

Strengthen Your Community: Volunteer!

Hilltop Community Resource— Class Assistant for Nutrition Education Program.

Karis, Inc. - The House— Mentor homeless teens.

SD51 with RSVP's Senior Scholar Project— Tutor children grades K-12.

American Cancer Society— Driver.

Community Food Bank— Packing food boxes.

Call 243-9839 ext. 5 or go online www.rsvpgrandjunction.org for more ways to help.

A Week Without SHIP

by Amber Hodges

August 21st through the 25th the RSVP SHIP office will be closed. RSVP and RSVP Senior Scholar Project will still be opened.

We are excited to have all of our SHIP Navigators able to attend the annual two-day training in Denver!

The RSVP SHIP volunteers will be back in action on August 28th!



New Medicare Cards Inspire Scam

by Ruth McCrea

Medicare will never phone you and ask for personal information. Not your Medicare number or your financial accounts or anything else. Medicare doesn't email you or visit your home to "verify" or "update" your information.

This is important to understand because Medicare is replacing your Medicare card with a new Medicare



New Medicare card coming in April 2018.

Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) starting in April 2018.

Scam artists are already trying to take advantage. They are calling people and pretending to be Medicare. They threaten to stop your Medicare benefits if you don't "verify" your personal information. **Don't fall for it!**

If someone asks for any personal information, simply say, "I don't give out personal information." Report suspicious experiences to stopmedicarefraud.org or 1-877-272-8720.

The good news is, your Medicare card will no longer have your Social Security number on it! This is actually an effort to combat identity theft and Medicare fraud. By not having your Social Security Number as your Medicare number you will be less vulnerable to fraud. You should also know this doesn't change your Medicare benefits.

Just remember, RSVP's SHIP volunteers are here to help. When in doubt, just say "No"...and then call SHIP! Trained, certified SHIP volunteers will help you understand your Medicare benefits and let you know about current scams.



Old Medicare card being replaced in 2018.

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MesaCountyRSVP

45th Anniversary

by Jean Brewer

July 1, 2017, starts Mesa County RSVP's 45th Anniversary Year. RSVP began with Congress passing the Older Americans Act in 1968 as part of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society Reforms. In 1965, Community Service Society of New York launched a pilot project on Staten Island. The success of this program demonstrated the value of the services of older volunteers and led to an amendment to the Older Americans Act, creating RSVPs in 1969. RSVP projects launched in spring 1971 with appropriations of \$500,000. Eleven RSVP projects started the summer of 1971. Their success caused Congress to increase the appropriation to \$15,000,000 in 1972, expanding RSVP nationally. By June 1974, there were 666 projects nationwide operating on the \$15,000,000 appropriation.

July 1, 1973, Community Social Services of CO West received a grant to start the RSVP in Mesa County, beginning with 100 volunteers giving 10,000 hours of service that year.

Several different organizations have sponsored Mesa County RSVP: Mesa County Board of Commissioners-1981; Mesa State College-1988; GJ Area Chamber of Commerce-1994; and Volunteer Central-1995. In 2000, a nonprofit corporation was formed called Mesa County RSVP, Inc. which became an independent 501(c)(3) Nonprofit and permanent sponsor.

This RSVP has started three Signature Projects. In 1990, the Handyman Project (HND) was formed to provide minor home repairs and services for low-to-moderate-income and disabled individuals. In 1992, RSVP started the Senior Scholar Project (SSP) to engage more RSVP volunteers to tutor in local schools. In 2008, the Senior Health Insurance Assistance Project (SHIP) was started to train senior volunteers to assist Medicare-eligible individuals.

Mesa County RSVP and the volunteers have accomplished a lot. From 1/1/11 to 12/31/16 RSVP volunteers:

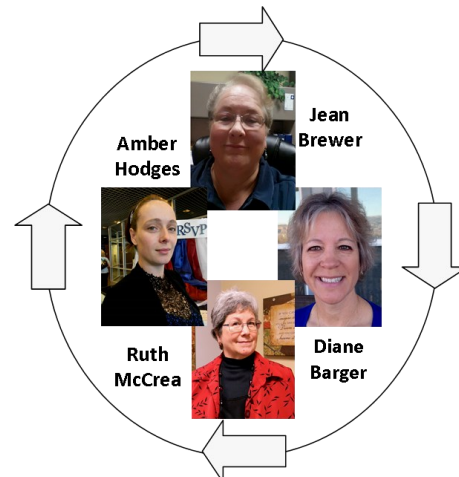
Completed 1,172 HND client home-repair projects

45 SSP tutors helped 3,000 students at 23 District 51 and 2 faith-based schools

8-10 trained SHIP counselors completed 9,710 client contacts.

745 RSVP volunteers gave 412,910 hours of service to 90 agencies doing a large variety of tasks.

Thank you to the community, volunteers, board members, member agencies, sponsors, foundations, etc. for helping Mesa County RSVP strengthen this community!



A Little Help From My Friends

by Amber Hodges

Every few months an elite team of staff and volunteers work together to create this exceptional reading experience! I thought it was time we extend a proper thank you to all of our writers, editors, designers, digital production team and the always fabulous assembly team.



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Senior Scholar Project

by Diane Barger

Come and join our team! Senior scholars share their skills, talents and compassion to support children in schools and other learning centers. There are so many ways to be a positive role model and help a child learn how to read, improve in math, complete homework, and learn about science or live animals in naturalist environments! Be a partner in improving a child's overall academic achievement, relationships and social skills. No teaching experience is necessary. If you are interested in helping support the children of our community, please call Diane Barger, RSVP Volunteer and Senior Scholar Manager at 970-243-9839 ext 5.

RSVP Calendar

July

- Timesheets Due by the 15th**
- Medicare Help:** SHIP Walk-in Day
Every Thursday — 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 4 Office Closed - Independence Day**
- 5 Medicare 101—Introduction to Medicare**
10 a.m. to Noon
- 12 Medicare 201 — Beyond the Basics**
10 a.m. to Noon
- 19 RSVP Volunteer Summer Social @**
Canyon View Vineyard Church
- 19 Get Out & Go Raffle Ticket Drawing**
- 20 Costa Vida Fundraiser - 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**
- 25 RSVP Board Meeting - Noon to 1p.m.**

August

- Timesheets Due by the 15th**
- Medicare Help:** SHIP Walk-in Day
Every Thursday — 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 2 Medicare 101 — 10 a.m. to Noon**
- 22 RSVP Board Meeting — Noon to 1p.m.**
- 21 - 25 SHIP Office CLOSED for Training**

September

- Timesheets Due by the 15th**
- Medicare Help:** SHIP Walk-in Day
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- 4 Office Closed - Labor Day**
- 6 Medicare 101—Introduction to Medicare**
10 a.m. to Noon
- 13 Medicare 201 — Beyond the Basics**
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- 27 RSVP Board Meeting — Noon to 1 p.m.**

SAVE THE DATE

**RSVP Volunteer Holiday Potluck
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- ☞ The Encore Shoppe will select the items they will be able to sell.
- ☞ Tell them you are donating on behalf of RSVP.
- ☞ When the items sell, the 40% consignment will be donated to RSVP.

