

Volunteer Vibes Newsletter



April 2021

"Goodbye March - Thanks for the memories. Hello April, may it be a great month to bring smiles, joy & good health to all."

Amit Sodha



Reminder!

Don't forget to turn your Volunteer Hours into RSVP! Please call, email, mail or report online your volunteer hours to Jessica at the Helpline Center Attn: RSVP.



Congrats to Jeanne for submitting her monthly volunteer hours & being chosen as this month's gift card winner. Jeanne will receive a \$20 gift card to HyVee. Jeanne spends her time delivering Meals on Wheels to Dow Rummel Residents. Thank You Jeanne!

HAPPY VOLUNTEERING!

As always thank you for your volunteer work. I hope that more of you can get out this spring, enjoy the weather & make a difference by volunteering in our community. Please stay safe & healthy as we continue to navigate this pandemic.

Sincerely, Jessica Schulte
Helpline Center RSVP Project Coordinator
rsvp@helplinecenter.org or call 605.274.1420



American Rescue Plan

The landmark legislation includes an additional \$1 billion investment in national service.



AmeriCorps Receives \$1B in Additional Investment

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is an unprecedented effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 and respond to the public health, education, and economic crisis caused by the pandemic. It includes measures to deliver immediate relief to American families, fund a national vaccination program, provide aid for small businesses struggling to keep their doors open, cut child poverty in half, reopen schools, and help parents get back to work.

The American Rescue Plan also contains \$1 billion for AmeriCorps and many of its programs, with top line numbers as follows:

- \$620M for AmeriCorps State and National
- \$80M for AmeriCorps VISTA
- \$30M for AmeriCorps Seniors
- \$20M for the Volunteer Generation Fund
- \$20M for State Service Commissions
- \$73M for AmeriCorps Administrative Expenses
- \$148M for the National Service Trust
- \$9M for the Inspector General

This funding will position the agency to make significant, targeted investments to further support the Administration’s top priority to provide immediate relief related to the pandemic, with a specific focus on support for underserved and disproportionately impacted communities.

The bill proposes an increase to the AmeriCorps living allowance to make service more accessible and inclusive, increase the diversity, cultural experiences, and number of AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serving in communities across the country, and to help stabilize existing national service programs and expand into new communities.



Please take this quick survey to help us with some future RSVP planning ideas!

Do you have a Social Media Account? Yes _____ No _____

If you are on Social Media what platform do you prefer?

Facebook Instagram Twitter TikTok SnapChat Other



Connie Zimmer	Edna Kole	Larry Kokenge
Darla Newborg	Gary Peterson	Sallie Timm
David Klein	Gordon Bolton	Teresa Wood
Delphine Olson	James Christiansen	
Diane Almer	Jeanne Egan	

EASTER Laughs... *Because we could all use some lighthearted humor right about now!*

How does
Easter end?
With an R.



What kind of
books do
bunnies read?
Ones with
a hoppy ending.



How does
the Easter
Bunny
stay fit?
Eggercise



Why did the
easter egg
hide?
He was a
little chicken.



What did the
mommy egg
say to the
baby egg?
Your egg-stra
special



What stories
does the
easter bunny
like to read?
Ones with happy
endings.



What happened
to the egg
when he
laughed? He
cracked up.



What
music
do Bunnies
listen to?
Hip-hop



Now more than ever our community needs your help! Food pantry & food programs have an all time high for needs, transportation to & from Dr appointments, COVID Vaccines, food delivery are on the rise. Kids needing mentoring & tutoring. Someone who has had a very lonely & rough past year needs a friendly ear to chat with. Read below for additional ways you can help!

SCHOOL BASED VIRTUAL MENTORING SUPERVISOR VOLUNTEER - Sioux 52 & Teammates

School Mentors Needed! Sioux 52 & TEAMMATES is also in need of mentors for school aged kids. Be that person that they can confide in when they just need a little encouragement. Help them with homework or reading skills. Give them the confidence to succeed! For more info - <https://siouxfallsteamates.org/>

In partnership with the SF School District, Lutheran Social Services, TeamMates, and your Rotary Club, we have created a pilot virtual mentoring opportunity within the walls of our local schools. Through this pilot, we need at least 6, and are seeking 20 individuals, to step into this leadership role to be present with students, in person, in the school, to facilitate group mentoring, one-on-one sessions. Please consider yourself, or one of your staff, to fill these slots. These volunteer positions are critically important to reignite the spirit of mentoring inside schools! The success of this pilot, during COVID, is more critical than ever and we have committed to filling these slots. Please reach out today to learn more! - [Click Here for more info.](#)

Project Car

Be a driver and make a difference! Project CAR is a non-profit transportation service that provides rides for health appointments, senior care, religious activities, volunteer opportunities, and employment at no cost to the passenger. We network with churches and non-profit agencies through Sioux Falls to give rides for people who would otherwise have no transportation, and we need your help. Become a volunteer driver, giving as little as 2 hours a week driving a safe, comfortable car for our clients. We follow the current CDC guidelines closely, with only one passenger in a car per ride, seated in the back seat, and both the driver and passenger wear a mask. Cars are disinfected between passengers for increased precaution. Visit ProjectCarSF.org/volunteer or call 605-332-2777 for more information.

The Salvation Army Needs Volunteers -

The Sallie's Table Program is an outreach feeding program designed to supplement existing programs in the community. When the Banquet is closed (**weekends**) the Salvation Army provides food for those in need. Volunteers are needed on Saturday evenings from 4:45 pm to 6:30 pm, Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:00 am and Sunday evenings from 4:45 pm to 6:30 pm to help serve meals at 800 N. Cliff Avenue. Volunteers can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084da8a829a3f94-sallies>

The Banquet Needs Volunteers!

The Banquet

Currently, The Banquet is serving meals "to go" at the door providing a Contact Free experience for our guests. We encourage those in your social circle to volunteer together. You may help serve as an individual by joining our Banquet Angels text service by texting Angels to 605-413-1971 where we text you when we need help, OR community members may sign up online at <https://thebanquetsf.org/serve-a-meal>. For more information, call 605-335-7066.

Friday Food Giveaway Volunteer

Faith Temple Food Giveaway

Faith Temple Food Giveaway needs volunteers to help pack food boxes and put boxes into guest's vehicles. We are requesting that able-bodied volunteers who can carry at least 30 lbs are able to attend. This style of giveaway will be the standard procedure of operation until we are able to return to a client-choice based distribution system. **Fridays 2:30pm - 6:30pm at Fairgrounds.** Volunteers can just show up!

Meal Delivery Drivers

Active Generations

Meals on Wheels needs volunteer Driver Dates(s): Weekdays Time(s): MOW delivery time is from Active Generation's Meals on Wheels program is in need of Volunteer drivers to deliver meals to home bound seniors in the Sioux Falls area. Deliveries are made Monday through Friday from 10:45am - 12:30pm, most routes only take one-hour and you can do it during your lunch hour. For more information, call (605) 333-3305.

Washington Pavilion Needs You!

Volunteers for various events

The Washington Pavilion has multiple spring events going on they could use an extra hand with!

Requesting Free First Friday Volunteers April 2

Who: Requesting volunteers 13 and older

When: Friday, April 2 from 4:45-8:00 pm

Direct & assist guests during Free First Friday Museum Visits.

Requesting Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers April 3

Who: We are requesting two volunteers throughout the event

What: Hand out candy/goodie-filled eggs to participants in the third annual Downtown Sioux Falls Easter Egg Hunt (more info about the event here:

<https://dtsf.com/event/3rd-annual-easter-egg-hunt/>)

Where: Please meet at the Box Office for instructions. Your table will likely be in the 1st floor lobby, but things may move outside if the weather is nice enough!

When: Saturday, April 3. The event is from 10:30-3:30 and volunteers are welcome to assist from 10:30-1:00 and/or 1:00-3:30

Contact Brett Cooper at the Washington Pavilion if you are able to help above events 605.731.2375 or email bcooper@washingtonpavilion.org.

Requesting "Happy Feet" Ushers April 10

Who: Requesting 2 volunteers ages 16 and older