

# **RSVP Voluntimes**

November 2023





The summer days are behind us and as we prepare for colder weather and shorter days, I can't help but be amazed by how quickly this year has flown by!

Over the past year, so much has happened but the most notable for me is the growth of the program. Our RSVP family has grown significantly with over 100 new volunteers joining the program ready to serve our community, six new members joined the RSVP Advisory Council, and our staff is finally complete with the addition of Ms. Mailiya Williams as our new Office Assistant.

As we enter the month of Thanksgiving, I sit and reflect on all that I am thankful for. I am thankful for all of you who take time out of your day to help improve our community. I am grateful for our community partners who provide opportunities for RSVP volunteers to give back to the community. Lastly, I am extremely thankful for Isaiah and Mailiya, who work hard to ensure that our volunteers and partners' needs are met with care, compassion, and professionalism.

Also, this month we honor all who have served in the United States military. I would like to take a moment to recognize all of the RSVP volunteers who served in the Military. Thank you for your service to our country and for continuing to serve our community through your volunteer efforts.

As mentioned last month, the Conference on Aging is taking place at the National Hispanic Cultural Center on November 13th and 14th. If you are interested in volunteering for this conference, please call the RSVP office to sign up.

In the spirit of the Holiday season, the Department of Senior Affairs is hosting our Annual Holiday Donation Drive. Soft good donations can be dropped off at any of our Senior or Multigenerational Centers until November 3rd. RSVP volunteers will be sorting these items on November 16th. If you are interested in helping with sorting the donations, please call our office to sign up.

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

### **Cristina Romero-Baca RSVP Supervisor**

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#### **RSVP Office**

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#### Office Hours

Monday -Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP promotes the engagement of older persons as community resources in planning for community improvement and in delivery of volunteer services.

## **Updates & Reminders**

### **Important Dates**

11/1: Open enrollment for medicare starts

11/10: **CLOSED** for Veterans

Day

11/11: Veterans Day Celebration at the NM Veterans Memorial Park 11/13-15: 45th Annual

Conference on Aging at the National Hispanic Cultural

Center

11/23-24: **CLOSED** for

Thanksgiving



We've received a few questions regarding the mileage reimbursement policy. The mileage reimbursement policy is one round trip per day from your residence to your volunteer station returning home with a maximum of \$25.00 per month.

#### **New Volunteer Orientation**

If you are new to the program or need a refresher on how to enter your hours into the Web Assistant, training sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Barelas Senior Center – RSVP office. To register contact the RSVP office at (505) 767-5225.

#### **Volunteer Hours**

As of January 30, 2023, The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will no longer accept Volunteer Time Tracking Sheets or Paper Time Sheets. Volunteers are required to submit all volunteer hours via the RSVP Web Assistant.

It is the policy of the RSVP that every volunteer enters their volunteer hours utilizing the RSVP Web Assistant. We highly recommend submitting hours on a daily basis. Volunteers can access the Web Assistant by going to www.cabq.gov/rsvp. Hours must be entered within 14 days from the day you volunteer. After the 14th day volunteers will not be able to submit hours via the Web Assistant.

### RSVP Advisory Council Grant

Due to the planning of the RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, the issuing of the 2023 RSVP Advisory Council Grant guidelines has been postponed until further notice. As soon as the Advisory Council has finalized the grant guidelines, we will make an announcement in our newsletter as well as on our website. We sincerely apologize for the delay but hope to have this opportunity rolled out in the near future!



**President Amy Fisher** 

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### **Spotlight**

This month we shine the spotlight on ... all of our Veterans

### **Honorees**

Steven Armer Michael Arruti James Berdine Richard Buratti Frances Castillo **David Castle** Charles J. Chavez Paul Cheng Richard Coffel Gary Louis Day Michael Eakins Robert M. Fass Frank Fisk John J. Franklin Michael Garcia Rodney G. Getting David Giacomuzzi Michael Gillotti William Gornall Calvin Harris

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Michele M. Worm



This Veterans Day, all of us here at RSVP would like to thank every single one of our dedicated volunteers who have served our country. We will never forget the sacrifices made by each and every one of you to keep this country and our people safe and free. We would also like to remind you all to speak to your Senior or Multigenerational Center to have your photo displayed on the Veteran Wall of Honor if you have not done so already.

## Celebrations







## **Opportunities**

Adelante Development Center AFME Foundation - AFMX Alameda Satellite Site Albuquerque Bio Park Education Albuquerque Little Theater Albuquerque Police Department Albuquerque Reads Alzheimers Association Anderson/Abruzzo International Balloon Museum Animal Welfare Department Aviation Department Barelas Senior Center Bear Canyon Senior Center Catholic Charities Cesar Chavez Comm. Ctr. Dress for Success DSA Advisory Council DSA Case Management **DSA Home Services** DSA Information & Assistance Ed Romero Terrace Meal Site Embudo Towers Meal Site Encino Garden Meal Site Encino Terrace Meal Site Every Ability Plays Project Explora Science Center Friends of Valle de Oro Highland Senior Center Hospice De La Luz

### **Volunteer Stations**

Joy Junction
Keshet Dance Comapny/Center
for the Arts
La Amistad Mealsite
Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Los Duranes Senior Satellite
Los Volcanes Fitness Center
Los Volcanes Senior Center
Lovelace Women's Hospital
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational
Center

Manzano Mesa Sports and Fitness
Maxwell Mus. of Anthropology
Meals on Wheels
Musical Theatre Southwest
Nat. Hispanic Cultural Center
New Mexico Kids Matter
New Mexico Ramp Project
New Mexico Veterans Memorial
NM Museum of Nat. Hist. and
Science

North Domingo Baca M.C.
North Domingo Baca Sports and
Fitness
North Valley Senior Center
Open Space Visitor Center
Outpost Performance Space

NM Commission for the Blind

Palo Duro Senior Center
Palo Duro Sports & Fitness Center

Paradise Hills West Annex

Popejoy Hall

Presbyterian Healthcare Services

Presbyterian Kaseman Presbyterian Northside

ProMedica Hospice

Read to Me Albuquerque Network

Rio Bravo Satellite Site Roadrunner Food Bank

Ronald McDonald House Charities

**RSVP** 

Shalom House Mealsite

South Valley Multi-Purpose Ctr.

Mealsite Storehouse

Taylor Ranch Community Center

Tender Love Community Center

Tijeras Senior Center

Department of Senior Affairs

Transit

University Hospital

VA Center for Development and

Civic Eng

Visit Albuquerque

Western Sky Community Care

Westgate Community Center

Whispering Pines Satellite
Wings For LIFE International

### <u>Special Projects</u>

# Presbyterian <a href="Health Services">Health Services</a>

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Presbyterian Health Services is looking for volunteers to staff their information desks and gift shop.

### **Donation Drive**

We are looking for volunteers to help us on 11/16 to sort through all of the amazing holiday drive donations we have received in the past month.

### **Drivers Needed**

The Department of Senior Affairs is in need of more volunteer drivers for senior center activities such as aquatics, field trips, hiking groups, fishing clubs.

### Information & Assistance

DSA 18A is looking for volunteers to assist with providing senior resource materials at local outreach events.

## November 2023

**ALBUQUE** The Department of Senior Affairs Senior Meal Program is proud to be part of the New Mexico Grown state initiative to provide locally sourced fruits vegetables beans and chile ensuring our seniors a healthy meal



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<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesda</u> y	<u>Wednesda</u> y	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
30  Pork Loin w/gravy Rice pilaf Corn Dinner roll w/ margarine Pear 1% milk	31  ☐ Mummy loaf in swamp water (Meatloaf w/gravy) ☐ Mashed potatoes ☐ Sliced carrots ☐ Jell-O ☐ 1% milk	Breaded chicken patty w/green chile white gravy □ Sweet potato □ Green beans □ Apple slices w/peanut butter cup □ 1% milk	□ Pot roast w/potato, celery, □ carrots □ Italian blend □ Ancient grain □ Mandarin oranges 1% milk	Omelet w/mushrooms, spinach Hash browns Vegetable blend Yogurt milk
Pork loin w/gravy Rice pilaf Corn Dinner roll w/ margarine Diced pears 1% milk	7  Ham mac & cheese Normandy blend vegetables Cherry cobbler 1% milk	Breaded chicken patty w/green chile white gravy Sweet potato Green beans Red apple 1% milk	Pot roast, potato, celery, carrots Italian blend vegetables Ancient grain Orange 1% milk	CLOSED VETERANS DAY
□ Steak fingers w/white gravy Red potatoes Succotash Sugar cookie 1% milk	☐ Ham w/ pineapple glaze ☐ Biscuit w/ margarine ☐ Sweet potato ☐ Mixed fruit ☐ 1% milk	■ Meatball sub sandwich w/ mozzarella ■ Steak fries w/ ketchup ■ Normandy blend ■ Mandarin oranges ■ 1% milk	□ Omelet w/ mushrooms & spinach □ Hash browns □ Stewed tomatoes □ yogurt □ 1% milk	□ Green chile chicken en-chiladas □ Pinto beans □ Spanish rice □ Vanilla pudding □ 1% milk
□ Cajun salmon □ Fettuccine alfredo □ Baby carrots □ Granny smith apple □ 1% milk	ions  Black beans	□ Herb roasted turkey w/gravy □ Stuffing w/gravy □ Green bean casserole □ Dinner roll □ Pumpkin cake □ 1% milk	CLOSED  Hay Thanks	CLOSED  Py  Gaving
27  Rotisserie chicken Rosemary potatoes Corn w/ red peppers Dinner roll w/ margarine Grapes 1% milk	28  Carne adovada/red chile Flour tortilla Pinto beans Spanish rice Pineapple 1% milk	□ Beef tip w/elbow maca- □ roni □ Roasted carrots □ Sliced beets □ Vanilla pudding 1% milk	30  □ Pasta primavera w/ alfredo sauce □ Northwest blend vege- tables □ Breadstick □ Peaches □ 1% milk	□ Breaded cod fish w/ tartar sauce □ Steamed red □ potatoes Peas □ Orange □ 1% milk