

The Volunteer Review

Volunteer Recognition

It's time to celebrate our volunteers as well as the 50th Anniversary of the Reno County Retired Senior Volunteer Program! The RSVP program began in 1973 when Dr. Armour Evans and Dr. James Stringer, HCC Dean of Student Services, wrote the first grant to bring RSVP to Reno County with Hutchinson Community College as the Grantee. They wanted to expand the capacity of non-profits by recruiting and placing retirees in needed volunteer positions. In 1983 the Volunteer Action Corps was created for those under age 55. These two programs together provided a vehicle for connecting people of all ages to community service. Today, The Volunteer Center of Reno County is one of the oldest programs of its kind in Kansas.

If you received an invitation to the volunteer recognition luncheon and plan on being there to celebrate with us (or won't be able to make it), please RSVP to our office by Wednesday, October 4th. The luncheon itself is October 11 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. You can stay and chat while you eat, or take your boxed lunch to go. If you would like a guest meal, please stop by our office at 815 N. Walnut to pay for the guest meal, or send a check in by mail if you have already let us know they are coming.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Highlights

- Upcoming Fun Fall Events
- Volunteers Needed



The Kansas State Fair had an attendance of 330,044 patrons this year, despite a few days of rainy weather conditions. The volunteer supervisor for the fair, Tera Quick, stated, “It takes a team of great people to pull off the largest Kansas showcase event in Hutchinson, and we could not do it without all the volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers for their generosity and dedication to the Kansas State Fair! Your group is amazing.”

49 Volunteers
485 Volunteer Hours
Areas Served:
Administration Office
Education Center
Livestock Competitions
Exhibit Buildings

Thank you also to the 17 volunteers with 90 hours that helped at the Reno County Historical Society booth. Your support for STRATACA and the Reno County Museum is appreciated!

FALL EVENTS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ **HUTCH REC SALT CITY 5K/10K** will be the weekend of Hutch Fest on October 7. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 a.m.-approximately 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help along the route with handing out water, blocking traffic, directing runners and pedestrians, etc. The race will be held in Hutchinson and will start at Salt City Brewing on Main Street.
- ◆ **BEYOND BARRIERS DISABILITY MENTORING DAY** will be on Wednesday, October 18. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. to help check students in, pass out name tags, help serve breakfast and clean up. Volunteers are then needed from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. to help check students back in, hand out t-shirts and swag, help serve refreshments and clean up.
- ◆ **RENO COUNTY MUSEUM** will be holding their annual “BOOseum and Spook Walk” event October 19. Volunteers are needed from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. to help set up for the event. From 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. volunteers are needed to help at the drink station, food station, raffle ticket table, or to help run a game for the children attending the event. Volunteer “ghosts” are also needed during the event to play ghosts of Reno County’s past and share about their character’s life and history. Volunteers are also needed to help tear down and clean up from 8 pm. until whenever finished.
- ◆ **STRATACA** is holding a “Monster Dash 5K” on Sunday, October 28 from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to dress as monsters and “scare” participants in the run. These volunteers are highly encouraged to dress up and use makeup and face paint to achieve a monster look. The run will take place in the salt mine along designated routes.

Stay tuned to your email for more fall volunteer requests!

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!

RSVP Volunteers

Cadance Dixon
Louetta Finn
Mike Foster
Judy Graber
Michele Hansen
Katie Harrington
Jeryl Hendricks
Yvonne Hill
Kathy Howes
Jimmy Jones
Myrna Jones
Kathryn Langrehr
Wayne Leikam Jr.
Dan Link
Georgia Link
Ricky Newton
Connie Oswald
Sue Powell
Karen Reyes
Mary Steward of Jesus
Sue Talbot
Donna Truitt
David Truitt
Gerald Sheridan
Gary Sturgeon
Denise Wiard
Terry Young

VAC Volunteers

Maggy Adolf
Danny Aleman
Gaven Bowers
Preston Davis
Alisha Drouhard
Cheryl Engebretson
Alayna Everhart
Carson Fraser-Slothower
Jedidiah Friesen
Blayne Hester
Austin Kay-Groote
Michael Lawlis
Angela Little
Lakin McEun
Malissa Pettay
Noah Park
Alexandra Redecop
Audrey Reida
Lindsey Rose
Clayton Shingleton
Devery Stucky
Samuel Williams

*Thank you for joining us at The
Volunteer Center/RSVP of
Reno County!*

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

The Volunteer Center of Reno County, a United Way Agency, is a central clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities in Reno County. Area non-profit and governmental organizations have submitted the following requests for help. **To pursue one of these or one of our other *many* volunteer opportunities listed with THE VOLUNTEER CENTER, call 665-4960 or e-mail volunteercenter@hutchcc.edu.**

STAGE 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Stage 9's mission is excite minds, move hearts and change lives through theatrical performance, arts education and live entertainment. Stage 9 strives to produce quality entertainment and provide opportunities for artistic expression for all Hutchinson community members, specifically focused on ages 18 and up. Stage 9 produces plays and musicals ranging from classics to contemporary hits. The Board of Directors is responsible for keeping this mission alive by fundraising through securing sponsors, contacting members (patrons), and financially supporting the organization through purchasing a membership of any level. The Directors shall attend monthly meetings (2nd Monday of the month) beginning in January and ending in December as called by the board. Directors are encouraged to work at least two performances of four productions annually as house manager or box office (or wherever needed), and assist with sets and auditions as available. Volunteers do not necessarily need to have previous experience in theatre. A background with experience in law, marketing, fundraising, grant writing or construction would be helpful but is not required. Minimum age of volunteers is 21.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICE SUPPORT-The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help in the office with filing, etc. 2-3 times a week (days and times during the week are flexible with the volunteer's schedule). Volunteers must have customer service experience, ability to hear well and answer the phone in a timely manner, be able to sit for a longer amount of time or be up and down at times, understand HIPAA laws or be willing to learn them, and willing to work with a computer.

BEYOND BARRIERS is looking for volunteer receptions on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Volunteers will answer the phones, transfer calls, make outgoing phone calls, greet visitors, organize files, maintain cleanliness of the front desk area, unlock filing cabinets, complete forms on computer, write thank you notes, address envelopes and complete receipt memos. Volunteers must have general computer skills, be able to handle a multi-line phone system and have good communication skills.

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS CONTINUED

CHILD CARE LINKS BOARD MEMBERS-Child Care Links provides "links" to child care needs. They work with the Dept. of Agriculture and Kansas State Department of Education to help feed children in day care, process all the paperwork sent in by day cares for the food program and visit the homes and day care centers to ensure nutritional needs are being met. Child Care Links also receives United Way funding and is able to assist with parents finding and keeping day care through scholarships. Board members attend quarterly board meetings by zoom or in person, review financial statements, and give input towards the operations of Child Care Links.

BRIGHT HOUSE is looking for Kids Support Group Assistants. Volunteers will be with the children of domestic violence support group members while parents are attending support group. This could also include assisting with bathroom breaks as needed, playing games and toys, and general supervision of children. Volunteers will need to be 18 years of age and will have background checks run by Bright House. Experience with children (ages 0-17) is required. This position might require the volunteer to be able to hold infants, therefore the ability to lift 20+ pounds is also required. Volunteers are needed every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. and 7 p.m.-8 p.m., but volunteers can choose which evenings they are available to help.

HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER is looking for volunteer Information Desk workers on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8a-12p, and 12p-5p (times for shifts can be adjusted). Volunteers will staff the information desk, and direct patrons as needed. Volunteers must be able to work with the public, be friendly, and will be sitting for long periods of time.

HUTCHINSON MOMS-Volunteers are needed to provide child care during meetings on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month from 8:45a.m.-11 a.m. during the school year. Volunteers must have some experience with children and provide a safe, enjoyable environment for them.

RENO COUNTY MUSEUM is needing volunteers to help at the reception/gift shop front desk. Volunteers will greet the public, provide information about the various facilities within the museum, operate the cash register, help with small office tasks, and take admission for the children's area called The Oodleplex. Volunteers are needed Tuesday thru Friday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-5 p.m, and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Volunteers must be 18 and work well with the public.

If you are interested in reading or mentoring children with Big Brothers Big Sisters or Rise Up Reno Prevention Network, please give us a call at 620-665-4960 or email volunteercenter@hutchcc.edu to get scheduled for an information session or orientation!



WHY WAIT TO BE A FRIEND?

UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS

- 1 Tuesday, October 24 | Virtual lunch & learn
- 2 Thursday, October 26, 9 a.m. | Coffee info session
- 3 Thursday, November 2 | After hours info session



2023-2024 Training Dates

- Thursday September 21 @ 10am
- Tuesday October 10 @ 5:30pm
- Wednesday November 8 @ 10am
- No Trainings in December
- Thursday Jan 25 @ 5:30pm
- Friday February 9 @ 10am
- Wednesday March 6 @ 5:30pm
- Wednesday April 3 @ 10am

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 7** Hutch Rec Salt City 5K/10K
Oct. 11 The Volunteer Center/RSVP 50th Anniversary Luncheon
Oct. 18 Beyond Barriers Disability Mentoring Day
Oct. 19 Reno County Museum BOOseum & SpookWalk
Oct. 28 STRATACA's Monster Dash 5K
Nov. 15-18 NJCAA Div. I Volleyball Tournament
Nov. 18 TECH Gala

Just as a reminder, Americorps Seniors' guidelines ask that volunteers not engage in political, religious or labor union activities while volunteering at placements made by RSVP (The Volunteer Center).

AmeriCorps Seniors

RSVP, a part of the AmeriCorps program, is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. This program provides support and funding for RSVP programs nationwide. Show your support by following the national legislation regarding AmeriCorps Seniors, and taking supportive action when needed.

The Volunteer Center

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
Volunteer Action Corps (VAC)
Friends in Action (FIA)
Friends in Action Shopping Team (FAST)
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)
Reno County On Board

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