

While I don't have time to create a whole newsletter this month, I wanted to post some of the volunteer opportunities that have been requested from our RSVP partners around the county. Please call the office at 570-420-3747 if you are interested in volunteering for any - or all - of these amazing positions!!

AS YOU PROBABLY GUESSED – THERE IS NO RSVP RECOGNITION LUNCHEON THIS YEAR BUT WE WILL DO ANOTHER DRIVE THROUGH RECOGNITION. AT THIS TIME, I AM LOOKING AT MID OCTOBER AND WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THOSE DATES ARE CONFIRMED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP COORDINATE THIS EFFORT, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND LET ME KNOW. IF YOU HAVE CONTACTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SUPPLY NOVELTY THANK YOU GIFTS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS IN THE AMOUNT OF 500 UNITS, WE NEED TO FILL UP THOSE GOODIE BAGS!!

- 1) Western Stroudsburg Personal Care Facility is requesting all kinds of entertainment and help with activities for their residents. Musicians, Singers, Creative artists, anyone willing to help with workshops and activities, help transport residents from different areas of the facility - so much to do to keep our senior residents involved and engaged. Flexible schedules available.
- 2) Local Habitat4Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with construction projects - and supervisory positions with those who have extra experience in overseeing projects. These are home preservation projects throughout the county. Flexible weekdays and flexible shifts between 9am - 3pm
- 3) Local Historical Farm in Stroudsburg - looking for so many volunteers as their season opens up - and we're not talking just about shoveling "you know what" - but that is definitely a chore that is open!! Gift Shop attendant, tour leader, help with events and festivals, collecting fees and accounting, parking lot attendant and director, fund raising, festival set up and organizing, horse-drawn wagon tour guide. Many of these

positions will require period costumes (all provided) - This would be a really good project to do with an older grandchild or plan to do with a visiting grandchild. Imagine the memories you'll make!

- 4) Local West End Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to help sort and fold clothing for their clothing closet. Some lifting is necessary, between 5 - 10 lbs. Accommodations for those who need to sit can be arranged. Lots to do. All flexible days and shifts available.
- 5) Same Local West End Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to help with packing up food bags and distributing food through the Summer Lunch program for underserved children from the district. These are outside positions and requires lifting (5 - 15 lbs.) mornings hours, M-W-F
- 6) Local Veteran's Sanctuary on the West End has lots of volunteer positions available from reception/phone work to maintaining and assisting the clothing closet. Weekday shifts with very flexible hours.
- 7) Local Community College offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to students in need of tutors and classroom aids. These are evening classes beginning in September from 6 - 8:30 pm. Also seeking volunteers to help with math tutoring, GED and ADULT BASIC classes for year-round morning hour assistance. All training will be provided
- 8) Local Transitional Housing for Women and Children seeking reception/desk duty volunteers to answer phones, take messages and answer the door, as well as other assigned clerical duties. Shifts are morning 9 - 1 and afternoon 1 - 4.
- 9) It's early to think about Taxes, but not too early to plan ahead. AARP Tax program is seeking technology coordinator using

technical skills to build upon interpersonal relationships with other tax preparers. Excellent Computer skills necessary, able to work as a team, patient, familiar with Chromebook, able to do webinar learning for training. Although the bulk of time will be from January through April, this position also has year round responsibilities

- 10) [Missing your grandchildren? Local Big Brother/Big Sister program is looking for wonderful, amazing and caring mentors for school aged children. There is a training program and special clearances that are required by the state, but there are a lot of children looking for someone to look up to. Position requires a commitment of at least a year with a 1 - 3 hour a week activity with your assigned "Little."](#)
- 11) [Local Hospitals in Bartonsville and East Stroudsburg area seeking volunteers for all kinds of hospital based positions. Reception/Greeters, patient advocates to assist the nursing staff, delivering supplies, and more. Must be pleasant and welcoming! Of course!! Very flexible days and flexible hours to work with your schedule and preferences.](#)
- 12) [Local Red Cross seeking volunteers to help with disaster services, shelter services and to be blood ambassadors, helping at local blood drives.](#)
- 13) [Local Downtown Stroudsburg Personal Care Facility seeking talented musicians, singers, entertainers to keep residents engaged and active. Flexible days and times to work with your schedule.](#)
- 14) [Senior Centers all over Monroe County seeking volunteers to provide entertainment to seniors attending lunches - including](#)

singers, artists, musicians, karaoke, guided entertainment, magicians. Different days and times for all center

- 15) As our Minor Home Repair program begins to open up again, we are seeking talented carpenters, contractors, plumbers, electricians - general handy men and women willing to help our senior residents remain safe and independent in their own homes. Mostly installation of safety rails and grab bars, but there is always a lot of other minor repairs. We have not yet gotten a handicapped ramp request, but we usually do one of those a year. All help is welcome.
- 16) Our Grocery Shopper and Friendly Visitor programs are in full swing. If you would like to help with either of these programs, please call the office.
- 17) With School opening up in just another month or so, our Education Coordinator is getting ready to rejuvenate those programs with our local school districts and Head Starts. Special State mandated clearances are required and we can help get those ready. If you would like to help children read, do math or simply read a story to toddlers, please let me know.
- 18) Calling all our talented Musicians, Singers, Artists, Actors - If you would like to use your talent to help put together an RSVP Talent Show, or create a book of poetry to raise funds for RSVP - or even coordinate an RSVP Cook book - let's talk!!

Please call Merle at 570-420-3747 at the RSVP Office if you are interested in any of these opportunities. Please let your 55+ yr old friends who are sitting at home - bored, post COVID, watching TV all day - know that the RSVP program will get them out, moving and active!! Thank you. Stay well and keep safe, everyone!! Merle