

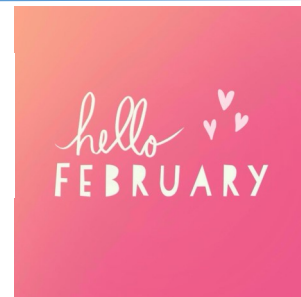
Volunteer Vibes Newsletter

February 2021



"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you with out leaving happier than they came!"

~ Mother Teresa



Turn in your volunteer hours - Due Feb 10th!

Volunteer hours can be turned in each month to RSVP via email, mail, phone call or online!

January Hours are Due Feb 10th.



COVID-19
Edition

Spirit of Volunteerism Awards is a long standing event that celebrates the exemplary efforts of volunteers for more than 35 years. In 2021, we will be focusing on appreciating COVID-19 Volunteers. Those that stepped up and volunteered during the pandemic.

Honorees could include but not limited to those who:

- volunteered during a food giveaway
- assisted a home-bound neighbor
- made face masks
- supported an organization during these difficult times

We will celebrate and thank ALL the honorees during National Volunteer Week. In place of our traditional awards luncheon, we will instead be celebrating the honorees April 18-24, 2021. We are taking a grassroots approach to focus on appreciating the volunteers and thanking them in special ways throughout the week. This will include social media posts, videos, thank you gifts, etc. The honoree's photo and write up will be compiled on a website which will be launched during National Volunteer Week.

We look forward to appreciating our community's COVID-19 Volunteers and encourage you to submit a volunteer honoree form. ***The more honorees we can appreciate the better!***

If you would like a SVA Volunteer Honoree Form please contact Jessica at 605-274-1420 or email rsvp@helplinecenter.org.

A NEW Look!

For over 50 years, Senior Corps programs have served communities nationwide. In so doing, we have made an immeasurable impact across the country; connecting older Americans with the people and organizations that need them most. In the past you may have heard us reference our national organization "Corporation for National Community Service" or "CNCS". Senior Corps is under the CNCS umbrella with RSVP as one of its programs.

Now, we will do so as AmeriCorps Seniors.

Under this new name, our more than 200,000 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers age 55 and older, who have made service their second act will continue to carry the torch of volunteerism forward throughout the next 50 years. Through AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP programs they will continue to bring out the best of America. A new name & logo are officially launched & we are excited to show it off!



**AmeriCorps
Seniors**



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We have a
WINNER!

James Christiansen

Congrats James! You won a \$20 HyVee gift card for submitting your monthly volunteer hours into RSVP.

James spends his time volunteering with Meals on Wheels & The Banquet.

James averages 30+ hours per month volunteering & ensuring those who need a meal receive one.

Thank you for your work in our community James!



Happy Groundhog Day!

Groundhog Day is celebrated on Tuesday, February 2, every year. This curious holiday comes from our agricultural past and marks the halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Will our fuzzy friend see his shadow this year?

- If a furry friend emerges on a clear day & see's his shadow, he will retreat & there will be 6 more weeks of winter!
- If he emerges & see's NO shadow, then early spring weather is around the corner!

**Valentines
for
Veterans**



DIY Volunteer Project

Make this valentine's Day special for a VETERAN! Create Valentine Day Cards to send to local Veterans & bring a smile to their faces! Cards can be mailed to Sioux Falls VA Hospital:

Sioux Falls Health Care System
Attn Voluntary Services
2501 S 22nd St
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

NOTE: If you need supplies to make Valentine's Day cards please let me know & I can provide you with a kit to put together 10 cards. Please note you will need to mail these to the VA on your own - stamps will not be included.



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center** VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

SCHOOL BASED VIRTUAL MENTORING SUPERVISOR VOLUNTEER - Sioux 52

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 then ever and we have committed to filling these slots. Please reach out today to learn more!



Bishop Duddly House - Activity Volunteer **Friday Afternoon Activity Volunteer**

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House | <https://www.bdhh.org/>

Every other Friday we provide entertainment for our guests in the form of bingo or a movie matinee. Sign up to be a bingo caller or make popcorn/treats and refill guests goodie bags throughout the film.

For more information, call (605) 809-8424.

The Salvation Army Needs Volunteers

Sallie's Table Weekend Feeding Program

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.



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.



WELCOME Back Volunteers!

St Francis House

Beginning Monday, January 25, 2021, volunteers will be allowed to serve inside the St. Francis House again. There will still be some restrictions. They include:

Volunteer groups will be limited in size in order to practice social distancing.

Volunteers must wear masks (Volunteers may bring their own masks or St. Francis House has cloth or disposable masks available)

Volunteers will have their temperatures checked upon arrival

Volunteers will be asked a series of CDC questions regarding health conditions

Volunteers must complete a liability waiver form before serving

This policy is to protect our volunteers, guests and staff. We apologize for this inconvenience, but we appreciate your understanding.

Feel free to complete the volunteer interest form so Tom, our Volunteer Coordinator, can contact you and explain what future volunteer opportunities are available.

Keep checking our social media outlets. When we are able to have all volunteers return, we will post that notice on our social media pages. Thanks for your understanding.

Volunteers are an integral component in the operation of St. Francis House. Whether you're an individual, family, small group or large group, volunteer opportunities are always available.

Here's a glimpse of some of the available opportunities. [CLICK HERE for more info!](#)




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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Peterson
Brenda Magnus
Colleen Hoyme
Dorothy Jongetjes
DuWayne Hansen
Evelyn Thayer
Judy Wilson
Karen Christensen
Kay Wood
Lenora Bezpaletz
Linda Hasvold
Linda Chaney
Linda Dunleavy
Linda Schulte
Micheal Rorge
Nancy Haas
Patricia Schriever
Priscilla Jorve
Roger Wehde
Sharon Ralph

What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love?



I found the perfect match!

Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love?



They're getting married in the spring

What do you call a very small Valentine?




A valen-tiny!

What Valentine's Day candy is best to give a girl?




Her-She Kisses!

What did the toast say to the butter on Valentine's Day?



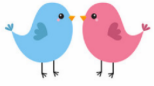
You're my butter half!

What did the stamp say to the envelope?



I'm stuck on you!

What do you call two birds in love?



Tweethearts!

What did one cat say to the other cat on Valentine's Day?



You're purrfect!



Whether you have an hour or a whole day to spare you can make a difference and we would love to hear from you!

Thank You for your Volunteer Work! I hope your Valentine's Day & every day is filled with love, peace & blessings!

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