



Central South Dakota Retired Senior Volunteer Program

is committed to improving lives, strengthening communities and fostering civic engagement through service and volunteering.

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Reading Buddies, our signature program, began in 1995. Elementary teachers partner with RSVP to offer this volunteer opportunity. Volunteers and students read together weekly for 30 minutes. How excited the students are when they choose their favorite books to share with their reading buddy and even more so when they see their reading buddy enter the room.

School	Day	Time
Buchanan	Mondays	12:45 pm
Kennedy	Tuesdays	1:45 pm
PILC	Thursdays	10:00 am
ABO	1st Mon-	2:30 pm
Stanley Co	Wednesdays	11:45 am

Not all volunteers can participate each week. A volunteer told me she asked her reading buddy which friend she would like to read with when she is not there. She then took her reading buddy to meet the volunteer who reads with her friend. They all introduced themselves to each other and now know who to look for when the volunteer is not there.

Your volunteer hours are important to RSVP as they demonstrate the number of hours volunteers are contributing to our community and the numbers assist with our funding. RSVP purchases books for our reading buddies twice a year. Volunteers are given the books to give to their buddy.

Reading Buddies is not held on school holidays or during inclement weather. If cancelled, an email or phone call will be made to all volunteers asap.



Call Teri 224-3337, or teri.royer@avera.org to read with 1st graders at Buchanan, Kennedy, PILC and Blunt.

Call Patti at 223-7741 Ext 201, or patti.duffy@k12.sd.us to read with 3rd graders at Stanley Co. Patti has organized this program for the past decade.



River Cities Public Transit needs volunteers who can be an escort for a person with a disability or an elderly individual. Frequently someone needs assistance carrying groceries, going to a medical appointment, perhaps they are unsteady or have issues with balance or their gait. An escort will ride the bus for FREE and will assist the individual as needed. Schedules can be done in advance so volunteer escorts can plan around the need for service. If interested in talking, learning more, or to schedule your time to become an escort contact Chuck at River Cities Public Transit at 945-2360.

Retirement Centers

Visit, have coffee, play board games, checkers, cards, puzzles, take walks, provide companionship and entertainment.

Avera Mary House, call Jaccinda 280-1049

Avera Parkwood, call Lance 224-3183

Kelly's Retirement Homes, call Karmyn 224-5261

Lincoln Apartments, call Gary 224-7330

Pierre Care & Rehabilitation Center, call Faith 224-8628



SHIINE is under new management, call director, Roger at 877-331-4834. SHIINE provides free, confidential, unbiased counseling to SD Medicare beneficiaries.

The newsletter is emailed to those volunteers who have email and mailed to those who do not have email along with their time sheet. Volunteers are asked to submit their hours monthly by the 10th. Those who receive their time sheet in the mail may complete their time sheet, sign it, and mail it to Avera St. Mary's Hospital, 801 E Dakota, or place it in the drop box at the entrance at 809 E Dakota or drop it off at the Auxiliary Gift Shop. Those who do not receive a paper time sheet, may enter their hours online at www.rsvpsd.org. Please take a moment, review the newsletter, and contact the person noted to begin engaging in volunteer opportunities offered in our area. Your time is sincerely appreciated and is making a difference. *Thank you!*

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CSD RSVP Advisory Council Chair Sandy Sheppard, Elton Blemaster, Sue Burgard, Marrietta Catlin, Loni Draper, Mary Giddings, Vonnie Shields, Tony Jockcheck, Capital Area United Way and Kellie Yackley, Avera St. Mary's Hospital Foundation

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Avera St. Mary's Hospital

- * OR waiting room, 7 am to noon, weekdays, provide information, greet patients, family, call Rachel, 224-3399.
- * Child Assessment Center, provide support to children and families as they wait in the center, call Angela, 224-3339.
- * Hospital Greeter, greet all hospital visitors and provide information, training provided, call Arlene, 224-3233.
- * Heritage Room, help Sister Francis track Avera's history, enjoy sorting photos, office work, call 222-8543.
- * Assist with mailings, office work at Avera St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, call Teri, 224-3337.
- * **Auxiliary**, \$3 annual membership, \$2 monthly luncheon, 1 pm, Hospital Cafeteria, Sep-May. Call Marjorie, 280-2990 about the Auxiliary and to volunteer to knit baby caps, which are provided to all newborns, or call Myrna, 224-7039 to assist at the Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop, .



BINGO is available on Thursdays at the **Pierre Area Senior Center**. If you are interested in calling  call Jeannie 224-7730.

Be a tour guide, archives assistant, gift shop attendant, or desk attendant at the **SD Cultural Heritage Center**, or gift shop attendant at the **State Capitol** call Dorinda, 773-6006.

Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center seeks volunteers interested in greeting visitors or staffing booths for sale items during special events, call Cindy, 494-1094.

Assist one hour per day on weekdays delivering meals, **Community Youth Involved Center**. Call Pat, 223-2701.

At **Countryside Hospice** assist with merchandise, cashier, or Hospice care, call Holly, 945-0827.

Feeding SD, needs 20-30 volunteers the first Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 pm to pack senior boxes. Also sort donated food, call Russ, 494-3663 or visit <http://feedingsouthdakota.org>.

Oahe Child Development Center (OCDC) has 7 classrooms and needs volunteers to come in to read, interact and have lunch with the children. Free lunch is provided. Call Jodi, 224-6603.

If you are willing to learn area and statewide tourism information and share it with visitors at the **Oahe Dam Visitor Center**, call Jenna, 224-4617.

You don't need to have lots of carpentry knowledge and experience to help at **Oahe Habitat for Humanity**. If you can use a tape to measure lumber, cut a straight line, hammer a nail, or paint walls, then your skills are needed. Call Don, 224-1366.

Receive endless benefits at **Oahe Inc.** assisting residents with laundry, meal preparation, call 224-4501.

Visit www.pierreareareferral.org and register for volunteer opportunities at **PARS**; Food Pantry, holiday meals, Back Pack Program, call 224-8731.

Volunteer as a tour guide at the **SD State Capitol**. Duties include providing guided tours, restocking the brochure racks, and provide general info. Call Tammi, 773-3688.

Volunteer with the **SD State Library**, Braille and Talking Book Library Program for an interesting, rewarding experience that produces materials that benefit South Dakotans who are unable to read standard print. Volunteers with the Braille and Talking Book Library work in our recording studios. Make an invaluable contribution to many South Dakotans, call Josh, 773-5082.

Volunteer to help **SD State Parks** with special events in the park and assist in the office, call Emilie, 773-7048.

Provide assistance during the banquet at the **SE Community Center**; wash dishes, serve drinks, assist guests, and host servers, call Barb, 224-7244.

SD Women's Prison Parent And Children Together, program meets monthly, book club, W-2 program, friendly visits, call Warden Brent, 773-5368.

Call Bev, 258-2348 to assist with providing meals in Onida at the **Sully Co. Nutrition Center**.

Be vigilant for safety violations on the City of Pierre trails doing **trail patrol**. Provide assistance. Observe, record and report any bike trail hazards, violations of law, city ordinance or unsafe conditions. Visit with pet owners when they violate animal ordinances, call Tom 773-2527.



Volunteer for Special Projects		
AARP	Lindsey	362-3044
Blunt Area Senior Center	Karen	280-7205
Capital Area United Way	Christina	224-9229
Chamber Commerce	Mallory	224-7361
City of Pierre	Tom	773-7341
Pierre Area Retired School Personnel	Jean	224-4930
Pierre Area Senior Center	Jeannie	224-7730
Pierre School District	Jeri	773-7300
Rural Health Care, Inc.	Diana	223-2200
SD Discovery Center	Kristie	224-8295