

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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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.

4th Quarter 2016

RSVP Makes A Difference



RSVP Patrol volunteer, Marlene Schafer, read to the kindergarten class at Mitchell Christian to **remember 9/11**. She discussed safety issues with the children and they got to check out the RSVP Patrol car. All students received a book featuring safety tips for travel to read with their families.



RSVP volunteers in Yankton were engaged at the 18th Annual **Make A Difference Day Coat Giveaway**. Our volunteers helped sort coats and manned the check out tables at the event. This year 1,800 warm winter wear was distributed to 330 individuals in our community to help them stay warm this winter.

RSVP volunteers shelf food at the **Food For Thought Food Pantry** that serves Yankton school families.

l to r; Sharon Fiedler, C Sorensen, Mary Sathe and Verona Bedrous.



The **Yankton Sack Pack** program is thankful for their RSVP volunteers who set up and assist with packing the Sack Packs every week.

L to R; Lois Strey, Sharon Egge, Darla Schwarz, Jane Rames, Jerry Rames and Dave Abbott.



Volunteer Opportunities

I am a Senior Corps RSVP volunteer, and I will get things done.

Call Us

Yankton 260-3100
Deb Overseth
Mitchell 995-8441
Amy Hurt

- **NEW First Circuit CASA, Mitchell**, is looking for a volunteer to be an advocate for an abused child. The volunteers get to know the child, review records, research information, and talk to everyone involved in a child's life. The volunteer then makes recommendations for the court that help judges decide the best permanent home for the child. Training is provided.
- **Meals on Wheels in Yankton** is in need of volunteers to deliver meals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.
- **NEW Teen Court** is an opportunity to make a difference in the life of youth, and is held at the courthouse in Yankton on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Volunteers are needed for Entry Clerk, Jury Monitor, Exit Clerk
- **NEW Tax Aides in Yankton**. If you want to experience immediate appreciation for your volunteer hours, this is the opportunity for you. No previous experience with tax preparation is needed. Training will be provided in January. Flexible hours beginning mid Feb thru mid April. We are a fun group! Please consider joining us.
- **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!
- **Mitchell Life Serve Blood Center** is looking for donor escorts that will guide blood donors through the donation process at mobile blood drives. Escorts ensure blood donors have a positive donation experience from start to finish.
- **Mitchell Animal Rescue** is looking for volunteers for a variety of jobs including pound check volunteer, phone volunteer, animal foster, transfer, animal transition, advertising, event, & adoption coordinators, home visit focal and leadership posi-
- **Disabled American Veterans (DAV)** Transportation drivers are needed in **Mitchell** and **Yankton** 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.
- **NEW Mitchell Area Chamber Visitor Center** is looking for volunteers to help at the visitor cabin located at 1620 South Burr. There are two shifts 8:00am-12:30 and 12:30-5:00 seven days a week from November to April. Training provided.

**S. C. South Dakota RSVP
2016 Statistics
485 Volunteers
63,268 Hours Served**

RSVP

Focus Areas

- ◆ Education
- ◆ Environmental Stewardship
- ◆ Healthy Futures
- ◆ Veterans & Military Families
- ◆ Economic Opportunity
- ◆ Disaster Services

New Volunteers

Verona Bedrous/Yankton
Referred by Jan Hesse

Patty Stuelpnagel/Yankton

Charlene Love/Yankton
Referred by Roni Trezona

Karen Miller/Yankton
Referred by Deanna Branaugh

Nancy Sterritt/Yankton
Referred by Deanna Branaugh

WELCOME

Arlene Young/Yankton

Bonnie Jo Cohee /Mitchell



Volunteer News

- **Always Wear Your RSVP Name Tag** *WE ARE PROUD YOU ARE AN RSVP VOLUNTEER!*
- **Time Sheets Are Due The End of The Month or By The 10th Of The Next Month**
- **Refer A Friend To RSVP**

Congratulations !
 RSVP volunteers received
 recognition in the community

The Center—Yankton ***Volunteers of the Month***

July-JuLee & Don Werkmeister
August-Delphine Peterson



Donna Wieczorek collects donations at the James Valley Community Center for the Mitchell United Way Campaign. Thank you to the many volunteers helping with this great community project!

Be sure to get your tickets to win one of the beautiful prize baskets for the Yankton RSVP Annual Raffle Fundraiser! Tickets are \$1.00 each and available at the Yankton RSVP office or HyVee November 18 and 19 or December 9, 10 or 16.

Tickets will also be available at our Bake Sale table at the Yankton Mall on December 2 or 3rd.



Seventeen RSVP volunteers in Mitchell helped make **Senior Day** at the Moose a success. Volunteers served at registration, prizes & served meals. Thanks go out to all that helped.



Dianne Wubben has been busy making winter hats and mittens to keep Yankton **Head Start** students warm this winter.

She also made fifteen quilts for recipients of **United Way and Slumberland's Holiday Bed Program**.

Your efforts will be appreciated!



Ed Steffen enriches the lives of the animals at the **Heartland Humane Society** when he volunteers!



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Thank You!

RSVP Volunteers,

Thank you for supporting Beadle School. We appreciate your help serving cake during the Open House.

We can always count on RSVP to come through when we have special events.

Thanks,

The Beadle Bugs

Dear Members of Yankton's Retired Senior Volunteers,

On behalf of the students and staff at Lincoln Elementary School, I'd like to thank you for the work you do at our school and for our new food Pantry.

Your work is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Struck, Lincoln Elementary Principle

Thank you SO MUCH for the RSVP help this week! They were AWESOME.

Thanks,

Jill Paulson  **Unit Director**

Boys & Girls Club of Yankton

Yankton Academy | Yankton Traditional Unit

On behalf of the Mitchell Area Historical Society I want to thank you so very much for again obtaining RSVP Volunteers to polish apples for the joint Mitchell Area Historical society and Mitchell Main Street & Beyond caramel apples project during this years' Corn Place Festival.

As you know, this event is an essential fundraiser for both organizations. Without the many volunteers who help so efficiently, we could never manage to take on this major effort. The contribution of hours by RSVP is truly a blessing. Please accept my most heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely, Lyle W. Swenson, President of the Mitchell Area Historical Society