



# 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, Oct. 26 and Nov. 30.
- 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.

### Message from Barb Casady

One of the many benefits of serving through RSVP is that we are older than 55 years! That means we have *many, many* life experiences and we understand the statement from Fujio Cho, Honorary Chair, Toyota Corp.,

**"Plans are things that change."**

Our plans are changing – a bit. We are changing the way we hold our 2021 RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Please read below and expect an invitation to arrive in your mail by the first of October.

### **Adams County RSVP Drive-Thru Volunteer Recognition**

**Friday, October 22, 2021**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**John Wood Community College Campus – 1301 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street**

**For RSVP volunteers who provided at least  
12 hours of service in 2020**

Join us – in your vehicle – as we recognize and celebrate your RSVP volunteer service in Adams County. You will receive:

- A nice lunch in a box catered by JJ's Catering;
- A small gift to say thank you for your volunteer service;
- A t-shirt with our new AmeriCorps Seniors logo; and
- Recognition items for volunteers who have completed 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years of service.

There will be several people along the way to applaud you, celebrate you, and say "thank you for volunteering!"

We will require reservations for the event. An invitation will be mailed to you by the first week in October. Reservations will be due by October 12. We are working hard to help the event run smoothly. With your help, we can make this happen. Please send in your reservations. Remember – not everyone needs to arrive at 11:00. Please enter the north entrance to the JWCC parking lot and follow the signs to the back (east side) of the JWCC campus. You will not need to get out of your vehicle.

*For questions call our office at 217-641-4961.*

**Several Items to Note:**

- The Adams Co. Health Department has asked RSVP volunteers to assist with the Covid Rapid Testing Site. The site is located at the Health Department on Vermont Street. Volunteers are needed Tuesday thru Friday—10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. We will be disinfecting clipboards and ink pens. PPE will be provided. Please consider this opportunity. As you know, RSVP volunteers previously worked this area from the middle of November, 2020, to the middle of March, 2021.
- Because of the spike in Covid cases across Adams County, we were unable to host the annual Hot Dog Cook-Out at the IL Veterans Home. We will plan for 2022—third weekend in September : )
- Volunteers are needed!!! Every day we are receiving requests for volunteers to assist with nonprofits, schools, government agencies, and faith-based organizations across Adams County. Please know what you are doing is greatly needed and greatly appreciated! We will do everything possible to keep volunteers safe, healthy, and able to meet critical community needs through volunteer service.

*Save the Date*

- **Saturday, October 9** - Down Country presents Justin Moore Country Music Concert - tickets \$25; location is Rockin A Arena Pasture, 5303 Hwy C, Palmyra MO 63461; for more information: [info@upatdowncountry.com](mailto:info@upatdowncountry.com) or **217-617-3568**. Profits from ticket sales to benefit charity: 90% of proceeds to benefit Down Country and 10% to benefit Histiocytosis Association in loving memory of Tucker Anderson
- **Saturday October 9** - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day; 8:00—3:00; 101 N 54th St. (enter site at 52nd & Maine); IL residents only. . . Call **217-222-8440** for more information.
- **Friday, October 15** - Veteran Resource Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Kroc Center, 405 Vermont, Quincy, IL. Sponsored by Tri-State Veterans.
- **Friday, October 15 - December 7** - Medicare Open Enrollment— for an appointment, please call the Quincy Senior and Family Resource Center at **217-223-5700 after October 1**.
- **Friday, October 22** - Drive-Thru Recognition and Appreciation of RSVP Adams County Volunteers

*Elder Justice Corner*

**Avoiding Disaster Scams**—Coping with the aftermath of a disaster is never easy. With the arrival of Hurricane Ida, the recent flooding in Tennessee, the wildfires in the West, and any other disaster, scammers are often out to target people just trying to recover. Here are some ways to help you avoid common post-disaster scams:

- **Be skeptical of anyone promising immediate clean up and debris removal.** Some may quote outrageous prices, demand payment up-front, or lack the skills needed.
- **Verify before you pay.** Ask for IDs, licenses, and proof of insurance. Don't believe anything that isn't in writing.
- **Never pay by wire transfer, gift card, cryptocurrency, or in cash. Never make the final payment** until the work is done and you are satisfied.
- **Guard your personal information.** Only **scammers will say they are a government official** and they will demand money or your credit card, bank account, or Social Security number.
- **Know that FEMA doesn't charge application fees.** If someone wants money to help you qualify for FEMA funds, this is more than likely a scam.
- **Be wise to rental listing scams.** Steer clear of people who tell you to wire money or ask for security deposits or rent before you've met or signed a lease.
- **Spot disaster-related charity scams.** Scammers will often try to make a quick profit from the misfortune of others.

As always, if you suspect a scam **report it to the Federal Trade Commission** at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov). If you don't use the computer or internet and need assistance in helping to report fraud, feel free to contact our office at **217-641-4961** for assistance.

## **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!

**Adams County Health Department** - Urgent need for two volunteers per day to help with COVID rapid testing from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The Health Department is located at 330 Vermont St. The main duty of the volunteers is cleaning and disinfecting clipboards and ink pens. If interested, please contact Nicole Havermale in the RSVP office at **217-641-4961**.

**Illinois Veterans Home** - Volunteers needed for the following:

- **Welcome Corner Assistant** - Help accept clothing donations, push carts, and lift boxes. Sort through clothes. Assist residents with shopping for clothes. Tuesdays and Fridays from 1 pm to 3 pm.
- **Sewing** - Looking for a volunteer to do a bit of mending/sewing for residents. No set schedule and you may pick your own hours.
- **CDL Driver (with passenger endorsement)** - Our residents love to go for bus rides! Times vary depending on units. Activity bus is a 16 passenger vehicle that holds 2-3 wheelchairs and up to 14 walk-ons.
- **Bus Driver** - Ability to drive a 10 wheelchair bus. Does not require a CDL but experience in driving large vehicles a plus! Assist with transporting residents to special events, Wal-Mart, or just a bus ride around town.
- **Trolley Driver** - Can you drive a tractor? Our residents enjoy trolley rides around the grounds. Rides are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at approximately 9:00 or 10:00 am. Depends on weather.
- **Physical Therapy Driver and/or Campus Taxi** - Looking for someone to assist driving residents from Hammond Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> Street to our main campus to the therapy building for medical appointments. This position may also assist residents on campus to utilize amenities throughout the campus during the construction phases. This may include taxi services for residents from their unit to Smith Hall, Lippincott Hall, library, and other units to see their loved ones.
- **Medical Appointment Escort on Grounds** - Assist residents to medical appointments on grounds at Physical Therapy Building. Requires walking from unit to unit and pushing wheelchairs. Most appointments are on Wednesdays only. Times vary from 8 am to 2 pm.

To keep you and our residents safe & healthy, masks are required and screening/testing are required for volunteers. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities or would like more information, please feel free to contact Sara Colgrove at **217-640-2260** or email: [sara.colgrove@illinois.gov](mailto:sara.colgrove@illinois.gov).



**Villa Kathrine** - Do you LOVE meeting new people? Are you PROUD of Quincy and enjoy sharing what we have to offer? You would make the perfect tour guide! Meet people from around the world, locals just passing through, and long-time residents as you share the beautiful views and castle atmosphere with our guests! Interested? Email: [melissamhess@gmail.com](mailto:melissamhess@gmail.com) Text: (217) 209-1536



**Meals on Wheels** – Would you be able to give about 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.

## [Volunteer Opportunities — continued](#)

[Ringling Bells For Salvation Army](#) - Starting October 4, 2021, you can sign up for different times and days to ring bells for the holidays. Please go to the following website to sign-up: [RegisterToRing.com](#)

[Assisting with Mailings](#) - Adams County RSVP is well known among non-profits and government agencies for assisting with getting mailings folded, stuffed, stamped, and mailed. There are several RSVP volunteers who like doing this work. If you enjoy working as a group, visiting with others, volunteering occasionally when it fits your schedule—this may be just for you. Contact Nicole Havermale at **217-641-4961** to put your name on a list that can be called when volunteers are needed. Just a note—sometimes RSVP is contacted with not much “lead time” so, if we call and ask if you are available, you can always say no! *It is sometimes possible to do the mailings in your own home—if you like keeping busy while you watch TV or in the quiet of your home, this may also be an option for you.*

[Delivering Posters](#) - RSVP volunteers are regularly called into action when local arts organizations need assistance delivering posters advertising their events. Typically, volunteers are given a list of six to eight locations to drop off the posters. The delivery routes change based on the organization that calls. Quincy Civic Music, the Quincy Symphony Orchestra, Muddy River Opera, Arts Quincy, and Quincy Community Theater have all used RSVP volunteers’ services in the past. If you enjoy driving around Quincy, stopping in different businesses, banks, office buildings—then you might enjoy this. Contact Nicole Havermale and she will put you on the list that can be called when needed. Sometimes, the “lead time” is short—you can always say no if you are not available.

### [Friendly Caller Program](#)



Friendly Caller is a volunteer opportunity that can be done from your home. Volunteers make phone calls to individuals who have requested either a supportive/listening/social call or a safety and well-being call. Depending on your



availability and interest, you may call once or twice a week – or you might call five days a week. Volunteers will receive training. This program is designed to help address social isolation and loneliness. Volunteers will be matched with an individual to call. Contact Barb Casady at **217-641-4960** for more information.



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## *RSVP Says “Thank You” to First Responders*



On Friday, September 10, RSVP volunteers delivered “Thank You Boxes” to area first responders. A big thank-you should go out to the RSVP volunteers who delivered the boxes to the first responders in Adams County:

- Greg and Connie Scott
- LeeAnn Hagerty
- Carolyn Kolodziej
- Judy Lair and Shelia Goehl

Many RSVP volunteers helped to fill these boxes with healthy and tasty treats as well as with cases of water and energy drinks. Thanks, too, to the many who donated!

On September 11th, 2001, America lost 343 firefighters (including a chaplain and two paramedics) of the New York City Fire Department; 37 police officers of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Departments; and 23 police officers of the New York City Police Department in the catastrophic attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. These men and women had no idea of what awaited them when the alarms sounded—they only knew that this was their job and they responded accordingly. While everyone else was going down the stairs, first responders were going up. That’s just who they were—and that’s still who they are.

Today, when an emergency takes place, we know that help is coming. We know that our first responders will be here soon and that they will know what to do. While we will most likely be in the “fight or flight” mode, they will use their knowledge and experience to assess the situation and devise a plan of action. What kind of people put themselves in harm’s way to shield and help others that they don’t even know? This is what a first responder does every day—this is what a hero looks like—and this is why we say “Thank you!”



***Courage can't see around corners, but goes around them anyway.***

Mignon McLaughlin

### **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.
- ♦ You can support the United Way of Adams County and local restaurants on Wednesdays through December 15. Each Wednesday a different restaurant will donate a portion of sales made that day to the United Way. A list of restaurants and their Wednesday date can be found by going to the United Way website [www.unitedwayadamsco.org](http://www.unitedwayadamsco.org) or calling **217-222-5020**.

### **The Winner Is . . .**

Winner for July is **Susan Bruce** and the winner for August is **Edna Trimble**. 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. **Lois Mason** is the winner for July and August!

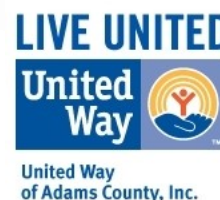
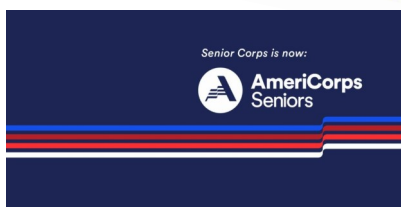
**Winners, please stop by the RSVP office on the JWCC Main Campus to pick up your \$15.00 Hy-Vee gift card.**  
**We suggest calling before you come—217-641-4961.**

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