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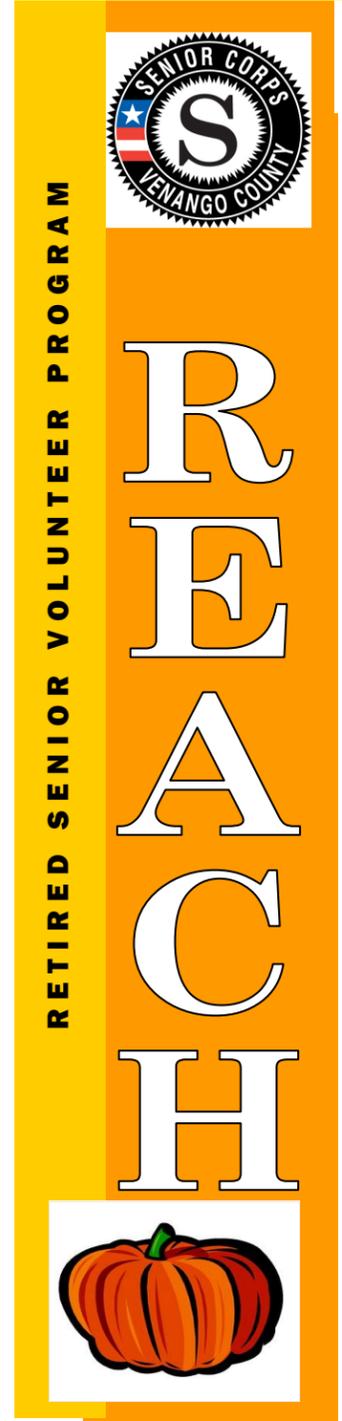
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**HELP OTHERS PUT THEIR BEST FEET FORWARD!**

**PLEASE DONATE NEW SOCKS—ANY**

**SIZE...COLOR...STYLE**

**NEW SOCKS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

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HUMAN SERVICES COMPLEX
- ROCKY GROVE**  
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# Hello Volunteers!

The RSVP office has been busy these last three months preparing the grant application, recruiting new volunteers, and helping our current volunteers find rewarding and interesting assignments. Gary Dittman, who for 20 years served as the administrator of RSVP's sponsoring agency, the Venango County Area Agency on Aging, has retired and an interim administrator, David Schwille, is serving in that position. David also is the director of Venango County Children and Youth Services.

Let me remind you how important your volunteer service is to our community. In the first six months of 2010, RSVP volunteers contributed nearly 30,000 hours to 60 community agencies in Venango County. You served meals, distributed food, visited the homebound, and transported clients with no other means of transportation. You handcrafted blankets and toys, walked dogs, hunted oil wells, and guided visitors through museums and art galleries. You assisted in blood drives, mentored youth, and assisted library patrons. This is only a partial list of the things that you do, and we want you to know that your volunteer efforts allow agencies to provide a higher level of service to a greater number of recipients. You make Venango County a great place to live.

Please continue to remember to turn in your hours each month and to share your stories with us about volunteering. If you need more log sheets just call our office and let us know. If you would rather email your hours, just send to [mkelley@co.venango.pa.us](mailto:mkelley@co.venango.pa.us) or [kcramer@co.venango.pa.us](mailto:kcramer@co.venango.pa.us).

*Thanks for all you do,*

**Monica Kelley**

*RSVP Project Director*

# Volunteer Opportunities . . . Volunteer Opportunities . . .

## Sugar Creek Station

Volunteers needed to escort visitors, help with activities, and friendly visits.

## Social Security Office



Volunteers needed to make phone contact to encourage people to fill out applications online.

## Red Cross

Volunteers needed for blood drives, school awareness programs (water safety & fire safety), and disaster relief.

## Venango County Fair, Inc.

Volunteers needed for clerical and maintenance work.

## Local Thrift Stores

There is a great need for volunteers in our local thrift stores in Venango County. The volunteer would be responsible for sorting items that have been donated. The thrift stores also need people to tag and stock donated items in the store.



## Computer Coach



RSVP and Senior Community Services America, Inc. is making training available to Seniors. A Computer Coach is needed for this program.

## American Cancer Society

Sell Daffodils at various locations in Venango County.

## Friendly Visits

Callers or visitors will contact identified clients/consumers.

*Please contact Karen at the RSVP office*

*for further information*

*432-9706*



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## Out of County Transportation

RSVP is always in need of drivers to transport consumers to out-of-county medical appointments.



## Tax & Rent Rebate Preparers Needed

It is hard to believe...tax season is just around the corner. To be a volunteer tax preparer you should be familiar with the computer, or willing to learn. It is also helpful to be comfortable dealing with the public. All volunteer tax preparers will be trained the second week in January and are asked to volunteer at least four hours a week during tax season. In Oil City, 2010 tax preparation begins February 1, 2011 at the Oil City Library. Hours are 9 a.m.—4 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday through April 13. In Franklin, tax preparation begins February 3, 2011 at the First Baptist Church. Hours are from 8 a.m.—3 p.m. every Thursday and Friday through April 15.



## Barrow Civic Theatre

Volunteers needed at the Box Office to work 3 1/2 hours one day a week (Thursday thru Saturday). Volunteer must be computer literate (the basics).

## DeBence Antique Music World Museum

Do you like to see things sparkle & shine? Become a volunteer dustologist and learn the care of antiques. Volunteers also needed for hospitality and tour guides.



## Apprise Counselors

Volunteers needed to counsel consumers on Medicare, Medicaid, supplemental insurance, long term care insurance, and other public and private insurance options. Training provided.



## **FREE COMPUTER TRAINING IS FINALLY AVAILABLE!! DIGITAL DIVIDE PROGRAM**

Just a reminder that RSVP volunteers and friends are invited to attend a free basic computer training program being held at the FICDA Building at 191 Howard Street in Franklin.

Classes are open entry/open exit which allows you to begin when you want and proceed at your own pace. A trained computer coach provides instruction and direction starting at 10 a.m. every Tuesday morning.

If you are interested in attending, please call the RSVP office at (814) 432-9706.

The training and lab is available through the cooperative efforts of RSVP of Venango County and the Senior Community Services America, Inc. SCSEP program.

\*\*Computer training is also available at the Literacy Council, 679 Colbert Avenue, Suite 201, Oil City. Classes are held on Mondays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please call 814 677-7707 to enroll.

## ***DRIVERS NEEDED FOR OUT-OF-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION***

Do you like to travel and enjoy meeting new people? Did you know that there are many seniors in Venango County without transportation to out-of-county medical appointments?

RSVP volunteers have been transporting seniors to out-of-county medical appointments for several years. This program has been very successful, but we are currently in need of additional volunteers to help with out-of-county transportation.

The Area Agency on Aging provides volunteers with a vehicle for these medical transports out-of-county.

If you are interested, please give Karen or Monica a call at 432-9706 or 432-9723.