- **American Red Cross** is looking for volunteers to become members of their Disaster Action Team (these members respond to the scene of disasters and provide assistance to clients). **Mitchell and Yankton** areas.
- **Avera@ Home** in **Mitchell** needs a volunteer to help the hospice team providing support services. Duties may include; bed side sitting with patients, light house keeping or meal preparation, lending a listening ear, grocery shopping/errands, reading to patient, writing letters, and playing games.
- **United Blood Services in Mitchell** needs volunteer drivers to transport product from mobile blood drives. Hours will vary and will include night driving. We will provide a vehicle and fuel if you can provide the time!
- **Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton** is in need of volunteers for various duties at Majestic Bluffs in the new Town Center.
- Volunteers are also needed at **ASSH** at the welcome desk at Avera Pavilion and for assisting patients with patient portal.
- **Head Start in Mitchell and Yankton** is looking for volunteers to help with lunch and projects for the school year for two hours a day.
- **NEW Disabled American Veterans (DAV)** Transportation drivers are needed in **Mitchell** to transport veterans to their medical appointments in Sioux Falls.
- **Mitchell Area Safehouse** is looking for shelter support Monday – Friday 9:00am-12:00pm. Duties include answering the door, directing visitors to appropriate services, monitoring and distribution of donations, housekeeping and grounds keeping, assist with clerical duties, assist with public awareness and fundraising, and assist clients in the shelter.



Dianne Wubben receives a “thumbs up” for making scarves, mittens and hats for the children at Yankton **Head Start**.



Special Olympics Scarf Project

The 2016 colors for SO scarves are buff/tan and light blue. The athletes receive a hand made scarf at the state tournament in South Dakota. Ready, set, KNIT! Or crochet!

***Mitchell's deadline to submit scarves is March 1 and Yankton's is February 10.**

A big thank you to RSVP volunteers Dianne Wubben and Lillian Baker for making scarves for the **South Dakota Special Olympics**.



New Volunteers

Ruby Schroeder/Yankton
 Dorothy Stallman/Yankton
 Dan Mason/Yankton
 Referred by Karen Mason
 Barbara Pratt/Vermillion
 Jean Salvatori/Yankton
 Referred by Dorothy Stallman

Kay Koliner/Yankton
 Deb Caba/Yankton
 Darlys Kruse/Mitchell
 Jeanette Gebel/Mitchell
 Glenn Lambert/Mitchell

New Station

Dakota Senior Meals/Vermillion
 City of Yankton/Yankton

WELCOME

Congratulations !

RSVP volunteers received recognition in the community

Citizen of the Year-Yankton
 Joan Neubauer

**The Center in Yankton
 Volunteers of the Month**
 October-Rose Townsend
 December-Alma Logdahl



A big thanks to all who supported RSVP in our fundraising efforts! And many more **Thanks** to all who volunteered for the **Annual Raffle/Bake Sale Fundraiser** in Yankton. We are very grateful for Modern Woodman for providing matching funds for our successful fundraiser.

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OUR VOLUNTEERS !

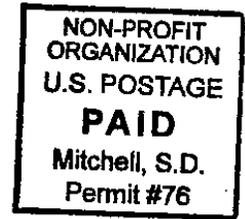


LB Williams Elementary students in Mitchell interviewed volunteers about their past "building bridges" between generations. The interviews were recorded on the student's iPads.



RSVP volunteers in Yankton made holiday visits to residents at **Avera Majestic Bluffs** and **Sister James Nursing Home**. The volunteers delivered over 150 Christmas cards giving residents and veterans a friendly visit for the holidays.





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letter on to a friend**

RSVP Advisory Council

Mitchell

- Kristi Bitterman / Greenridge Apartments
- Whitney Bruinsma / ASA Supervisor
- Mark Limberg / LifeQuest
- Jackie Hess / Mitchell Public Library
- Norma Eppel / Retired
- Louise Metz / RSVP Volunteer
- Susan Tjarks / City Council Member

Yankton

- JoEllen Bowers / Avera
- Christy Hauer / The Center
- Sharon Fiedler / RSVP Volunteer
- Barb Ballensky / Vermillion Transit
- Ann Engen / Adult Services & Aging
- Brad Dykes / United Way Liasion

RSVP On The Web

Check out RSVP at the updated web-site at cityofmitchell.org. Go to the services tab, then click on RSVP.

**Mitchell RSVP or Senior Meals
Phone # 605-995-8441.**

THANK YOU

- Thank you so much for the beautiful hats and mittens.
- Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness!!
- Thank you for your thoughtfulness. We love them!!
- Thank you for your generosity!
- Thank you sooo much for the warm, pretty hats & mittens. God bless & Happy Holidays!

Mitchell Head Start kids

RSVP Calendar

Time sheets are due every month

- February 15-Presidents Day Holiday
- March 9-Advisory Council meeting/Yankton
- March 10- Advisory Council Meeting/Mitchell
- March 20-Spring Begins 😊
- March 25-Good Friday/Closed 1/2 day
- March 27-Easter

**Senior Companions of SD
Volunteer Opportunity**

Join our dedicated volunteers in their mission to assist other seniors to stay in their own homes. Senior Companions of SD is seeking active volunteers in Mitchell and Yankton. Benefits include a tax-free hourly stipend, travel reimbursement, paid holidays, paid leave, meal allowance and supplemental accident insurance. If you are 55 years of age or older, of moderate income, and available to volunteer 15 hours a week, contact us toll-free (888)239-1210