



Family Service

RSVP of Champaign, Douglas & Piatt Counties
Helen Stevick Senior Center

November-December 2020

Senior Connection



*Happy Holidays to All from
us all at Family Service RSVP*



*& the
Helen Stevick
Senior Center!*



*Helen Stevick Senior Center . . . the Home of Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends, ✍️

This year has been extremely challenging, especially for us seniors. My staff and I hope all of you are doing well and finding things to do to keep yourself physically fit and mentally stimulated. We hope this pandemic doesn't last much longer so we can see everyone's smiling faces in one place again soon.

We have moved our offices to the lower level of the ATG building at 2102 Windsor Place. We are still mostly working from home because of internet and phone issues, but we hope to be back in the office full time in the very near future. If you have masks and/or blankets to drop off, please call us in advance. You can also deliver them to the Family Service office at 405 South State Street, near the Champaign Public Library.

Please be sure to send in all of your volunteer hours at the end of each month. We are still putting names in for drawings for those volunteers who get their hours in by the 15th of the following month. You can't win, if you don't play! If you have a question about what hours count, please send them in anyway, and we'll let you know if they don't count.

Thanks everyone for all of your support. We appreciate all of your patience as we navigate through this new way of life.

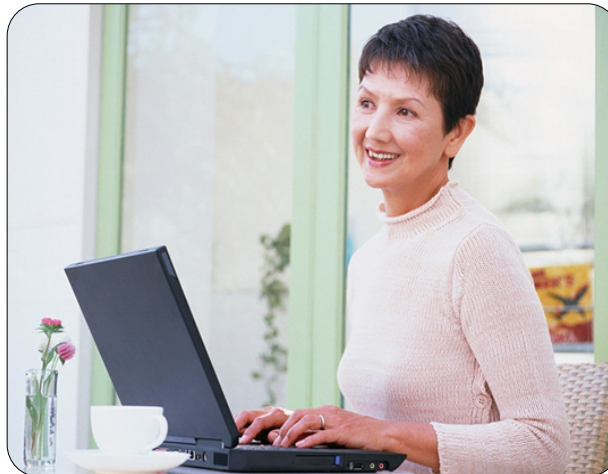
"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." ~Erma Bombeck

Karen Kraemer



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It's Medicare Open Enrollment Now! October 15-December 7, 2020



Whether this is your first or your thirty-first year to enroll, there are many things to consider as you make your plan choices.

Family Service caseworkers are available to help!

If the Medicare maze is overwhelming you, why not call for our free, professional assistance today.

Pros of calling Family Service today:

- It's free! There is no charge for our service.
- It's simpler: Our Caseworkers are professionally trained on Medicare, Medicaid and Medicare Advantage plans; they eliminate the guesswork and help you make your best choice.
- It's impartial: caseworkers receive no financial incentive from any company, and we're not selling any future service either.
- It's safe: caseworkers meet with you socially-distanced in our conference room while wearing masks or you can visit by phone.

Call Family Service at 217-352-5100 today for our professional and confidential assistance.

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS



*Jennifer Covello • Jim Forrester • Kimberly McDade
Linda Meacham • Mary J. Rott • Ruth Surber
Kate Swan • Donna Wagner • Glenna Weith*



RSVP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For information about these and many more volunteer opportunities please call 217/359-6500 or site.rsvp@gmail.com.

2020 AARP TAX AID PROGRAM NEEDS FACILITATORS & TAX PREPARERS

Facilitators: Check in and help clients organize their materials for their tax appointment (check IDs, W-2s, 1099s, etc.)

Tax Preparers: Prepare client's Federal and State income taxes. Please call 359-6500 for more information.

Previous tax experience is a plus, but not necessary... all training will be provided, starting in December. The actual tax preparation program will begin February 1, 2021 at the tax program location at the Faith United Methodist Church on Prospect Avenue, south of Kirby. Due to COVID-19, dates and times could change; please contact Vicky for information at site.rsvp@gmail.com.

FRIENDLY CALLERS

Friendly Callers is a free program designed to offer wellness calls to adults 60 and older in Champaign County. This program is through a partnership of Family Service and OSF Healthcare. Seniors who live alone or afraid of a fall or health emergency that could go undetected are encouraged to call Family Service at 217-352-5100 to get details about getting a "Friendly Call" from an RSVP Volunteer. Could you be a "Friendly Caller"? If you would like more information about volunteering, please call Vicky at 359-6500.

C-U CANTEEN PROGRAM

They are in need of drivers and volunteers to deliver meals to the homeless. They also need toothpaste, razors, men's briefs—all sizes; men's long sleeved shirts—all sizes; men's gloves; men's light-weight jackets—all sizes; men's winter coats—all sizes; combs and/or brushes; and men's socks. For more information call 217-359-6500. If you want to be a driver, please contact the Salvation Army, 217-373-7832.

FAMILY SERVICE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Meals on Wheels: Delivery Assistant. Deliver prepared meals to seniors' homes using your own vehicle. Work a minimum of one shift per month, however, weekly is preferred. Mileage reimbursement is available. Please call 217-352-5100 for more information.

Senior Transportation Driver: Provides rides for seniors to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, etc. Volunteers need to give rides a minimum of one ride per month, however weekly is preferred. Mileage reimbursement is available. Please call 217-352-5100 for more information.

PROJECT READ-NEEDS TUTORS- TRAINING PROVIDED VIA ZOOM

This is a Parkland College tutoring program for adult learners seeking to improve their writing, reading and/or speaking English as a second language. The College is looking for volunteers to assist them. The volunteer tutors attend 12 hours of formal training to earn certification in tutoring adults. The Project READ (parkland.edu/projectread) helps adults improve their skills in basic reading, basic math, or English as a second language. This program is made possible by volunteers who give their time to improve the quality of life for hundreds of people in our community. They are now hosting trainings and tutoring sessions via Zoom. The following dates available are: November 4 from 12-2pm; November 6 from 10am-12pm; November 11 from 6-8pm. Learn more on their Sign-up Genius site: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49a5a728a6ff2-tutor1>.


TURNING IN HOURS-DID YOU KNOW?

If you turn in your hours by the 15th of the month, your name will be put in a hat and 2 volunteers will be selected to receive a Gift Card! Please send any hours you have to Robbie at rsvpcomp@gmail.com. The winners for September were Robert Blaney & Mary McGuire and for October the winners were Kishor Joshi & Carolyn Presley.

Congratulations 😊

Have you moved  ?

Changed your phone number  ?

Do you *now* have an e-mail address or have changed your e-mail address  ?

No longer volunteering? Please let us know by calling

 217-359-6500 or e-mailing

rsvpcomp@gmail.com or

rsvpchampaign@gmail.com 