



Winter 2020 Newsletter

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Greetings,

Happy New Year and Welcome 2020!

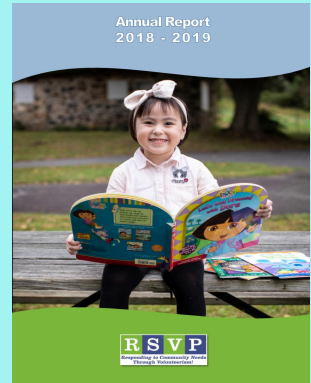
I hope you have had an opportunity to read our latest Annual Report. We have highlighted our volunteers' many impressive accomplishments this past year and we couldn't be more proud of their dedication and determination.

We're headed into another exciting and innovative year and are looking forward to working together to improve the lives of so many of our community members.

Please read about our new partnership with United Way to improve the reading skills of students and as always, let us know how we can improve your connection to us.

Check out our enhanced website and tell us what you think. www.rsvpmc.org

With gratitude and appreciation,
Michele Moll



Join Our Team of 1,200 Dedicated Volunteers
And Help Us Improve Our Communities
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RSVP Happenings

Tutoring for the 21st century. Ready, set, read!

Introducing Virtual Reading Coaches

great add-on assignment - only 30 minutes a week

We're excited to introduce a new virtual opportunity for our volunteers to engage with students to improve their literacy skills.

Virtual Reading Coaches is an innovative, 1:1 tutoring program from United Way that matches a tutor with local classrooms for guided reading support.

Volunteers tutor students in reading through a safe and secure digital setting. Together, students and tutors read e-books using super simple screen sharing and audio.

Sessions can be conducted from any computer, tablet or smart phone.

If you think literacy is important for our children and you don't have a lot of time to visit classrooms, this might be perfect for you.

To learn more contact volunteer123@rsvpmc.org



Our Volunteers are Changing Lives

Claire Porter Improves the Lives of Seniors



"The seniors that I assist just need a little help to remain independent in their homes, which is their goal," said volunteer Claire Porter, a retiree who gives about 10 hours per week to RSVP's Help on Call program. She assists 3 blind people with paperwork and two others with grocery shopping.

"I get a lot of satisfaction from knowing I've helped and made a positive difference in their lives," said Porter. "I've volunteered with most of these seniors for several years, so we've created a strong bond. Often times, they just need someone to talk to and listen to them."

Upcoming Events

***We hope to see you at these exciting events.
Watch for your invitations***

In the Spring we will host our Volunteer Celebration Luncheons. One will be held in Delaware County and the other in Montgomery County. You can choose the date and location that works best for you.

In the Summer we will hold our 3rd Annual Golf Classic. Watch for details about this action-packed day and evening.



We look forward to seeing you soon!

We hope to see you at Delaware County Community College's ElderWeek where we will be presenting on the Benefits of Volunteerism.

Tuesday-Thursday, March 10-12, 2020

The event is tailored for people 55 years+, features dozens of lively, educational mini classes and the chance to socialize with new and old friends. Includes continental breakfast and your choice of three workshops each day, plus tempting lunches at the "ElderWeek Café", daily entertainment, door prizes and giveaways, and a gala "Graduation Party." Choose a low-cost, three-day or two-day option. [To learn more.](#)

Getting to Know Us



Meet Bill Paraskewik

If you're actively volunteering, you probably receive an email from Bill every month to report your hours.

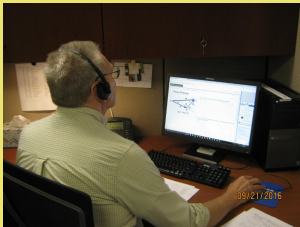
We value every minute of your time and your service hours reports are one way to track program success and also recognize your dedicated service.

We also use your hours reporting to help us track program success.

Please reach out to Bill if he can make the process any easier for you. billp@rsvpmc.org.

Thank you!

We Really Need Your Help



Short on Time?

Our virtual My Free Tutor program is expanding and we have several students **waiting for math tutors**. Only one hour a week from your home or office -- no travel required. For information contact anabella_myfreetutor@rsvpmc.org.

Not a math fan? Become a Virtual Reading Coach with just 30 minutes a week. Want to learn more? Contact volunteer123@rsvpmc.org.

Do you like to drive?

Area seniors need rides to medical appointments they can't otherwise get to. If you have a few hours now and then and want to help contact karens@rsvpmc.org



Are you a Champion?

You can change the course of a young person's life with your time and guidance. Our Youth Mentoring program is in great need of mentors.

Students are waiting for mentors in:

Norristown, Blue Bell, King of Prussia, North Penn, Skippack, Phoenixville and Perkiomen Valley. Male mentors are especially needed. For information

see below for additional volunteer opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

*There are many fun and important volunteer opportunities
in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.*

Where Volunteers are Needed Most

Interested? Please [contact us](#).

- **Mentors** for elementary school students and teenage moms
- Readers for preschool children
- Reading coaches for elementary students
- **Drivers, visitors and shoppers** for home-bound seniors
- **Virtual math tutors** (*great for working adults - just one hour/week from your desk*)
- STEM and other career exploration presenters
- Meals-on-Wheels drivers and food packers
- Thrift shop/consignment shop assistants
- Visit with lonely veterans
- Health and wellness program assistants
- Medicare Counselors
- Food pantry support
- Food collection coordinators
- Adult literacy and ESL tutors
- Advocates for seniors
- Greeters at Senior Centers
- Blood Drive assistants and ambassadors

For locations please visit our current [Help Wanted List](#) or contact us



Does your life need a little Zhuzh?

Whether you are new to volunteering, already a seasoned volunteer or looking for a fun activity, we would love to see you at one of our

Information Sessions

Learn more about the greatest needs in your community.

[Check our Website for additional dates or last minute changes.](#)

[Or you can view a virtual volunteer information session](#)

2020 Information Session Schedule

(1st Quarter)

January 14 10:00 am

Media. Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St.

January 28 10:30 am

Havertown. Haverford Township Library, 1601 Darby Rd.



February 4 1:00 pm

King of Prussia. RSVP Home Office, 901 E. 8th Ave, Suite 200

February 12 10:30 am

Berwyn. Easttown Library & Info Center, 720 First Ave.

February 19 10:00 am

Springfield. Giant Food Store, 950 Baltimore Pike



March 4 1:00 pm

Blue Bell. Wissahickon Valley Public Library, 650 Skippack Pike

March 16 10:00 am

Media. Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St.

March 25 10:30 am

Havertown. Haverford Township Library, 1601 Darby Rd.

Additional locations and updates available on www.rsvpmc.org

***Please let us know if you will join us
so that we can plan for your visit.
(or we can contact you if we need to cancel)***

***Call Maguerite Cuning, Volunteer Coordinator 610-834-1040 ext. 123
or email volunteer123@rsvpmc.org***

Walk-Ins Always Welcome
There's never an obligation to enroll as a volunteer

Partner Agency Happenings

County of Delaware Services for the Aging (COSA) has been our strong partner and supporter of senior services in Delaware County



We congratulate Denise Stewart, former Director of COSA during 2013 - 2020, on her retirement. Her 40 dedicated years in the aging field have improved many lives. We wish her the best!



[Paid Job Training for People 55+](#)

MaturityWorks - Senior Community Service Employment Program provides mature workers for unsubsidized jobs through training at community based organizations. Click above for details.

Upcoming Training and Workshops

Spring 2020 VEC Workshop Series

Workshops held at RSVP 901 E. 8th Avenue, Suite 200

King of Prussia, PA

and are held from 10:00 am to noon

Continental Breakfast 9:30

*unless noted otherwise**

Using Social Media to Better Market Your Nonprofit

March 24

A panel of your peers from nonprofits will provide best practices and tips and tricks to boost your social media skills and get your nonprofit more exposure.

This workshop will address the use of social media to communicate who your organization is, what your organization does, and why your organization matters.

In 2020, social media is an essential part of every nonprofit's image to the world. It can help attract volunteers and funders. It is also an important tool in marketing your brand. This workshop will guide your efforts to leverage social media to accomplish these goals, among others. The workshop will include a brief introduction to the *WHY's* of social media followed by a moderated discussion among the panelists, including success stories.

Bring your questions and social media challenges to share with your peers!

*Moderator: **Jennifer Mack**, Senior Regional Advisor, Citadel*

Panelists:

Laura O'Kane: Executive Director, Paws and Affection

Jessica Ames: Outreach and Events Coordinator, Angel Flight East

Carrie Barron: Center Manager, John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove; Communications Director, Audubon Pennsylvania

To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/using-social-media-to-better-market-nonprofits-tickets-89410620573>

Meet the Funders
April 30
8:30 - 11:30 am
Continental Breakfast 8:00 am
Giant in Willow Grove
Community Conference Center
315 York Road, Willow Grove 19090

The interactive Funders' Panel will provide attendees with key current and emerging trends in foundation and corporate philanthropy. It will give participants an understanding of the grantors' points of view.

This workshop will provide important information about the state of philanthropy and discuss what funders look for in a program. This 90-minute panel discussion and audience Q&A session will be followed by a 30-minute "meet and greet." This is your opportunity to talk with panel members!

Panelists:

- **John Grasso** President, SEI Cares Program
- **Valerie Kind-Rubin**, Managing Trustee The Patricia Kind Family Foundation
- **Caitlin Seifritz**, Library Supervisor Regional Foundation Center of the Philadelphia Free Library

There is a small of \$20 for this interactive workshop

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-the-funders-tickets-89416351715>

Navigating Human Resource issues for Nonprofits
June 2

This workshop will address key human resource skill sets and how they can be used to benefit a nonprofit organization. Topics to be covered include **skill sets**, how to **manage HR issues on a budget**, **interviewing strategies** for employees, board members and volunteers, and **legal considerations**.

If you are wondering how to tackle HR issues and help your nonprofit function better, this workshop is for you. Handling human resource (HR) issues is critical to establishing and maintaining your nonprofit.

Workshop facilitator: Gene Davidov

Gene served for 5 years as Human Resources lead at CORA Services, a large nonprofit. He also has over 25 years of managing people in both the nonprofit and profit based sectors. Gene has a Masters degree in Counseling and has extensive experience as a trainer and facilitator with a wide range of audiences.

To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/navigating-human-resources-for-nonprofits-tickets-89417601453>

For more information, contact [Anne Sheehan](#)

Community News and Resources



UPDATE

Although Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment period ended on December 7, 2019, if you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan you can still make some changes until March 31, 2020. During the period from January 1 to March 31 you can leave a Medicare Advantage plan and switch back to Original Medicare and then purchase a Medicare Supplement and a Part D prescription plan. You can also switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another.

Medicare recently published changes to premiums and deductibles for 2020. Starting January 1, 2020 most of us will be paying \$144.60 for the Part B premium. The income limit for the \$144.60 premium has gone up from \$85,000 pp/yr to \$87,000 pp/yr. The annual Part B deductible will be \$198 if not covered by your supplement plan. The maximum deductible for Part D prescription plans will be \$435.

We are here to help!

Memorials and Celebrations & Additional Ways to Support RSVP



In Honor of:

Alan Kober from David and Manny Kohn

Rich Singer from Bernard Johl

In Memory of:

Ruth Saks from Richard and Dottie Singer

Ruth Saks from Martin and Linda Millison

Ruth Saks from Adelaide Sugarman and Marshall Greenberg

Pearl Sellman from Thomas & Maxine Livingston

We are saddened by the passing of our long-term colleague Ruth Saks. Over her tenure she contributed her time and passion to several programs, especially the Protege mentoring program. We will miss her.

A simple way to honor the memory of a close relative, friend or someone special or help celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding or any special occasion in a novel way.

Consider making a donation in that person's name. We will notify the individual or their family member (if you wish) of the donation you have made in their name.

To learn more, contact [Tony Giunta](#)

Celebrating a birthday or special occasion this year?

Have you considered a Facebook Fundraiser to support our important community-based programs?



You can ask your Facebook friends to honor your birthday or any special occasion by asking them to donate

to your special cause.

It's easy!

- On YOUR Facebook page, select "Fundraiser" from the left side menu
- Then select "raise money for a nonprofit organization"
- Select "RSVP, Inc." in King of Prussia, PA from the list
- Complete the rest of the questions, and you are ready to go!

[Click here](#)



Join RSVP and Stella & Dot
January 14, 2020- January 28, 2020

Stella and Dot will donate
half of the net proceeds to
RSVP to continue helping people
in our community.

Order online:
www.stelladot.com/ts/7jd4x

Click here to visit this unique boutique and help support RSVP programs.
(If you are having problems following the link, please visit our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/RSVPvolunteer/> and view the post on January 12)

Now through the end of January take \$20-30 off your order of \$100+ with promo code YAY20

We are Grateful for our Partners



Jose Rivera from Altar'd State presents RSVP with donation

We are very grateful to fashion brand and boutique Altar'd State located in the King of Prussia Mall for their recent donation. Their principle of "Stand Out. For Good" donated a portion of their sales during a recent Mission Monday.

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Thank you [Altar'd State!](#)

[SAP America](#)

During a recent team building project, SAP employees created 62 no-sew cuddly fleece blankets for newborn babies.

Way to Go SAP!



Blankets will soon be distributed to Chester Eastside Shelter, Family Management Shelter and Wesley House Community .

[Peoples Security Bank & Trust](#)



Long-term partner and sponsor PSBT made a generous donation to RSVP through their Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. We will utilize these funds to enhance our STEM Career Presentation program.

Thank You Peoples Security!

[Bryn Mawr Trust](#)

Partner and sponsor Bryn Mawr Trust has been connected to the communities they serve for over a century. RSVP will utilize this donation to enhance our literacy, STEM and mentoring programs.

Thank You BMT!





Dow Chemical



Dow employees festively wrapped 490 new books that will be given to disadvantaged preschool students. Many of these children have no books at home. RSVP and Dow are working together to ensure children have access to books and reading.

Way to Go Dow!

UGI and Ernst & Young

UGI and Ernst & Young employees donated their time to wrap 720 books for Head Start preschoolers and decorated canvas tote bags so the students can take the books home to add to their sparse but growing home libraries.

Thank you UGI and EY!



Connect With Us

Do you shop on Amazon?

If you do, here's a simple way to show your support for RSVP programs.

By shopping through www.Smile.Amazon.com and designating RSVP of Montgomery County as your charity of choice, a portion of your sales are donated to us.

Thank you!



**Share the Inspiring Stories
About Our Volunteers
With Your "Friends"**



Please Help us Spread the

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We Thank our Sponsors
Working together to improve our communities



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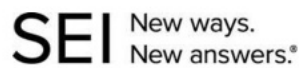


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[Click Here to View our Corporate Partner Websites](#)



We are always happy to receive gift cards you may no longer want or need. These could be re-gifted to clients in need or leveraged to raise funding for our programming. Just mail cards to RSVP's office, attention Tony G.

Thank you!



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