



The Connection

Summer 2023



Central Iowa RSVP is

Together with our sponsoring organization, Story City Senior Citizens, Inc., Central Iowa RSVP (formerly Story County RSVP) will host a 50th Anniversary event. **This will be a celebration of thousands of RSVP volunteers, past and present, who have defined “senior service” and, through their contributions and commitment, have transformed our communities.**

Since 1973, thousands of adult volunteers age 55+ have dedicated millions of hours of service to address needs in education, food security, independent living, public safety, non-profit capacity building, and so much more. We honor all of these remarkable individuals!

We hope you will join us as we celebrate the past and embrace the future!

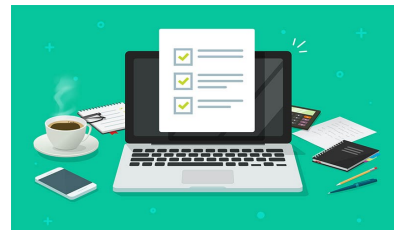


RSVP Volunteers...Your Opinion Matters!

Central Iowa RSVP is interested in learning how your life is enhanced through service to our community. Enclosed is a quick survey that should take only a few minutes to fill out. Your input is important to us!

There are 2 ways to participate:

- Fill out the enclosed survey and mail it or drop it off at any RSVP office location (see addresses on page 4).
- OR use the link that will be on the RSVP website homepage (after June 16). The link can also be emailed to you. Contact: director@circsvp.org.



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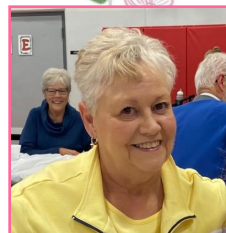
E-NEWSLETTER OPTION—If you would prefer an electronic RSVP newsletter, sign up for the **E-EDITION** and receive it via email. Just let Kendra know at wcmkt@circsvp.org.

SEASONAL VOLUNTEERS—If you are a snowbird (or a sunbird); please contact RSVP with your forwarding address. We want to make sure you get all the RSVP Newsletters, invitations, and correspondence we send throughout

Farewell to Pat

“After many years on staff with RSVP as our Office Coordinator, Pat Firnhaber will be retiring June 30. Pat has been a familiar face and voice to many of you as the main contact in our Story City business office these past many years (14 total).

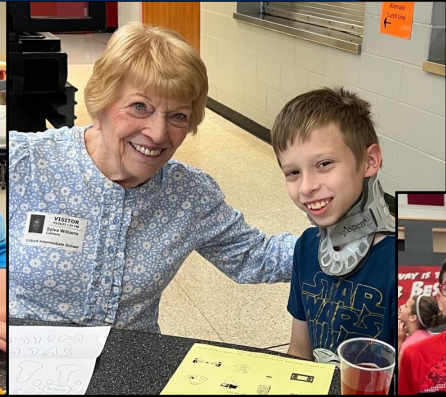
We are so grateful for all of Pat’s dedication to the work (which she excels at), but more importantly to the volunteers and those



Good Bye

HOW LUCKY I AM TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT MAKES SAYING GOODBYE SO HARD.
~ WINNIE THE POOH





Featured Events: City of Ames Garden space adopted by RSVP and tended by RSVP volunteers; Gilbert Pen Pal Party
 Thanks to these folks and all of our amazing volunteers! Wish we had space

WELCOME New Arrivals to Central Iowa RSVP

Penny Beckner—Story City	Melody Franje—Ames
Vicki Cook—Story City	Betty Jackson—Huxley

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please note that this is a partial list of the volunteer opportunities currently available through RSVP. The needs featured below indicate the agency to be served and a very general description. For more details,

ACCESS

(Assault Care Center Extending Support & Services)

Office Assistant: Volunteers are needed to perform a variety of tasks that include answering phones and other administrative tasks. Morning and afternoon shifts available.

CENTRAL IOWA RSVP

Volunteer Drivers (Road Warriors): Consider becoming part of our volunteer driver team by helping folks who can no longer drive get to medical appointments and other essential services. This is an opportunity to provide a very important service while serving when it works for your schedule.

RSVP Staff Support: Occasional assistance is needed at the RSVP offices (Story City and Ames) to help with answering/making phone calls and/or helping with clerical tasks.

FRIENDSHIP ARK

(Ames-based nonprofit celebrates the uniqueness of adults with intellectual disabilities)

Construction Volunteers: Help build raised/handicap accessible garden beds at the homes of The Friendship Ark. The days and times are flexible.

Spring Planting and Lawn Volunteers: Seeking lawn care and gardeners to help with upkeep of the lawns and perennials at the homes of The Friendship Ark throughout the season.

Photographers: 5k Run/Walk on Tues., July 4th from 7:15–10:30am at Ada Hayden Park. They are seeking volunteers who are retired photographers, or have photography as a hobby to take pictures of the race and the participants.

IOWA GAMES

Registration Volunteers: (Friday, July 14th) help organize t-shirts onto the tables (early shift), help assemble athlete credentials to lanyards, distribute t-shirts to participants, & sell Opening Ceremony tickets. Call RSVP for shift information.

NEVADA FOOD-AT-FIRST

Meal Delivery: Volunteers are needed to deliver hot meals for seniors in the outlying towns in Eastern Story County. Meals are picked up in Nevada and delivered to the designated drop-off locations in Colo, Maxwell, McCallsburg, and Collins Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30–5:30pm.

Prep and Packaging: Seeking volunteers to prep and package the meals. This position is Monday and Thursday 3:00–5:00pm. You can choose one day a week or multiple days a month.

RAISING READERS

Reading Buddies (Nevada Boys & Girls Club): Volunteers provide literacy sessions for children who are starting first, second, and third grades in the FALL of 2023. Volunteer tutors meet with students for personalized reading sessions to help with their literacy skills. These supervised 45-minute sessions are held twice a week June 19–August 7 (Mon., Wed.).

SUNCREST HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

Clerical/Mailing Volunteers: Fold tri-fold letters and stuff envelopes. This monthly project can be completed in the Central Iowa RSVP meeting room or at your home.

Card Writer: Looking for a volunteer with perfect penmanship who would write a pre-scripted short condolence message on small cards and insert them into envelopes. This assignment can be completed in the Central Iowa RSVP meeting room or at your home. This is done monthly.

Friendly Visitors: You can make a huge difference in the life of an older adult seeking companionship by visiting him or her in their home or in a residential care facility. Volunteers offer a variety of support in meaningful ways such as reading, playing music, playing games, or simply listening. Days and times are mutually agreed upon by the volunteer and client.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

(Call RSVP for details)

AMES ADOPT-A-FLOWER GARDEN—Summer Plant and Flower Care

CARE INITIATIVES HOSPICE—Friendly Visitors

GOOD NEIGHBOR—Clerical & Financial Support

HEARTLAND SERVICES—Meal Delivery Driver

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503 Elm Avenue
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515-292-8890

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641-752-0279

For RSVP staff contact information, including email addresses, please call one of our offices or visit the staff

www.rsvpvolunteer.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/

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STAKEHOLDERS, PLEASE
OPEN ME RIGHT AWAY!
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
AND AN INVITATION
ENCLOSED...**

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United Way of Story County



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