





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, Feb. 22 and Mar. 29.
- We have 2022 pocket calendars, plastic holders for Covid vaccination cards, and AmeriCorps Seniors—RSVP t-shirts. Please call the RSVP Office to request.

Message from Barb Casady

The winter snows have arrived. Gloves, hats, heavier coats, and snow shovels have all become essential tools in our lives once more. Living on a farm in southern Hancock County, I get to enjoy the beauty of the snow falling and the large fields of fresh snow that many times during the day have blue skies and sunshine bouncing off them. At night these same fields are surrounded by the moon and what seems like an infinite number of stars. It makes my home a treasure of a place to live. It's enough to take my breath away!

As an RSVP Volunteer in Adams County, you are an essential part of our community's life. The beauty of your gifts of time, experiences, talents, and kindness to others through volunteering makes Adams County a treasure of a place to live. You are a bright and shining star—and your gifts are infinitely important to our communities.

Every day I hear new stories of volunteers who have stepped up to make the life of an individual, family, or organization better. Thank you for caring and for giving your volunteering spirit. Thank you for being infinitely important to our community—you take my breath away!!!

On March 31, 2022, I will be retiring from the position of Volunteer Manager at John Wood Community College and as Director of the Adams, Brown and Pike Counties RSVP. The process of hiring a new RSVP Director has begun and the hope is to have the person hired and in place two weeks before I leave, giving time for the training of the new staff person.

Throughout my life and my career, I have been shaped by the importance of volunteering. My parents joyfully instilled in me and my siblings the responsibility each of us has to volunteer. I spent 28 years working with the 4-H Youth Development Program whose core values are to develop leadership through volunteerism and to help young people grow into caring, competent, and contributing adults. I have been deeply touched by RSVP Volunteers—who serve each day to meet critical community needs. *I send a heartfelt thank you to each of you for your service and for making the world a better place!*



JWCC Basketball Games on Saturday, February 12— Free Admission for Volunteers!

All RSVP volunteers are invited to attend the JWCC Women's and Men's Basketball games on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. The Blazers will be playing against Parkland College. There is no admission charge and sandwiches, chips, popcorn, etc. will be served. You may 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**.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a nationwide, non-profit organization dedicated to finding young children living without the luxury of sleeping on a bed or even laying their heads on a pillow. SHP's mission is to partner with organizations, businesses, and individuals to build beds, provide bedding, and deliver to kids in need. As the **ONLY** charity that builds hand-made bunk beds, SHP also gives children dignity, comfort, and peace of mind.

From 2012 to 2020, SHP has built and delivered 60,448 beds with the help of 94,620 volunteers from 242 chapters across the country. As our on-going Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of National Service (celebrated on January 17, 2022) project, Adams County RSVP will continue to collect bedding items for the Liberty, IL chapter of SHP.

If you would like to donate, please bring your contributions to the JWCC main campus. Items may be dropped off in the boxes located at the front entrance or at the RSVP office located in the Paul Heath Building. Office hours and contact information are posted on the back page of this newsletter. You may bring in any of the following items and our staff will see that they are delivered to *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*:

- ♦ **Greatest need—new twin-sized comforters and mattress protectors; also need new quilts and blankets;**
- ♦ **Second greatest need—new standard-size bed pillows; and/or**
- ♦ **Home-made afghans, quilts, and blankets.**

Thank you!



Volunteer Opportunities—please share with friends and family!

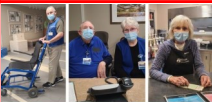
This is just a sample of opportunities. Call the RSVP office to find the right fit for you!

Illinois Veterans Home - We need a “Welcome Corner Assistant.” Duties would include sorting through donations of clothing and organizing on racks, answering phone calls from residents or staff, and preparing clothing orders for them. This position may require using a cart or dolly and lifting heavy boxes. Hours are Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Call Sara Colgrove, Director of Activities & Volunteer Services, at **217-640-2260** or email at sara.colgrove@illinois.gov.



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.

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. To sign up to be a Red Cross volunteer or for more information, go to www.redcross.org/volunteertoday.



**JOIN OUR
TEAM AS A
VOLUNTEER**

Blessing Hospital - We have opportunities in our Tea Room and Quincy Hospitality House as well as a shuttle driver, waiting room hostess, greeter in the Health Center, helping with knitting and crocheting, and much more. For more information, call Volunteer Services at **(217)223-1200 ext. 6824 or 6821** or visit blessinghealth.org/volunteer.

The Salvation Army Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) – Quincy and Hannibal Area
 - ◇ Team members needed to serve meals on the Canteen and assist during disasters
- ◆ Family Services/Emergency Shelter (Quincy)
 - ◇ Receptionist assistance (answer phones and front desk coverage)
 - ◇ Food Pantry assistance
 - ◇ Breadline assistance (M-F, 8:30am-10am)
- ◆ Family Store (Quincy)
 - ◇ Sorting through donations
- ◆ Youth Development/Ministry (Quincy)
 - ◇ Chaperones for youth programs
 - ◇ Drivers for after-school programs



Contact jeremy.koren@usc.salvationarmy.org or **217-231-5633** for more information.

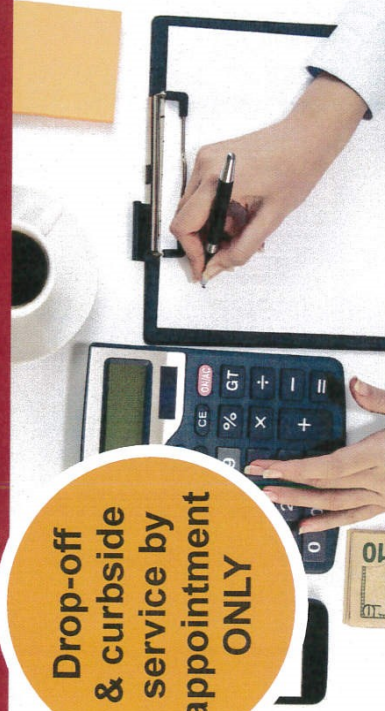
Adams County Covered Bottom Diaper Bank - Volunteers are needed to help wrap diapers to keep area children clean, dry, and healthy. The next diaper-wrapping is Wednesday, February 23, from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the Quincy University North Campus. Directions: take 18th St. North—turn left (west) on Seminary Rd. Turn into parking lot L. Keep driving through the area between the two buildings. There will be a sign on the door which will be cracked open (it automatically locks when fully closed). For further information, please contact Anita Hanke at **(573)231-6202** or ahanke@co.adams.il.us.

FREE TAX PREPARATION



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, BOOK TODAY!

Drop-off & curbside service by appointment ONLY



TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT
unitedwayadamsco.org/vita

Taxpayers with an annual household income under \$57,000 qualify for FREE tax filing services. Convenient daytime and evening appointments are **available from February 1 through April 9.**

Appointments are now being accepted. BOOK ONLINE TODAY.

Total annual household income of \$57,000 or under to qualify.

Required Information - MUST PROVIDE:

- ☐ Photo identification (State ID, Drivers License, or Passport) for **YOU** and your **SPOUSE**.
- ☐ Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) for **YOU**, your **SPOUSE**, your **DEPENDENTS**, and everyone included on your tax return.
- ☐ Birth dates for all on the tax return.
- ☐ For married filing separate must have spouses name, date of birth, and Social Security number. If married filing jointly, both spouses must be present at time of signing.
- ☐ All forms W-2, 1099, 1098, 1095A-Marketplace, EIP Notice 1444-C, Social Security verification statement, and any other tax documents for 2021.
- ☐ Bank account and routing information if choosing direct deposit of refund (e.g. voided check).
- ☐ Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number.
- ☐ Property tax receipt.
- ☐ Letter 6419, Advance Child Tax Credit.

Book your appointment: unitedwayadamsco.org/vita

Items of Interest

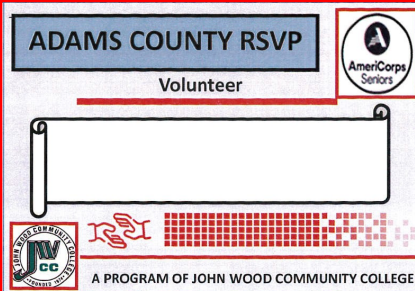
Would you like to receive the Brown & Pike County RSVP Newsletter electronically?

If you would like to receive the **Volunteer Voice** through email instead of through regular mail, please contact the Adams County RSVP Office. Our contact information is on the back page of this newsletter. Please include your current email address in your message. Thank you!!



Did You Get a New RSVP T-shirt?

If you did not receive a new RSVP T-shirt at the drive-thru recognition in October, we have them in the office. You may drop by and pick one up or make other arrangements.



New Volunteer Name Tags

Is your RSVP volunteer name tag old and raggedy? Maybe it's lost? If so, we have new ones hot off the presses! All you have to do is contact the Adams County RSVP Office and Nicole will gladly make and mail you a new one.

Save the Date

- **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**.

Current Scams

♦ **Social Security Administration Imposter Scam**

Social Security Administration imposters contact prospective victims by telephone and falsely claim that the victim's Social Security number has been suspended because of suspicious activity, or because it has been involved in a crime. They ask to confirm the victim's Social Security number, or they may say they need to withdraw money from the victim's bank and to store it on gift cards or in other unusual ways for "safekeeping." Victims may be told their accounts will be seized or frozen if they fail to act quickly. Perpetrators often use robocalls to reach victims. Victims may be told to "press 1" to speak to a government "support representative" for help reactivating their Social Security number. They also use caller ID spoofing to make it look like the Social Security Administration is calling. With such trickery, perpetrators convince victims to give up their Social Security numbers and other personal information.

♦ **IRS Impostor Scam**

IRS Impostor Scams are aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a wire transfer or stored value card such as a gift card. Victims who refuse to cooperate are threatened with arrest, deportation, or suspension of a business or driver's license.

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♦ Tech Support Scam

Fraudsters make telephone calls and claim to be computer technicians associated with a well-known company or they may use internet pop-up messages to warn about non-existent computer problems. The scammers claim they have detected viruses, other malware, or hacking attempts on the victim's computer. They pretend to be "tech support" and ask that the victim give them remote access to his or her computer. Eventually, they diagnose a non-existent problem and ask the victim to pay large sums of money for unnecessary – or even harmful – services.

Refund scheme: After victims make payments, perpetrators often call back and offer refunds to victims, claiming their tech support services are no longer available. Perpetrators claim to send refund money to the victim's bank account but falsely claim that too much money was refunded. Perpetrators then induce victims to send payments (often through stored-value cards such as gift cards), purportedly to reimburse the tech support company for its "over-refund." Victims have lost hundreds or thousands of dollars to this refund scheme.

<https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice>

Did You Know?

- ♦ 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 disappointed. Call us at **217-641-4961** and we will be sure to be here when you stop by.

The Winner Is . . .

Winner for November is **Kent Schreake** and the winner for December is **Sherry Sparks**. 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!**

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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