

RSVP News



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS BY RECRUITING AND PLACING VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT TRAVIS COUNTY JUNE 2007



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Five Extraordinary RSVP Volunteers Honored At Annual Luncheon

Attended by more than 725 RSVP volunteers, station representatives, corporate supporters and community leaders, the 35th Anniversary RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was an elegant and exciting opportunity to connect with friends, honor our community's biggest supporters and celebrate the impact of volunteering. As usual, it was a tremendous success!

Eleanor and Lloyd Langsdorf (top center) were the first-ever recipients of the first Humana Foundation Caregiver Award. Through their work with Handy Wheels, a program of Meals On Wheels And More, and with North Central Caregivers, they embody the ideals of caregiving, reliability, initiative and service to others.

Celebrating our 35th year serving the Travis County nonprofit community, RSVP bestowed its Spirit of Service awards to three outstanding volunteers and introduced two new awards.

Another new award announced this year, The Dr. & Mrs. John McKetta Community Spirit Award was created to honor those who have exemplified the spirit of caring, the spirit of giving, and the spirit of service. **Mary Pat Smith** (top right with Dr. McKetta) was honored with this award for her years of service and commitment to issues affecting the aging community.

The Travis County Spirit of Service Awards recipients this year included:

- **Kaye Patterson** (top left) for her service to Reading is Fundamental;
- **Don Campbell** (center left) for his work with South Austin Hospital;
- **Ralph Cochran** (left) serving Faith In Action Caregivers, Pflugerville.

Travis County RSVP congratulates these award winners for their much appreciated achievements. And we sincerely thank each of you for all the work you do to make our community a better place to live. Thank you!



A-med Community Hospice**Job Title: Hospice Care Volunteers**

Job Description: Assist with services provided to hospice patients and their families. Volunteers can run errands, provide light house-keeping, read a book to patients, serve as a “friendly visitor”, to name just a few volunteer services.

Time Commitment: Flexible.

Location: Northwest Austin.

Agency’s Mission: To provide a high quality, comprehensive, palliative program dedicated to promoting comfort and quality of life for clients and families facing a terminal illness.

Website: N/A

A/TCMHMR (Austin/Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation)**Job Title: Committee Member**

Job Description: Serve on one of two committees of the Mental Health, Mental Retardation Center of Austin/Travis County. Committee Members make recommendations to the Board of Trustees based on criteria set by stakeholders. They are entrusted to ensure objectivity and stakeholder input as well as assist with the budget process.

Time Commitment: Volunteers are asked to serve once a month for about 2 hours (30 minutes is for meeting preparation) for a minimum of one year. Meeting times are from noon to 1:30 on the second Thursday or second Friday of the month, depending upon the committee you elect to join.

Location: South Austin

Agency’s Mission: To serve people whose lives are seriously affected by developmental, emotional and mental disabilities and substance use disorders.

Website: www.atcmhmr.com

A/TCMHMR**Job Title: The Friendship Link**

Job Description: The Friendship Link matches RSVP Volunteers with MHMR consumers who have similar interests. If you enjoy needlepoint, cooking, working with animals, etc.,

then MHMR has clients that would like to join you in pursuing these interests. Volunteer benefits include mileage reimbursement separate from and in addition to the RSVP mileage reimbursement.

Time Commitment: Very flexible.

A commitment of 1 year is preferred but not required.

Location: varies depending upon the consumer you are placed with.

Website: www.atcmhmr.com

Keep Texas Beautiful**Job Title: Administrative Assistant**

Job Description: Assist with administrative work for statewide cleanup and beautification programs. Benefits for volunteers include free snacks and working with a very friendly staff!

Time Commitment: Very flexible, prefer 3-15 hours per week.

Location: South Austin.

Agency’s Mission: To educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their environment.

Website: www.ktb.org

Literacy Coalition of Central Texas**Job Title: Directory Designer, Editor and Publisher**

Job Description: Volunteer will utilize Microsoft Publisher software to design and create a directory of our provider agencies (name, contact information, program information, pictures, directions, etc.). Ameri-corps volunteers will gather information and provide for input into the directory format. You’ll also edit the directory and assist in the publishing process.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Location: Central Austin

Agency’s Mission: Dedicated to supporting and expanding high-quality literacy services so that businesses can hire, people can work, and families can thrive.

Website: www.willread.org

Literacy Coalition of Central Texas**Job Title: Database Development and Maintenance Volunteer**

Job Description: Input foundation grant information including requirements and deadlines into “Exceed!”, the agency’s contact management database. Volunteer will also receive free training on “Exceed!”

Time Commitment: Flexible

Location: Central Austin

Agency’s Mission: See above.

Website: www.willread.org

The Next to New Shop**Job Title: Customer Service Associate**

Job Description: Position is responsible for maintaining the sales area in a neat and clean manner, assisting customers in locating items, and reading price tags. Volunteers should be able to stand or sit for long periods, have an outgoing personality and general product knowledge. Suggestive selling techniques a plus.

Time Commitment: Prefer 2 hours per week. Store hours are from 10AM to 4PM Monday through Friday and 10AM to 5PM Saturday. Flexible shifts are available.

Location: Burnet Road.

Agency’s Mission: A charitable consignment ministry of St. David’s Episcopal Church, we provide consignment, downsizing, and estate services to the Austin area.

Website: www.next2new.org

Old Bakery and Emporium**Job Title: Sales and Kitchen Help**

Job Description: Know how to clean a head of lettuce, fill an ice cup, write an order, make change, put cookies on a tray? Then you my friend will fit right in at the Old Bakery as a volunteer in our lunchroom. Want a free lunch? Then come on down and volunteer! Volunteers also receive 13% off merchandise on the days they volunteer! No experience necessary, training is free.

Time Commitment: Shifts are very flexible. Hours of operation are from 10AM to 1:30PM Monday through Friday.

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Location: Downtown Austin with plenty of free parking.

Agency's Mission: More than just another store, the Old Bakery and Emporium offers people fifty years and over opportunities to supplement their incomes and to develop second careers; offers people of all ages opportunities for meaningful volunteer service; provides information and a warm sense of welcome to out of town visitors; and encourages the appreciation and perpetuation of heritage handcraft skills.

Website: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/bakery1.htm>

Refugee Services of Texas

Job Title: Office Manager

Job Description: Answer phones, do light paper work and organize donations on-site.

Time Commitment. Can be flexible. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

Location: Central Austin.

Agency's Mission: To provide recently arrived refugees and victims of trafficking with the resources, referrals, and guidance needed to build successful and self-sufficient lives in Texas. With public and private sector support we continue to serve clients from trouble spots the world over.

Website: N/A

Texas Runaway and Youth Hotline

Job Title: Volunteer Telephone Advocates

Job Description: Provide callers with crisis intervention and peer counseling services. Applicants must possess the ability to relate to others in a warm, empathetic and friendly manner; be willing to accept supervision; have good communication skills; be dedicated to maintaining their shift schedule; and be able to pass a criminal background check.

Time Commitment. Approved applicants are required to attend 15 hours of classroom instruction with 12 hours of observation before being qualified to take Hotline calls. Then

advocates are required to volunteer for a minimum of two repeating 3-hour shifts each month for a minimum of 6 months. Flexible shift times are available.

Location: Central Austin

Agency's Mission: The Texas Runaway Hotline, a program of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, works with other community services to keep as many youth as possible safe and off the streets.

Website: http://www.tdprs.state.tx.us/runaway_hotline/runaway.asp

RSVP can help your agency recruit volunteers. Please contact RSVP to learn how. For more details on these and other volunteer jobs, please call the RSVP office at 512-854-7787. Thank you.



RSVP wishes to thank the following for all their help with our recent Volunteer Recognition Luncheon:

Daniel Lewis (DLPhotoAustin.com)

Emeritus: Loyaltan of Austin and Beckett Meadows of Austin

The City of Austin

CAPCOG Area Agency on Aging

South Austin Senior Activity Center

Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center

Special thanks to Sarah Andrews with the ARC of the Capital Area for offering to transport and assist with coordinating volunteers involved with transportation!!

Please Welcome Our Newest RSVP Volunteers

Jane Bates

Anita Bauman

Jesse Benavidez

Shirley Bingham

Heather Brandon

James Bryant

Pete Castillo

George Fillmore

Lupe Guzman

Betty Hill

Martha Hoflich

Essie Mae Jackson

Eva Lopez

Anita Montana

Anita Munoz

Jo Beth Oden

Maria Estella Ortiz

Stephen Pitt

Raymond Rangel

Betty Richardson

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North Central Austin*



Complete details and photos in next month's issue!

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