

RSVP Advisory Council

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You Say You Want A Revolution?

Well, you know...we all want to change the world.



But change doesn't just happen on its own. Back in the day, we took to the streets and shouted for change. And in fact we did make some real advancements.

Today, there are new and pressing needs just about everywhere you look. So...want to do something about it? We've got a real solution.

Take some action.
Get involved. Call RSVP.
Your invitation to serve.



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

Your RSVP: An Exciting Mix Of The Old And The New

It has been said that the only constant in life is change. It's a paradox we see in many areas of life, a balance of constancy and evolution.

Your Travis County RSVP program is no exception. We cherish our long-term friendships and partnerships, and our steady and reliable resources. Yet we also thrive on change and new growth.

One change we enjoy this time every year is the induction of new members to the RSVP Advisory Council. This year we're very happy to announce that five members whose tenure was set to expire will all continue for another term of service. Thank you to these members who volunteer so much of their time and talent to our organization: Dr. John McKetta, Susan Merrick, Dale Rice, Mary Pat Smith and Dora Tanton.

We also install a new Executive Committee to the Advisory Council: Penny Cedel, President; Ron Greening, Vice President; and Gretchen Blackburn agreed to serve another term as Treasurer.

In addition to the five members who agreed to stay on the Council for another term, we are delighted to introduce the newest addition to the Travis County RSVP Advisory Council: **Lisa David** (pictured at right).

Ms. David currently serves as the Global HR Director within the Public

Service Operating Group at Accenture, a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. She has held a variety of leadership positions within Accenture and has extensive experience in project management, change management, systems integration consulting, organization design and human resource management. Ms. David brings a wealth of management and leadership insight to her work. We are very pleased to welcome her to the Council and look forward to her valuable contributions.

Amid all these and other exciting changes, it is also important to recognize and celebrate some aspects of our program that have not changed. The enthusiasm of volun-

teers and their commitment to serving the public good is the foundation of our program. This month we celebrate some very significant milestones in the long-term commitment of several volunteers. Please join us in congratulating Chrispina Babbitt who this month is celebrating 25 years as an RSVP volunteer! Also this month, the following volunteers are celebrating 20 years as RSVP members: Patti Cox, Rose Ehrlich, Hettie Grantham, Elizabeth Joseph, Genevieve Joyce, Murray Joyce and Mickey Terry. We thank each of you for all your efforts, your commitment and your generosity over the years. Please know that the community appreciates your work, and that Travis County is a better place because of your service.

Also this month we welcome back a long-time friend and staff member, Rosie Cortez. Many of you know that RSVP staff member Dawn Sparks gave birth to a beautiful girl Amber Lynn Sparks just last month, and Rosie will be working with us while Dawn enjoys her first months with Amber. You may remember Rosie's warm smile and caring attitude. Please join us in welcoming her back to our staff!

We want to reiterate how proud we are to work with incredible volunteers like you, and we wish all of you the very best holiday season. As always, we thank you for all you do to make our community a better place!



Lisa David, newest member of the RSVP Advisory Council

American Red Cross

Job Title: Assistant to the Executive Director

Job Description: Answer phones regarding general inquires about Red Cross programs, greet visitors and perform general clerical work such as scheduling meetings, taking minutes, filing, and maintaining and monitoring calendars. Volunteer will be working with confidential materials; training and orientation will be provided.

Time Commitment: Prefer 20 hours a week but flexible.

Location: East Austin

Agency's Mission: The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

Website: www.centex.redcross.org

Community New Start

Job Title: Raiser's Edge Database Specialist

Job Description: Raiser's Edge is a popular constituent relationship management database that helps Community New Start (CNS) easily track program participation, promptly acknowledge donations and identify potential opportunities for expanding the donor and volunteer base. Volunteer will enter data such as name, address, phone number organizational affiliations, and demographic information. Training on Raiser's Edge will be provided, but volunteer should be very comfortable with popular computer programs such as Microsoft Office and have good typing skills.

Time Commitment: Two to three hours a week.

Location: Central Austin

Agency's Mission: Community New Start is a holistic ministry with the vision to transform Austin through

deliberate strategies for building networks of caring relationships. The role of CNS is to connect caring people with one another to meet the economic, physical, social and spiritual needs of the individual, family, neighborhood and city.

Website: www.newstartaustin.org

First Night Austin

Job Titles: Greeters, Sales Assistants, PR Assistants, many others.

Job Description: A family celebration in downtown Austin, First Night Austin features a big parade plus visual and performing arts and spectacular fireworks displays at 7:30pm and midnight. Throughout December a few volunteers are needed in the office and on PR projects. On December 31st, many volunteers are needed to serve as door greeters, artist assistants, merchandise assistants and other assignments. All volunteers are invited to the Volunteer Appreciation party in January 2008!

Time Commitment: Varies, depending on your schedule.

Location: Downtown Austin

Mission: To provide Austinites and Central Texans with a free, family-friendly, alcohol-free, public celebration that showcases the unique culture of Austin through expressive, creative traditions of performing and visual arts.

Website: www.FirstNightAustin.org

Handy Wheels at Meals on Wheels and More

Job Title: Handy Person

Job Description: Your skills at minor home repair are in great need. As a *Handy Person* you'll use your own tools and knowledge to help make a home safer and healthier for an elderly or disabled person by installing tub safety bars and smoke alarms, replacing light bulbs and air filters, etc. Installing safety rails is a great need at this time.

Time Commitment: A few hours a

month, according to your availability.

Location: At the client's home.

Agency's Mission: To nourish and enrich the lives of the homebound and other people in need through programs that promote dignity and independent living.

Web Address:

www.mealsonwheelsandmore.org

St. David's Medical Center

Job Title: Information Desk Volunteer

Job Description: There is always a need for more volunteers in the hospitals. This is a very popular and critical volunteer position as you'll greet the public and provide information, answer questions, direct visitors to appointments and patients' rooms, deliver gift items, and provide comforting smiles to hospital visitors and patients.

Time Commitment: One 4-hour shift each week.

Location: Central Austin on IH-35.

Agency's Mission: To provide exceptional care to every patient every day with a spirit of warmth, friendliness and personal pride.

Website: www.stdavids.com

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

Job Title: Development Assistant

Job Description: Help enhance the quality and dignity of life for many people by volunteering as a Development Assistant. Assist with a variety of the Development Department's critical administrative and research tasks. Development volunteers help keep Goodwill's administrative costs down and help ensure that resources can be dedicated to helping people in our community breakdown barriers to employment.

Time Commitment: Flexible during normal business hours.

Location: Central Austin.

Agency's Mission: Goodwill's mission is to enhance the quality and dignity of life for individuals, families and our

community by providing job-related services for people with barriers to employment.

Website: www.austingoodwill.org

Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center

Job Title: Computer Instructor

Job Description: A Computer Instructor is sought to teach Beginner and Intermediate computer classes. The well-equipped computer lab features 10 computers, 2 printers and high speed internet access. Students learn everything from the basics of a computer to specialty classes in spreadsheets, card making or other specific interests. Instructor is welcome to teach his/her own curriculum, but curricula for several basic courses are already created and available

Time Commitment: Flexible, anywhere from 2 to 20 hours per week.

Location: East Austin.

Agency's Mission: The purpose of Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center is to provide recreational and cultural activities and programs to older adults in order to enrich and enhance their quality of life.

Story Circle Network

Job Title: Heart IV Conference Volunteer

Job Description: Volunteers are needed to help with conference registration (4-hour shift) and relief volunteers are needed to give vendors who are selling at the conference a break (4-hour or 2-hour shifts). Also a volunteer photographer is needed to take pictures of the keynote speaker and various workshops. Photographer needs to bring their own camera but organization will supply the film or disk, depending on the camera.

Time Commitment: 2 hours or more on February 1st through 3rd, 2008.

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Central Austin.

Agency's Mission: Story Circle Network is a non profit international organization that encourages women to write their stories.

Website: www.storycircle.org

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.

The Baby Boomers Are Here: Is Your Organization Ready?

RSVP & Hands On Central Texas Kick Off A Series Of Training Sessions

On Friday, October 26th, Travis County RSVP and Hands On Central Texas hosted the first in a series of training sessions designed to help volunteer managers at non-profit organizations increase their quality and quantity of volunteers and ultimately enhance their organization's capacity to reach their goals.

The first session, led by noted trainer and consultant Wendy Biro-Pollard, focused on Baby Boomers (persons born between 1946 and 1964) and their impact on public service and civic engagement.



Many of the 26 attendees gave the session very positive reviews. "This workshop helped me develop a deeper insight into working with volunteers and Boomers," noted Christina Camacho, MSSW, Care Team Coordinator for Care Communities.

Thanks to Spansion and Dr. and Mrs. John J. McKetta for sponsoring the series, and to the following partners for their generous assistance: DOVIA, Greenlights for Nonprofit Success, The Round Rock Volunteer Center and United Way of Williamson County.

Stay tuned for more great workshops. Next up: "Issue Driven Volunteer Projects" on May 9th, 2008.

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