



Volunteer Impact Newsletter

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From our Director....

Dear Volunteers and Volunteer Station leaders,

Thank you volunteers for all your service efforts. I know that when each of you ventures out to volunteer on a gray winter day, you bring a ray of sunshine into the lives of those you serve.

Special thanks goes out to all RSVP Advisory Council members who are helping to chart our future course. The advice we receive from community members and organization representatives is invaluable. Please take notice of the Advisory Council Meeting announcement on this page. We look forward to positive changes at RSVP that will strengthen and invigorate our organization and our support to the community.

*"It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. But there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power."
Alan Coben*

Sincerely,
Eileen

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

"Morrisville College Nutritional students share healthy recipes with RSVP track walkers."



William Egerton, Judith & Robert Erb, Jeanne Fero, Joan Foland, Ann & Joe Gibson, Helen Grantham, Debbie Kliman, Peg Knox, Sydney Regan, Carol Roshia, Margaret Shirley, Linda Smith, Lee Tedeschi, Jane Todd, John & Susan Voss

Our newest volunteers are serving at :
Lorenzo and Community Memorial Hospital
Thank you for joining RSVP.

Reminder....

RSVP Advisory Council Meeting

The next meeting of RSVP's Advisory Council will take place on

March 4th, 2008

At 9:30am

at RSVP's office at the CCE building in Morrisville.

RSVP always gratefully accepts donations.



Income Tax Assistance

Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program (Ages 60+)
RSVP of Madison County
February 4 to April 15, 2008

Walk-Ins Welcomed:
Only at - Oneida Public Library
Mondays 9:00-12:00 Noon
and 1:00-4:00 PM

These Sites are available by appointment ONLY

Bridgeport-Sullivan Library
633-2253 (Librarian Bridgeport Branch)

Brookfield-SNACK site
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am – 1pm
1st & 7th Day Baptist Church 899-3383 (Site Manager)

Canastota-Public Library
697-7098 (Tax Counselor)

Cazenovia-Village Office
684-3001 (RSVP Office)

Chittenango-SNACK site at 687-3471
Town Sullivan Parks & Rec. Office

DeRuyter-Public Library
852-6262 (DeRuyter Librarian)

Earlville-Senior Center
691-6515 (Sr. Center) or 684-3001 RSVP or
691-9242 (Tax Counselor)

Hamilton Public Library
824-3361 (Tax Counselor)

Morrisville-RSVP/CCE Office 684-3001
Monday-Friday 9am – 4 pm
495-6131 (10 AM-6 PM Tax Counselor)

Oneida Towers 363-8450 Towers

Reminder for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers:

NYS State tax credit is available for fire and ambulance volunteers who qualify. A \$200 refundable credit or \$400 if married filing joint and both spouses qualify.

- Full year resident
- Active volunteer firefighters or ambulance workers for the entire year for which the credit is claimed

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Karen's Korner

Track: A huge thank you to all RSVP track volunteers for your dedication & time commitment to the 9 years the Morrisville Community Track Walkers Program has been up & running at the Morrisville College Recreation Center. This free adult walking program began in March of 1999 sponsored by RSVP through a Healthy Heart Grant from Madison County Dept. of Health. At its peak, we have had more than 120 walkers totaling almost 3900 miles in a year. 14 walkers in 2005 paced 2500 miles. Wow! We have had 36 volunteers who have totaled 2300 volunteer service hours. Fantastic!

Many thanks go to Marie Smith (Morrisville College Nutritional Program), Tony Patane & Greg Carroll (Morrisville College Athletic Dept) & Diana Johnson (Student Activities) for the use of this fantastic facility and moving forward allowing the public use of the track 5 days per week. We wish you continued success walking for a healthy body and mind.©

Ombudsman: Ombudsman March Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 18th at 1:30 at CCE downstairs Conference Room. The topic will be The Role of Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment in New York State, and Navigating the Powers of Attorney & Guardianship Maze.

Economic Stimulus Payments

Starting in May and running through the year, the US Treasury will be sending payments to individuals who file a 2007 tax return. For this special payment, those who have not needed to file in the past will need to file a simple return prior to April 15. To qualify you must have at least \$3,000.00 in earned income or social security for the year 2007. The IRS is recommending form 1040A with the words STIMULUS PAYMENT written at the top of the form. If you need help or further information, please refer to the following Income Tax Assistance chart for local assistance. You must file a 2007 tax return to receive these funds. **These transactions will not be handled by phone so please be careful of possible scams. If someone contacts you directly, Do Not give out any personal information over the phone.**

Help Wanted

....Are you willing to be part of the solution to promote healthy development in low-income children through the Head Start Program?

You are needed to help prepare children to be successful in school and in life. Here is one way you can contribute: A receptionist is needed in the Canastota office to welcome families, children, and visitors. Please call RSVP if you would like to explore this opportunity.

Hamilton Community Memorial Hospital needs a Volunteer with a smile and encouragement

Volunteers are needed to help with delivery of the daily Syracuse paper and the weekly local paper to Community Memorial Hospital patients. Volunteers are needed to help on a rotating basis every 13 weeks for 4 days in a row for approx. a ½ hour between 9-10am.

Bridges Strengthening Families
2 individual volunteers or a couple are needed: Thursday nights between March 5-April 10 from 5:30 – 6:30pm at Hamilton Central School. Your assistance is needed to help build a warm, family atmosphere and for help setting up and clearing up after an already prepared meal. You are welcome to share dinner with the participating families.

AARP Has Upcoming Driving Courses Scheduled...

Following are the next two AARP Driver Safety Classes scheduled in Madison County. **March 10 and 11** - 1-5pm at the Bridgeport VFW. The instructor is Sherry Menninger. Call 687-3471 to register. **March 26 and 27** - 1-5pm at St. Paul Methodist Church in Oneida. The instructor is Doug Rosekrans. Call 697-9865 to register.