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YOUR APRIL 2020 VOLUNTEER E- NEWSLETTER SPECIAL EDITION DUE TO COVID-19

Volunteer Service Hours Reports Information!

We understand that due to the COVID-19 virus, most all of our agencies have temporarily suspended operations. We wanted you to know that we are thinking of you during this unprecedented time.

We also realize that you may or may not have hours to report. If you find that you have hours, missing from a month or so back, you can go ahead and send them in. We may not be able to post them right away but we will get to them. Those hours can include mask making, helping other seniors, telephone calls to check on others, handing out school meals, etc. If you have a question about any of this, please feel free to email Annette at this address:

annette@RSVPTULSA.ORG

We are continuing our work from home for a bit longer. We will do the best we can to get information to you as needed. If you have access to social media, we do have an active Facebook page where we are able to post information as well. If you received a card, note or phone call and were not sure whom it was from, we collaborated with several church groups, youth volleyball teams and others to say a quick “hello and we’re thinking of you!” We really appreciated their help as we have 800 volunteers so it is sometimes difficult to reach out to everyone.

Here is the link to the RSVP Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/RSVPTulsa/>



On a sad note, RSVP experienced an unexpected loss recently. Steve Griffiths joined RSVP in 2008 and began his volunteer service at Cancer Treatment Centers of America that same year. He was an excellent volunteer who practically ran the mail department at the hospital for the last nine years. He was a TU alumnus and attended every football game, no matter the weather. He loved to share stories and photos of his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all.

There will be a Celebration of Life service scheduled later once all COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Most all agency activity continues to be suspended. If we receive any additional information, we will certainly let you know via email.

We have posted this before, but just a reminder that the following activities are still ongoing. RSVP is so proud of the way you all have jumped in wherever needed to help those in need. Staying active helps too.

As our board chair, Michelle Evans mentioned last week, taking long walks helps. The weather has been beautiful the past week or so, so this is a great time to take advantage of being outside but social distancing as well.

Meals on Wheels Tele Checks - continuing

In light of COVID-19, Meals on Wheels Metro Tulsa is asking for volunteers to help do what is called "Tele-Checks" to the clients who are signed up for Meals on Wheels. You will be checking on the elderly at home to see if their basic needs are being taken care of via phone calls.

This will include our elderly and low-income population, who may need to be called and gain information as to what they need in order to get food deliveries started.

Please call for more information if you are willing to help during this time. Please reach out as soon as possible. Contact info: Tara Harris at 918.921.3563 or email Tara at tara@mowtulsa.org.



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Call 24/7 to speak with a specialist to be connected to help.

When you don't know where to turn, we're here. Just call, text or go online.

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Please know you are not alone. If you need help or have questions -- related to COVID-19 or anything you need right now -- [211EOK](https://211EOK.org) is here for you. These are just a few of the many caring Resource Specialists answering calls at the [Community Service Council's](https://CommunityServiceCouncil.org) [211EOK](https://211EOK.org) Call Center. Dial 2-1-1, live chat at 211EOK.org, or search our extensive online service directory at 211EOK.org. Free. 24/7. ALL IS CONFIDENTIAL.



Mask making projects update:

We have had a great response to our requests for mask making. We know our first responders and others are grateful for these masks!

Here are a few pictures of the wonderful RSVP volunteers making masks, scrub caps, delivering food and many more wonderful things out in our communities.



This is Sand Springs RSVP volunteer Pat, modeling one of her great masks and RSVP Tulsa Volunteer Jeanette sewing lots and lots of masks for Cancer Treatment Centers of America.



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This is RSVP Sapulpa volunter Karen, busy making masks for her community.





Gloria and Trish both busy making masks. They are better known for their famous quilts! They are multi-faceted!



Marsha is busy sewing away!



RSVP Sapulpa volunteer, Max, is busy picking up food for Caring Community Friends.



All the staff at RSVP miss our contact with you all!

We are thinking of you and wishing you all the best. We are trying our best to respond to emails from home. Be well, be safe!

Annette, GaryAnn, Penny and Diana!

RSVP OF TULSA, INC. AND COUNTY OFFICES:

You are invited! RSVP membership is free for all people aged fifty-five years and better. Register online at www.rsvptulsa.org, or call the county office to say you want to volunteer and to schedule a personal appointment to explore local volunteer opportunities.

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Senior Corps Pledge

I will get things done for America – to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

When faced with a pressing challenge,

I will bring Americans of all generations together to strengthen our communities.

When faced with children at risk,

I will help them stay in school and on track for a brighter future.

When faced with older adults in need,

I will provide support and compassion so they may age with grace and dignity.

**Working for the greatest good, I will use my lifetime of experiences
to improve my country, my community, and myself through service.**

I am An RSVP volunteer, and I will get things done.



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