



RSVP BULLETIN

Spring/Summer 2006

*The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of
S.W.CT.*

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COMMUNITIES SERVED

Darien
Greenwich
New Canaan
Norwalk
Stamford
Weston
Westport
Wilton

Message From the Director, Teri Klein

A very special thank you to all of our active volunteers for the time and energy you have given to the community. You have contributed over 32,000 hours to 54 local non profit agencies and organizations.

Activities include:

- reading to and tutoring children
- distribution of books, food, and clothing
- dedicated mailing teams
- knitters; donating 1000 hats, mittens, scarves, and blankets to children in need
- tourism counselors welcoming visitors to CT
- assistance with flu clinics, blood mobiles, and special events
- preserving our environment

and much more!



You have been invaluable in helping to improve the quality of life in SW CT.

We all know that staying active, remaining socially engaged and participating in meaningful activities can increase your sense of well being –studies show it can also increase a person’s longevity. Here’s to good health and long life for everyone!

Save the Date!

RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, May 11th

Giovanni's
Restaurant

Darien

Invitations will be mailed

Hope to see you there!

Awards & Kudos



Cathy Smith is receiving the Voluntary Action Center of Mid Fairfield Award this April in recognition of her service to Norwalk Reads. Cathy is piloting a new program modeling “shared effective reading” for preschoolers and their teachers at Norwalk School Readiness Programs across the city. She has also developed a relationship with the Weston Parent Teachers Organizations which has resulted in the donation of hundreds of new and gently used children’s books for distribution in Norwalk.

The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism 2005 Distinguished Advocates for Culture and Tourism Awards were presented to *Jewel Broeze* and *Edythe Ritchie* volunteers at the Darien Welcome Center honoring their many years as tourism guides. The award is given for making a significant impact on improving tourism in the State.

Gary Lishnoff was featured by Christian Community Action as volunteer of the month for his work at the food pantry.

Would you like to be informed of new volunteer opportunities?

“On Call” volunteer opportunities for special short term events come up from time to time.

E-mail is a quick way for us to contact you. It also allows us to let you know of changes and updates without the expense of regular postage.

If you have email, please send it to csullivan@neon-norwalk.org

If you don’t have e-mail, we will keep you informed via mail and calls.

Everyone will continue to receive our newsletter.

Please let us know of any address changes and continue to report your hours on all of your volunteer work. It’s a great help to know all the valuable things you are doing for our community.

Please check our website for the latest news; www.rsvpswct.org



A Special Welcome to Our New Volunteers!

Baker, Sylvia
Becker, Jane
Bowers, Jean
Brooks, Andree
Burgess, Carol
Capuano, Barbara
Eaton, Juanita
Fischel, Valerie
Gray, Barbara

James, Pamela
Lane, Ginger
Leone, Jacqueline
Lishnoff, Gary
Loser, Ernest L.
Marton, Dolores
Mesedahl, Linda
Millburn, Elizabeth
Mitchell, Dorothy R.

Munsell, Carol
Nelson, Ann F.
Nelson, Ethel
Noor, Mustafa
Palmer, Marie J.
Pavlik, Betty
Pellagrino, Elsie
Rubin, Donna
Schwartz, Hilda

Simons, Jean
Steadly, Evelyn
Swanson, June
Williams, Angel
Young, Ti Say Ling
Zaslow, Dian
Ziegler, Anne-Marie

Volunteer Opportunities

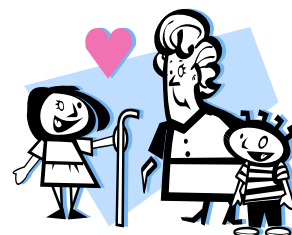
We will match your skills and interests to the best opportunity for you. We have different volunteer opportunities in the following areas:

Health And Safety

- Emergency preparedness, flu clinics, and blood mobiles
- Nutrition

Literacy

- Mentoring, reading and tutoring; children and youth
- Enrichment Activities



Cultural And Tourism

- Welcome Center Counselors
- Museum docents and guides

Environmental Preservation

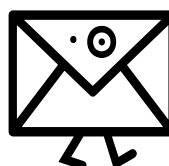
Companionship And Outreach

- Teaching
- Knitting
- Distributing Needed Supplies
- Transportation
- Friendly Connections



Capacity Building

- Administrative and Agency support
- Mailing, and Special Events Teams



Please contact the RSVP office, Caterina Sullivan, 203 899 2443, for more information on how to volunteer.



“RSVP Works for Connecticut 2006”

A combined report of the programs of all 12 RSVP's in Connecticut has been developed which highlights areas across the state where RSVP is making a real and measurable difference. RSVP will host a special reception for State Legislators *April 17* from 1-4 pm at the State Office Building to discuss the impact of the activities. If you would like a copy of the report, please contact our office.

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