



# Volunteer Voice

## Adams County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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### Things to Remember

- "News & Views" - Volunteers needed to prepare the newsletter mailing on Tuesdays, Dec. 28 and Jan. 25.
- We have a limited number of plastic holders to help keep your Covid-19 vaccination card safe. Contact the RSVP Office if you would like one.

*Happy Holidays!!!*

### Message from Barb Casady

For more than 47 years, Adams County RSVP has been matching volunteers, ages 55 years and older, with volunteer service opportunities that meet critical community needs. During the last fiscal year – July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, during the pandemic, there were 255 Adams County RSVP Volunteers who put in over 39,147 hours of service. That means you—Adams County RSVP Volunteers—contributed **108 hours every day of the year** to make Adams County a positive place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.

This newsletter is full of great photos that show RSVP volunteers in action. We wish you warm, joy-filled holidays and look forward to many more volunteer opportunities next year.



### Volunteers in Action

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## RSVP Volunteers Build Holiday Boxes for Salvation Army



## Boy Scout Mailings



Volunteers on November 4th included the following:  
 Connie Scott, Greg Scott, LeeAnn Hagerty, Pat Bauer,  
 Susan Bauer, Denise Percy, Peg Seeley, Donna  
 Window, Joyce Mester, and Diane Meyer.

Volunteers on November 22nd included the following: Connie Scott, LeeAnn Hagerty, Fran Adolphs, Don Adolphs, Joyce Mester, Mary Wilson, and Sue Foster.





## **Volunteer Opportunities—please share with friends and family!**

This is just a sample of opportunities. Call the RSVP office to find the right fit for you!



**Bell Ringing for Salvation Army** - RSVP volunteers will be ringing bells at the Quincy Towne Center (formerly the Quincy Mall) on Thursday, December 9, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will need two volunteers per shift. Shifts are 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Please call Nicole at **217-641-4961** to volunteer.

**Salvation Army** - Volunteers are needed to help sort donations and display merchandise at The Salvation Army Family Services Center and Emergency Shelter. Contact Jeremy Koren at the following email address: [jeremy.koren@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:jeremy.koren@usc.salvationarmy.org) or **217-231-5633** for more information.

**American Red Cross** - When disasters happen in your area, the first thing you do is step forward and ask, “What can I do to help?” Training can help you turn your compassion into effective action. Sign up to be a Red Cross volunteer or for more information, go to [www.redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday).

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** - **You** can make a difference at tax time! See information flyer on page 4.

**Meals on Wheels** – Would you be able to give an hour of your time once a month delivering a Meals on Wheels route? Not only is it a great way to learn more about the community but it is also a tangible way to help those in need. You might want to encourage a friend to go along—one person drives and the other person delivers—teamwork! If you aren’t able to deliver, please mention this need at your church or other organization. Together, we can fill the needed slots. The process for delivering MOW is designed so that volunteers stay safe. Call **217-223-7904** for more information or to volunteer.



**Blessing Hospital** - Blessing is in need of volunteers to help make baby afghans (any pattern) for each of our newborns. Yarn is provided (#4) in various colors at the Volunteer Office at Blessing. For more information, call Volunteer Services at **(217)223-1200 ext. 6824 or 6821**.

### **Save the Date**

- **Present - December 7** - Medicare Open Enrollment— for an appointment, please call the Quincy Senior and Family Resource Center at **217-223-5700**.
- **November 1 - December 13** - Stop by the Quincy Senior Center at 639 York St. to select an angel from their Angel Tree Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. Your gift will be given to an area senior in need this holiday season. An “Elf” Box for donations of toiletries, calendars, puzzle books is also available.
- **February 12, 2022** - RSVP volunteers are invited to attend a JWCC Women’s and Men’s Basketball game. No admission charge. Sandwiches, chips, popcorn, etc. will be served. You can sit in the Elbe Observation Area or down on the court. Please let us know if you want to attend! Call Nicole at **217-641-4961**.



LIVE UNITED

# Volunteer

You can make a difference in your community at tax time!

Learn valuable skills and share them with your community while volunteering a few hours a week to help greet clients, screen, or prepare tax returns.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is looking for volunteers who are interested in sharing their skills, talent, and knowledge. As a volunteer, you will greet clients, screen tax documents with clients, or prepare tax returns along with thousands of other Americans giving back to their communities.



We need volunteers to serve as tax screeners, preparers, and greeters during our tax season from January through April 15. No tax knowledge needed to volunteer.

**Tax screeners and preparers:** You complete and successfully certify in tax training, including the use of electronic filing software, to provide free tax return screening and preparation for taxpayers.

**Greeters:** You greet everyone visiting the site to create a pleasant atmosphere. You help determine the type of assistance they need and direct them accordingly. You also assist in scanning, filing, and phone calls. **Tax law knowledge and certification is not required for this position.**

## You tell us your:

- Current computer skills
- Current tax law knowledge
- Desired volunteer position
- Commitment time

## We will provide free:

- Tax law training
- E-file software training
- Administrative support
- Rewarding volunteer experiences

**CALL OR EMAIL TODAY**

217-222-5020

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Learn more at: <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-Tax-Volunteers>

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## Volunteer Appreciation Drive-Thru



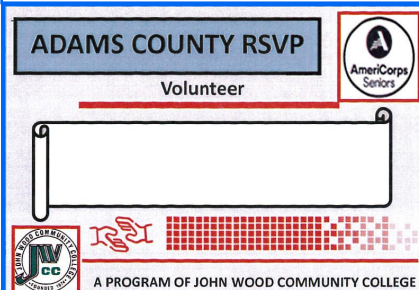
**October 22, 2021**





## Did You Know?

- ♦ John Wood Community College and the RSVP Office will be closed from Wednesday, December 22, 2021—Friday, December 31, 2021 (Office will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022.)
- ♦ Working hours for JWCC (and RSVP) are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday.
- ♦ We encourage RSVP volunteers to call the RSVP Office when you plan to drop by. We love to see you and spend time visiting, however, there are times when staff are out of the office and we don't want you to be



## New Volunteer Name Tags

Is your RSVP volunteer name tag old and raggedly? Maybe it's lost? If so, we have new ones hot off the presses! All you have to do is contact Nicole in the RSVP Office at 217-641-4961 and she will gladly make and mail you a new one.

## The Winner Is . . .

Winner for September is **Howard Wear, Jr.** and the winner for October is **Richard Redmond.** RSVP staff draw a name from all the pink timesheets submitted by the 7th of each month. **Remember—if you turn your pink sheets in by the 7th of the month, you may be a winner!**

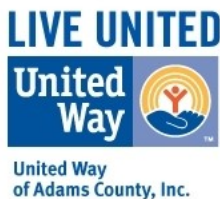
We also track the names of our current members who referred a new volunteer who, in turn, submitted their first timesheet. **Shirley Trussell** is the winner for September and October!

**Winners, please stop by the RSVP office on the JWCC Main Campus to pick up your \$15.00 Hy-Vee gift card. We suggest calling before you come—217-641-4961.**

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