

## RSVP OF LEE COUNTY

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**The RSVP office will be closed February 22 through February 29 as Cindy will be out of town. Please call the United Way office at 372-3585 with any needs/concerns.**

*In 2016 when you refer a volunteer your name will be included in a quarterly drawing for a \$25 HyVee gift card. So keep those referrals coming!*



**Help us promote RSVP by "liking" and "sharing" us on facebook and by "following" us on Pinterest.**

### Normal office hours:

Tuesday through Friday  
8-4:00

*Since the Director is out and about frequently, you might want to call first to be sure she is in.*

# Silver Threads

**Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself.....It's what you do for others. — unknown**

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## STATION SPOTLIGHT

You may not realize it, but RSVP is a Volunteer Station in itself. We have several projects that work through the RSVP station.

A long-standing project is **RSVP Grocery Shopping**. The Grocery Shopping project began in 1990 and has been active ever since. Up to six volunteers meet at HyVee every Thursday to shop for residents of three federally subsidized housing complexes. One of the volunteers meets with the residents and collects the grocery orders at each location. This volunteer reviews the orders and distributes the orders when she meets with the other volunteers at HyVee. Each grocery order is shopped for and placed in its own cart and taken to an assigned counter where HyVee processes the order and then the HyVee driver delivers the orders and collects payment.

The residents served are usually those who do not have transportation or are unable to shop for themselves due to

In the  
Spotlight



**Volunteers Joyce Pappas and Jane Klesner shop for shut-ins.**

disability or illness.

Most of these volunteers have been performing this shopping service for years and are such a familiar sight at HyVee on Thursdays, with their clipboards in hand, that they are often asked by customers where a particular product is located - customers think they are actually HyVee employees!

All of the volunteers consider this to be a very personal service for the residents and a service that is vitally important to them. The volunteers strive to select the items exactly as they have them listed on their grocery order.

These volunteers have shopped for 146 orders the past 6 months.



## RSVP to have new Program Director

Dear Volunteers and Station Managers,

At the age of 69, my husband has finally decided to retire. And I always said when he goes, I go! So it is time for me to retire and enjoy some time with my sweetie of 45 years. We love to travel and love to camp so we hope to be "on the road" quite a bit.

It is was a mixture of sadness and joy that I leave you. I will truly miss working with all of you. The selfless hours of dedication that RSVP volunteers give to Lee County inspire me each and every day. I have been moved to tears on occasion just watching some of you work with others in need. Working on new projects such as our Market Stand, Garden Project and Reading Buddies Program has been a delight. It has truly been a joy to be a part of RSVP.

I look forward to our travels but will also enjoy just being "at home". During those at-home times I look forward to once again becoming an RSVP volunteer and working side by side with you.

My official last day will be March 18th (one day after my 65th birthday!). I would love to have you stop in and see me before I leave.

Volunteers Rock!

*Cindy Steflik*

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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

In an effort to keep things running smoothly during the transition to a new RSVP Program Director, I am looking for two volunteers for the following positions:

***RSVP Liason to the Live Healthy Lee County Committee.*** This committee usually meets once a month for about an hour.

***RSVP Liason to the Food Pantry Garden Project.*** This committee meets as needed.

Volunteer responsibility for both positions would include attending meetings and sharing pertinent information with the RSVP Program Director and/or Fort Madison Area United Way.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Cindy at RSVP 372-8043 prior to March 18th.

Volunteers  
are the  
Pot-of-Gold  
at the end of the  
rainbow.



### Happy Birthday from Casey's and RSVP!

Mary Gray	3/4
Cathy McInteer	3/9
Paula Kropp	3/10
Jane Sanford	3/24
Roberta Smith	3/26
Rudie Castagna	3/27
Rachael Cook	3/29



The east-end Casey's at 1208 Avenue H is once again very generously donating a free coffee and doughnut to RSVP volunteers on your birthday. If you have at least 10 documented volunteer hours in the past 12 months, you'll find a coupon enclosed. Email recipients will receive a separate email with their coupon attached.

*Be sure to say "Thank You" to the Casey's manager.*

### What have we been up to?

The past six months, **94** volunteers served **3,897.5** hours in **29** different jobs in **17** Stations. Congratulations to the following volunteers who served *exceptional* hours during this period:

100-199 Hours: **Terrie Abbot, Rachael Cook, Sharon Huey** (All Salvation Army)

200-299 Hours: **Wayne DeMint** (Milestones) and **Dodie Fisher** (Salvation Army)

300-399 Hours: **Susan Fields** and **Whilla Shinn** (Both Salvation Army)

These **seven** volunteers served a total of **1,635** hours!

[The following volunteers have t-shirts, volunteer handbooks and/or photo IDs ready for pick up. Please stop in the RSVP office as soon as possible.](#)

Ray McKee	Sharon Dorrell	Anna Auge-Grinstead	Sharon Huey	Kathy Keeler	Neva Peak
Dennis Dorrell	Judy Gerdes	Robert Dietrich	Dianne Hope	Fred Arnold	Ted Schneider
Ora Halferty	Paulette Schrepfer	Mary Gray	Betty Anderson	Jonica DuQuite	Vera Woodley
Terry Schrepfer	Vera Brown	Karen Kokjohn	Marlene Scull	Vonnie Rea	
Cathy Bentler	Judy Gerdes	Carol Kennedy	Kate Lamb	Zita Wiebler	
Robin Lachmann	Susan Fields	Sherry McKee	Karen Mogenhan	Mary Neuweg	

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*When faced with a pressing challenge, I will bring Americans of all generations together to strengthen our communities.*

*When faced with children at risk, I will help them stay in school and on track for a brighter future.*

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*When faced with older adults in need, I will provide support and compassion so they may age with grace and dignity.*

*Working for the greatest good, I will use my lifetime of experiences to improve my country, my community, and myself through service.*

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