

# VOLUNTEER NEWS FLASH – August 2014

Hi Everyone!

Change is in the air... again. This is the new **Volunteer News Flash** that will be sent out every quarter, and will include upcoming events, active volunteer opportunities, and 3 timesheets.

In February 2015, you will receive our new **RSVP Annual Report**. Highlights will include volunteer hours, people served, accomplishments from the previous year, and plans for the coming year.

The new programs – Senior Wheels, Commodity Boxes, and the Homeless project – require extensive attention from the RSVP staff. We had to look for efficiencies, and changing the newsletter format saves valuable staff time and over \$500 annually in printing and mailing costs.

This is an experiment... if it doesn't work, we can go back to the previous format. Your opinion is valuable to me, so please let me know what you think about the change.

Thank You for your service to the community!

## **Big News this Quarter**

### **Applebees Pancake Breakfast – All Proceeds Benefit RSVP**

August 30 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale NOW at the RSVP office! Please join us for breakfast, a 50-50 drawing and country store raffle. Bring your grandchildren for breakfast and then head downtown for Washington County Fair Parade. Please support our program!

### **Glenwood RSVP 5K Walk/Run**

Saturday, September 27 – registration at 7:30 a.m., race at 9:00 a.m. Tim Horton coffee and Timbits before the race, Smitty's Pizza after! All participants are entered into a drawing for an Ipad Mini. Don't want to run or walk? Consider volunteering! Call Susan at the office at 373-3107. This fundraiser is our BIGGEST and MOST IMPORTANT of the year.

### **RSVP? Who's that?**

**RSVP**  
Lead With Experience



Our volunteers are everywhere, but no one knows who we are! RSVP is part of Senior Corps, and the Corporation for National and Community Service recently announced the "Show us your S" campaign. The plan is for RSVP volunteers to wear t-shirts to help the community make the connection between Service and RSVP. On the right sleeve of the t-shirt is the Senior Corps logo, and on the left chest is the RSVP logo.

Giving a t-shirt to every volunteer is a costly proposition, but that is what we hope to do over the next year. In return, we ask that you wear your shirt when you volunteer. The first round of volunteers to receive shirts will be those serving at Commodity Box Distribution and Senior Wheels since their service is very visible in the community. Additional funds will become available in January and we will purchase another round of shirts. Please let us know if the volunteer station where you serve would like to participate.

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## HIGHLIGHTED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL

**Barlow Fair** – September 25, 26, 27 & 28 Volunteers needed sell and take tickets at the gates, and drive handicapped guests up and down the hill in golf carts. This is a special event that is really a lot of fun. Call Susan if you can cover any of the shifts.

**Boys & Girls Club** – Fall positions open from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Help kids with homework, listen to children read, just be an adult that cares. Teachers are always on hand to help!

**Harmar Elementary** – Project More – a nationally recognized program that improves grade level performance in at-risk elementary school students. Mentors meet with children for 30 minutes in a very scripted, organized tutoring session that includes reading to the child, listening to the child read back what was read, questions about the reading, and a game. The training is very thorough and a teacher supports the volunteer throughout the program. A 9-month, 30 minute, 1-time/week commitment is required. Training in September, begin in October.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

**Campus Martius Museum** – Docents & behind-the-scenes volunteers

**Ewing School** – Pool side help with youngsters

**Friends of the Lower Muskingum** – Stream Team

**Habitat for Humanity** – Builders & go-fers, a job for everyone. Thursdays & Saturdays

**Marietta Recycling Center** – Volunteers to sort recyclables

**RSVP** – Senior Wheels drivers & dispatchers

**Washington County Health Dept.** – Disaster services volunteers

## Calendar

8/20/14 Tai Chi Instructor's Meeting at Belpre Senior Center. 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

8/30/14 Applebee's Pancake Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

9/1/14 RSVP office Closed

9/27/14 Glenwood RSVP 5K Race – Race Day Registration at 7:30 a.m., Race at 9:00 a.m.

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**For more info call the RSVP office: 373-3107**