



# Volunteer Voice

## Newsletter Oct.-Dec. 2018



Help RSVP raise \$4,000 on Colorado Gives Day! Any donation that processes ON Dec. 4 will be partially matched by Community First Foundation! Beginning Nov. 1, you can simply check a box on the website indicating you'd like your donation to process ON Dec. 4. We're grateful for donations of any size! [coloradogives.org](http://coloradogives.org)

### Strengthen Your Community — Volunteer!

**Family Health West In Fruita—Sitter** will sit with dementia residents at Catholic mass church service on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteer will not transport or transfer residents.

**Agape Food Basket in Fruita—Director** will coordinate food pick-up through the Food Bank of the Rockies Grocery Donation Program. Receive donations from local community food drives. Manage distribution of food to clients. Manage Food Basket finances and volunteers. Having a truck is helpful but not required. On the job training provided.

243-9839, ext. 5 or [rsvpgrandjunction.org](http://rsvpgrandjunction.org) for more ways to help.

### Here's What Our Agencies Say:

*"The Welcome Center would not have survived if it weren't for our RSVP volunteers."*

-Orilee Witte, Colorado Welcome Center

"Diane Barger's skillful RSVP recruitment has given us more than half of our volunteers at the Colorado Welcome Center. Volunteers share Colorado information and personal experiences with visitors from all over the U.S., as well as the rest of the world, which directly benefits our local economy. RSVP understands our needs, so I have such confidence that new volunteers are already screened and are an immediate fit for the Welcome Center's culture. This not only saves me time I don't have, but it also anchors these responsible and dedicated individuals who are so important to our 'family'. We are all very grateful to have RSVP as a valuable partner and reliable resource for volunteer recruitment in Mesa County."

### Here's What Our Volunteers Say:

*"The RSVP volunteer chooses which non-profits they want to assist."*

-Joan H., RSVP volunteer since 2011

"The benefits of volunteering through RSVP include both the application process and the variety of opportunities available. Volunteers provide assistance to more than 60 agencies, helping children, senior citizens, animals and plants in all types of settings. The thorough application process includes a meeting with the volunteer manager to match your interests, skills and availability with agencies' needs. The volunteer then chooses which non-profits they want to assist. The RSVP application process contributes to more successful matches, which is a win for the volunteer and the non-profit."

### Save the Date!

Volunteers are invited to our Holiday Party

12/11/18, 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Canyon View Vineyard Church

See more information soon on your invitation!



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**Jean Brewer:**

**970-243-9839, ext. 8. We**

**will review your**

**application immediately!**

### 5 Easy Ways You Can Help RSVP Strengthen Our Community:

1. Check out our Facebook page for an office supply list.
2. Share this newsletter with a friend.
3. Switch to reporting your hours online. This saves us paper, toner and time, and saves you the cost of getting paper timecards to us.
4. Recommend SHIP Medicare Open Enrollment Events to friends/family.
5. Email [recruit@rsvpgrandjunction.org](mailto:recruit@rsvpgrandjunction.org) if you'd like to receive this newsletter by email instead of postal mail. This cuts down on costs, leaving more money to go toward our mission!

### "I Already Volunteer for an Agency. Why Should I Also Belong to RSVP?"

Here's a short, dry answer: Volunteering for an agency through RSVP (rather than on your own) saves that agency money. **Our member agencies need not use resources searching out and recruiting just the right volunteers, which leaves more resources to put toward their cause.**

Now, here are your benefits (all free to you and to the agency):

- We can connect you with a large variety of one-time or regular volunteer opportunities, adding flexibility and fun into your volunteer experience!
- No membership or participation fees!
- Quarterly newsletter designed to meet the needs of our volunteers.
- Participate in RSVP-sponsored social events to meet new people.
- Receive accident and liability insurance coverage.

**Contact Diane Barger: 970-243-9839, ext. 5 or**  
**[recruit@rsvpgrandjunction.org](mailto:recruit@rsvpgrandjunction.org)**

## Save Money on Medicare!

Here's a handy refrigerator list RSVP SHIP compiled to help Medicare recipients in upcoming months.

### To Do:

1. Get your teeth cleaned
2. Buy Halloween candy
3. Check your smoke alarm batteries
4. Winterize your fruit trees
5. Bring home Tom Turkey
6. Go Christmas shopping
- 7. Attend one of RSVP SHIP's Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Events!**

2018 SHIP Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Events:

(All events 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location: RSVP offices, 422 White Avenue, basement of US Bank building. Walk-in only; no appointments. Bring your Medicare card, prescription list and any other insurance cards.)

**Mon., Oct. 22      Wed., Nov. 14**

**Fri., Nov. 2      Mon., Nov. 19**

If you have had SHIP assess your Part D coverage, you know how valuable it can be. If you have never had SHIP perform a check-up on your Medicare Part D coverage, consider changing that this year. Your annual Medicare check-up is an important part of setting your budget for 2019 and has the potential to save you money. SHIP services are **absolutely free**, but we always appreciate donations of any size.

**Our SHIP counselors do not sell insurance and, as state-certified volunteers, do not benefit in any way from the plan you choose.**

### Thank You!

RSVP would like to thank The Daily Sentinel for their partnership with us. We appreciate their support of RSVP in our mission to strengthen our community!



## RSVP Calendar

**Volunteer Hours due by the 15th of each month**

**Medicare Help:** SHIP Walk-in Day  
Every Thursday—9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### October

**3 Medicare 101—Introduction to Medicare  
10 a.m. to Noon**

**15 Medicare Open Enrollment Starts**

**22 Medicare Open Enrollment Event 9 a.m.  
to 3 p.m.**

**23 RSVP Board Meeting Noon—1:30 p.m.**

### November

**2 Medicare Open Enrollment Event 9 a.m.  
to 3 p.m.**

**7 Medicare 101—Introduction to Medicare  
10 a.m. to Noon**

**14 Medicare Open Enrollment Event 9 a.m.  
to 3 p.m.**

**19 Medicare Open Enrollment Event 9 a.m.  
to 3 p.m.**

**22- OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving  
23**

**27 RSVP Board Meeting Noon—1:30 p.m.**

### December

**4 Colorado Gives Day!**

**7 Medicare Open Enrollment Ends**

**12 Medicare 101—Introduction to Medicare  
10 a.m. to Noon (PLEASE NOTE: This is  
the 2nd Wed. of the month.)**

**25 OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas**

**25 No RSVP Board Meeting in December**

**31 New Year's Eve**



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## Support RSVP and our mission!

*“Strengthen our community by engaging volunteers ages 55 and over.”*

### SIGN UP

**City Market Community Rewards  
Is An Easy Way to Support  
Mesa County RSVP**

- Register by calling 1-800-576-4377 or online at [www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com](http://www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com).
- Choose Mesa County RSVP, ID#10238.
- Use your loyalty card at City Market.



## *The Encore Shoppe*

NOW LOCATED AT 1909 N. 1st St.

**Donate Your Gently-Used  
Clothing and Household Items  
To Support RSVP**

- Take your used items to The Encore Shoppe Tues. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- The Encore Shoppe will select the items they can sell.
- Tell them you are donating on behalf of RSVP.
- When the items sell, the 40% consignment will be donated to RSVP.

