

Gold Key Volunteer Program

Winter/Spring Newsletter

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2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Looking Forward to Another Year!!!

With a New Year upon us, I would like to take a moment to thank every Gold Key volunteer for your dedication and service to the Isabella County Commission on Aging. Your passion and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. The end of the year is always hectic for everyone as we prepare for the holiday season, but each of you makes sacrifice to ensure that the holidays are rung in with great excitement.

The season got off to a great start with our first volunteer Holiday Breakfast on December 8th. Thank you to all those who were able to attend and we look forward to doing it again next year.

You have all gone above and beyond for the Commission on Aging and the clients we serve and we are very thankful for of you. I hope that the New Year will bring you good fortune and prosperity.

Regards,

Anna McDonald

Help Wanted

Attention Licensed Volunteers!!!! - We are in desperate need for Home Delivered Meal drivers! Whether you are willing to take on a permanent route or just occasionally wanting to substitute, every bit helps. The current routes with the most need are Rosebush, Winn, and Weidman. If you are interested in adding this position to your list of volunteer duties, or currently deliver meals for us and are available to learn new routes, WE NEED YOU! Give Mallory a call and let her know of your interest and she will set you up with training right away!

Looking for a Meal Site Assistant Volunteer for the ROSEBUSH SITE - Meal site Assistants assist with setting tables and sign-in for meals, help serve meals and clean afterwards (explains wiping tables and assist with loading and unloading dishwasher. Looking for Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:45am–1:15pm. If you are interested to be a volunteer as a meal site assist at the Rosebush site, please contact Anna at the CoA at (989) 772-0748.

Below: 2015 Holiday Christmas Card from Anna and Mallory.



Happy Holidays

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a joyous New Year.

Volunteer View

Needle Crafters Volunteers - 2015 Annual Bazaar

The Gold Key Needle Craft Volunteers did such a great job creating, pricing, displaying and selling so many wonderful items this year at the Holiday Bazaar. There were so many people who commented about the amazing and beautiful quilts that were made by our volunteers. I am very proud of all the work they put into the bazaar and appreciate everyone who supported them this year.



Needle Crafters Volunteers—2015 Annual Distribution Day

Each year our Gold Key Volunteer Needle Crafters help to keep the hearts and hands of children, veterans, older adults and other public service members warm. This holiday season, our Gold Key Volunteer Needle Crafters distributed over 4,161 items to over 19 schools, head start/preschools, senior apartment and senior assisting living complexes, police & fire departments, the soup kitchen, the animal shelter, doctors' offices and McLaren Central Michigan hospital.

Susan Renaud, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Mary McGuire principal said, "Thank you so much for your time, effort and creativity to produce so many quality hats, quilts, mittens and scarves. The selection you sent us was so great. I know our students in need will love choosing from the many patterns and colors. We look forward to your donation each year and many of our students stay warm outside."



Needle Craft Volunteers - Joining forces with the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum

Our Gold Key Volunteer Needle Crafters have joined forces with the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum to make new bumblebee outfits for their Bee Mazium Exhibits. Joyce Stacy a Gold Key Needle Crafter headed up the project by creating a pattern. Those wishing to assist in the project please contact Anna McDonald at (989) 772-0748 or by email at amcdonald@isabellacounty.org.



To Joyce Stacy and the other volunteer needle crafters that have assisted in this new project we thank you for doing a BEE-utiful job.



Why is submitting volunteer hours so important?

BECAUSE EVERY HOUR COUNTS!!!!

By submitting your monthly timesheets, you are assisting us in keeping accurate records which allows us to be accountable and provide important information to our funding sources and donors. The Fiscal Year for the Commission on Aging and the Gold Key Volunteer Program begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th each year.

3 reasons why submitting your volunteer hours are so important:

1. We count what we value, so it is important to track our volunteers' hours so they can be appropriately recognized for their service. One of the best ways to ensure that volunteer efforts do not go unrecognized is to record donated service at the time it is performed.
2. Funders and donors love statistics!! They want to know hours of service, # of clients served, miles driven, etc. and the only way we can report this is from the information you submit on your volunteer timesheet. Funders see volunteer input as a measure of effectiveness.
3. The information we compile from volunteer timesheets also helps us to meet our local match requirement for funders. Certain grants stipulate that we must match a percentage of grant funds through local efforts. A dollar amount is attached to our volunteers' hours of service which in turn assists us in meeting the match requirement.



Annual Raking Leaves Fall Project

While the leaves were falling many of our Gold Key Volunteers were busy assisting many Isabella County residents with the task of raking their leaves to the curb. A task that many of our older adult residents are not capable of doing on their own. Our Fall of 2015 Raking Leaves Project had 26 student groups/organizations rake leaves for 40 elderly homeowners around the county. 262 individuals donated 624 hours of their time to make this project a success. Our goal is to increase and improve the 2016 annual leaf raking cleanup project.



Medicare Part D Counselor Volunteers - The Medicare Part D Open Enrollment period begins in the middle of October and ends the first part of December. This annual event involves several COA staff members and 9 volunteers who contribute 302.5 volunteer hours. During this enrollment period people with Medicare can join, dis-enroll or switch Part D programs. This year during open enrollment we helped 518 Older Adults with their Medicare D Plans and saved each of them an average of \$493.00 annually for a total of \$255,696.00 overall savings. Thank you to the volunteers for your commitment to this program and our community.



Volunteer Events

May 12th - Driver & Reception Training
Guest Speaker: Bryan E. Graham

May 19th - Annual Volunteer Banquet
"A journey filled with adventure, Life and Service -
COME JOIN OUR  OF GIVING."
(Official invitation will be sent out at a later date to those volunteers that are **registered** Gold Key Volunteers who have **submitted** volunteers hours on a Gold Key Volunteer Timesheet.)

CoA Holiday CLOSINGS

January 1 - New Year's Day
January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
February 15 - Presidents' Day
March 25 - Good Friday CoA Closes at 12:00pm
May 30 - Memorial Day

Volunteer Service Report

October 2015 - December 2015

New Volunteers - 17
Active Volunteers - 221
Volunteer Hours - 11,311
Volunteer Miles - 37,638

Volunteer Hours 1 - 99

Gene Adams	Gareth D'Haillecourt	Alice Johnson	James Neyer	Pat & Marty Siuda
Sandra Aitken	Julio Duarte	Bob Johnson	Tom Nulty	Harry & Trudy Smith
Dianne Albaugh	Norman & Ada Eifler	Doreen Johnson	Pamela Ohls	Linda Smith
Dan & Cherry Alexander	Arlene Elias	Jim Johnston	Onita Oles	Richard Smith
Velma Allen	Dianna English	Susan Johnston	Dawn Orlando	Sandra Smith
Cathy Alwood	Sally Faber	Kay Jones	Ted Orwig	Linda Smoke
Dorothy Anderson	Steve Fedor	Bob Karcher	Nanci Osborn	Bill Sowle
Debra Andres	George & Dawn Flaugher	Megan Khan	Wendell & Joyce Peabody	Sharon Speerstra
Freida Augustine	Dora Fox	Pat King	Ray Persall	John Spence
Maggie Ballauer	Marilyn Fraczek	Patty King	Mary Pickelman	Bob Spence
Debbie Barker	Larry Fussman	Bette Kinsman	Sharon Pickett	Kirk Sponseller & Nancy Priestap
Robert & Ruth Barnes	Karen E Gale	Charley Kinzel	Ralph Pitts	Dean & June Stalter
Jerry Baumann	Bud Garrett	Ken & Kathy Kobylarz	Pat Podoll	Carla Starr
Joanne Bingaman	Grace Gerrish	Ken Kopke	June Powell	Roger Stremlow
Michael Birkam	Joyce Gilbert	Tom Kromer	Taylor Punke	Val Struble
Skip Bleeker	Ardith Gloden	Zenona Kyser	Errol Putman & Carol Rard	Gary Swan
Linda C Boak	Bob Goodwin	Claudia Lang	Mike Ralston	Doug Swanson
Larry Boursaw	Jan Grandy	Dorothy Langlois	Bobbi Reed	Jerry Switzer
Mary Bowers	Becky Granger	Carol Lauffer	Peggy Reihl	Ron & Gloria Thomson
Maryann Brown	Ruth Ann Green	Delores Lockwood	Jose Reyes	Steve Thren
Loren Burdick	Kathleen Grzenkowski	Jan Lodes	Marilyn Ribitch	Candi Tomlinson
Roy & Alice Burlington	Jim & Mary Hageman	Eleanor Lopez	James Richmond	Sherry Trombly
Jo Ann Campbell	Willee Haines	Vincent LoPiccolo	Leona Riley	Lisa Utt
Donna Carlson	John & Maryann Haley	Teresa Lorenz	Violet Robinson	Joseph Vanas
Karen Cashen	Nancy Halifax	Ron & Carolyn Lutz	Charles & Doris Roethlisberger	Chad Wangberg
Judy Cohoon	Betty Hauck	David Macleod	Randall Roose	Ruth Wentworth
Richard Colomina	Connie Hildebrand	Marlene Martin	Ron & Linda Ruble	Sandra Wentworth
Bob Cook	Charlie Hill	Ruth Ann Martin	Maria Salinas	Harvey & Reta Westerby
Karen Cotter	Donna Hines	Larry L Mason	Gerry Schafer	Marilyn Western
Nancy Cotter	Brigid Hinkley	Delton & Ruth Maxon	Diane Schmid	Sharon White
Sue Cotton	Christine Hoffman	Duane McIntyre & Susan Beaudin	Carolyn Schrot	Jim Wilmot
Earl & Elaine Currie	Walter Hoffman	Joyce McNabb	Rick & Linda Schudiske	Ron & Bea Windgaston
Leota Curtiss	Larry Hollenbeck	Kris McNeal	Susan Schultz	Jamie Wing
Vickie Curtiss	Kathy House	Willie Mena	Dianne Schumacher	Mary Wing
Ben & Audra Daniels	Susan Hovey	Carrol Metcalf	Sonja Schutt	Mike & Brenda Wisneski
Bill & Pat Daniels	Alice Howey	Norb & Susan Miller	Diane Seaver	Peggy Wixon
Marcia David	Pam Iacco	Huguette Mills	Claudette Shaffer	Sandra Wood
Larry & Monica Davis	Denise Isenbarger	Sue Moeller	Gladys Shanteau	John Wright
Ruth Day	Jim Ison	Fay Morgenstern	Rose Sheahan	Sally Zimmer
Jim Dealing	Jean Jacks	Anna Morrison	Barbara Sheperdigian	Anne Zipperer
Elvia & Connie Denton	John Jenerou	Paula Neier	Larry Siefker	
Jackie Devereaux	Patricia John	Brenda Newman	Ann Silker	

Volunteer Hours

100- 199

Judi Bohlmann
Irene Chapman
Linda Craig
Priscilla Garver
Claudia Hamlin
Harold Pears
Laura Pohl
Gail Shack
Joyce Stacy
Joan Trinklein

Volunteer Hours

200+

Betty Berryhill
Gloria Bixler
Kelly Clark
Mary Reuther
Mary Simpson

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Volunteer Birthdays

JANUARY

Mike Birkam
Claire Bowen
Maryann Brown
Karen Cashen
Sue Courington
Earl Currie
Pat Daniels
Dianna English
Dora Fox
Grace Gerrish
Becky Granger
Ruth Ann Green
Julie Harris
Alice Howey
Judy Hunt
Pat King
Tom Kromer
Zenona Kyser
Jean Murray
Ray Persall
Ralph Pitts
Errol Putman
Susan Schultz
Barbara Sheperdigian
Trudy Smith
Bill Sowle
Val Struble
Faye Thering

FEBRUARY

Catherine Alwood
Irene Chapman
Kelly Clark
Vickie Curtiss
Lawrence Foote
Connie Hildebrand
Donna Hines
Patty L. King
Delores A. Lockwood
Fay Morgenstern
Laura Pohl
James Richmond
Gerry Schafer
Linda J. Smith
Sharon Speerstra
John Spence
Gilbert Starks
Gloria Thomson
Sandra Wentworth
Gini West
Mary Wing

MARCH

Freida Augustine
Robert Barnes
Ruth Barnes
Shirley A. Blackwell
Larry Davis
Leanne M. Dunn
Bob Johnson
Jim Johnston
Kay Jones
Claudia Lang
Jan Lodes
Ron Lutz
Beth Macleod
Kris McNeal
Sharon Pickett
Mike Ralston
Jeanne Reese
Peggy Reihl
Violet J. Robinson
Charles Roethlisberger
Linda A. Schudiske
Larry Siefker
Bob Spence
Joyce Stacy
Roger Stremlow
Reta Westerby
Bea Windgaston
Brenda Wisneski

APRIL

Dianne Albaugh
Daniel Balogh
Bob Cook
Priscilla Garver
Bob Goodwin
Christine Hoffman
Walter Hoffman
Larry Hollenbeck
Marlene Martin
Sue Martin
Delton Maxon
Brenda Newman
Diane Schmid
Kirk Sponseller
Milne Witbeck

MAY

Gene Adams
Cherry Alexander
Dorothy Anderson
Mary L. Bowers
Imogene Bowers
Judy Cohoon
Ginny Crandall
Leota Curtiss
Monica Davis
Dawn Flaughter
Kathleen Grzenkowski
Mary Hageman
Ladonna Havekost
Charley Kinzel
Dorothy Langlois
Vincent LoPiccolo
Norb Miller
Onita Oles
Harold Pears
Bobbi Reed
Randall Roose
Linda Ruble
Pat Siuda
June Stalter
Dean Stalter
Ella Strauss
Joe Vanas
Ruth Wentworth
Harvey Westerby
Mike Wisneski
Peggy Wixon
John Wright

JUNE

Dan Alexander
Velma Allen
Betty Berryhill
Alice Burlington
Elaine Currie
Audra Daniels
Ruth Day
Arlene Elias
Larry Fussman
Karen E. Gale
Janice Galgoci
Ardith Gloden
Frank Green
Jim Ison
Michelle Lin
David Macleod
Dixie Neier
Nanci Osborn
Wendell Peabody
Polly Persells
June Powell
Carol Rard
Sonja Schutt
Marty Siuda
Linda Smoke
Candi Tomlinson
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