



Volunteer Voice

Newsletter Oct.-Dec. 2019

This is our paper newsletter's last edition!

To begin receiving the newsletter via email, please call 970-243-9839, ext. 7 or email office@rsvpgandjunction.org.

Please note:

Even if you do not have an email address, you will continue to receive important USPS mailings several times a year. This includes a yearly calendar of events as well as invitations for our events. We won't forget about you!

Strengthen Your Community—Volunteer!

AARP—Tax Aide Tax Preparer

Prepare federal/state personal taxes during the upcoming tax season. No experience required.

Western Slope Food Bank of the Rockies—Food Dehydrator Prep (Palisade Location) Assist with all processes related to dehydrating fruit and fruit leather that feeds kids and seniors on the Western Slope. Training provided. ADA-friendly. Will work with all levels of ability. No lifting requirement. Sitting or standing is okay.

Contact Diane Barger, Volunteer Manager, at 243-9839, ext. 5 or recruit@rsvpgandjunction.org for information on these and other volunteer opportunities.



RSVP Joins Grand Valley Gives

Colorado Gives Day is December 10th. RSVP is pleased to announce that we've joined Grand Valley Gives, a local organization that combines resources to promote our community's non-profit organizations. The group raises awareness of the good things we do to achieve our missions, and aids us in increasing our Colorado Gives Day donations. In exchange for joining this group, RSVP receives marketing benefits and exposure to the entire community. Look for us at grandvalleygives.org and in the Sentinel's upcoming Giving Guide. You may set up Colorado Gives Day donations as early as November 1st. And don't forget to join us in our offices December 10th to learn about local non-profits, their missions, and volunteer opportunities! We will have a giving station at the event to help you with online donations.



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2 Easy Ways You Can Help RSVP Change Lives:

1. Don't forget about Medicare Annual Open Enrollment, coming October 15-December 7. Bring a friend who is already on Medicare to one of our six SHIP walk-in events for a prescription drug plan review. All Open Enrollment events take place in the RSVP offices, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ***To expedite the process, please make sure you have created a mymedicare.gov account and have your username, password, and the answer to your secret question before you come.***

Dates are listed below:

Monday, 10/21

Friday, 11/1

Wednesday, 11/13

Monday, 11/18

Tuesday, 12/3

Friday, 12/6

2. Bring a friend who may want to volunteer to our 2019 Fall Volunteer Appreciation Potluck on October 2nd.

Volunteers are Invited to RSVP's
*2019 Fall Volunteer Appreciation
Potluck and Cook-Off*

OCTOBER 2, 2019 • 12:00-2:00 PM • CANYON VIEW VINEYARD CHURCH
736 24 1/2 ROAD, GJ

Soup's On!

Do you make delicious chili or soup? If you'd like to enter the cook-off, please contact Maggie: 970-243-9839, ext. 7 or office@rsvpgrandjunction.org. We'll take the **first 5 entries** for each.

If you're not bringing chili or soup, please bring a salad, side, dessert, or another tasty dish to share.

If you know someone who may be interested in volunteering, please bring them along!

Please Remember:
Stay safe on the road! If you don't feel comfortable driving in the weather, please stay home. Just remember to contact your volunteer supervisor.

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***YOU* are the Inspiration for Our New Mission Statement!**

A note from Alisha: I was at a conference not too long ago, and we had to describe what RSVP does in one sentence. I turned to my partner and said, “We do so many things. I don’t know how to describe it.” I then listed all of the things RSVP does. She said, “It’s simple: ***you change lives.***”

She was right. We do change lives. ***YOU*** change lives. You do it every day, with grace, generosity, and selflessness. That’s why, in honor of each of our 560 volunteers, our new mission statement is:

Changing lives, one volunteer at a time



RSVP’s First Project Linus Blanket Bee a Success!

Our first get-together was so popular that we’ve decided to gather once monthly to stitch, tie, knit, crochet and chat!

It’s not too late to get involved! We’ve stocked up on fleece for Blanketeers to make into blankets, so if you don’t sew, knit, or crochet, you can still contribute to Project Linus. You are welcome to join us at each get-together with RSVP staff and other volunteers on the last Thursday of each month, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the RSVP offices. (On hiatus in November and December.) In the meantime, please read about Project Linus’s mission and how you can help the Grand Junction chapter wrap a child in love: projectlinus.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Note: Between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7, Thursday walk-in days are 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

October

2 NO Medicare 101

—Fall Volunteer Appreciation Potluck and Chili/Soup Cook-off

7 Visit us at the Senior Life Expo @ Two Rivers

9 Medicare 101 10:00 a.m.-noon in RSVP offices

14 Columbus Day

22 Board meeting noon-1:00 p.m. in RSVP offices

25 Come to our table at Senior Law Day @ Two Rivers

26 Project Linus Blanket Bee 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in RSVP offices

31 Halloween

November

6 Medicare 101 10:00 a.m.-noon in RSVP offices

11 Veteran's Day

26 Board meeting noon-1:00 p.m. in RSVP offices

**28-29 OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving!
No Project Linus Blanket Bee today.**

December

4 NO Medicare 101

10 Colorado Gives Day <https://www.grandvalleygives.org/>

Non-Profit Open House @RSVP

11 Medicare 101 10:00 a.m.-noon in RSVP offices

23-Jan. 3 OFFICE CLOSED and NO WALK-IN DAYS. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

24 No Board Meeting

26 No Project Linus Blanket Bee today.

Would You Like a New Name Tag?

We have designed new name tags and would like to begin replacing the ones our volunteers have now. If you would like to replace yours with one that has our new logo and the year you began volunteering through RSVP, please stop by our office between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on weekdays. If you prefer we mail one to you, please contact Maggie: office@rsvpgrandjunction.org or 243-9839, ext. 7.



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**Donate Your Gently-Used
 Clothing and Household Items
 To Support RSVP**

- Take your used items to The Encore Shoppe Tues. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- The Encore Shoppe will select the items they can sell.
- Tell them you are donating on behalf of RSVP.
- When the items sell, the 40% consignment will be donated to RSVP.

