

THE

Volunteer

Reporter

15th Annual Bowlathon



Our 15th annual Bowlathon was again a success. Awards went to: Tom Suarplatis and Jeff Mattioli who won the first and second place prizes in the men's category. Brooke McCleary and Paula DeAngelo took first and second place prizes in the women's category. Our raffle winners included: Three hundred dollars to Warren Manor, Two hundred dollars to Jackie Taylor, Two watches to Crystal Carter, Two passes to the Ausable Chasm to Barbara Ginett, A ten gallon aquarium to John Miner and 35 MM Camera to Russell Latour. Our lottery raffle winner was David Rabideau.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and Advisory Council members for helping to make the Bowlathon a success.

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AARP Tax Program

We would like to thank the volunteers who contributed 3,245 hours this tax season serving as facilitators and tax preparer's to the population of our community. This service enables individuals to have their taxes completed for free, a savings of about \$75 for an average return. RSVP volunteers are trained in the specifics of tax filing by AARP professionals. A special thanks to Jim Fox and Marcia LaPierre for contributing over 500 hours each this tax year.

Becoming a Reading Buddy

It's not too early to be thinking about the upcoming school year. We need volunteers who would like to become Reading Buddies. Volunteering as a Reading Buddy is a very rewarding opportunity and only requires one hour per week of your time.

Reading Buddies are found at elementary schools through out Clinton County. Volunteers will read to and with students, grades K-5. Volunteers assist students in meeting reading goals and improving reading skills. Schedules are arranged between the volunteer and the teacher. No teaching experience is needed. Just a love for children and a desire to help.

A background check (criminal and child abuse) is required (through RSVP), as well as an orientation class. Individual schools may also have orientations.

These are some of the many comments we have received from teachers with a Reading Buddy in their classroom.

"This program provides a wonderful opportunity for all of the students to read one on one with an adult. It helps to make them a better reader and also gives them more confidence." Ms. Liberty.

"All students received one on one time with our volunteer. She is very loving and supportive. We love her!" Mrs. Thomson.

"Having volunteers is priceless. Having someone as wonderful as Sandy is again priceless. The books are huge. Thank you." Ms. Rabideau.

"Sandy is wonderful. My students love her and always look forward to Wednesday mornings with her. It is great opportunity for students to reread stories or just try something new. The individual attention is very important." Ms. Craig.

"Students enjoy the opportunity to read with the RSVP Volunteer. Often times this is the only "extra" set of ears in a child's day. The fact that the RSVP Buddy shares a gift of reading/listening but also the sharing of a book of their very own. How grand!" Ms. Crowningshield.

"Students love to work with the RSVP Volunteer. The volunteer is often the only person who listens to the children read besides the classroom teacher. Sherry makes them all feel special." Ms. Dynko



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Impact of RSVP volunteers

A recent performance data report from the Corporation for National and Community Service reveals the accomplishments of RSVP programs nationwide. These reports state the effectiveness and impact RSVP volunteers have on the communities they serve.

Listed below are a few of the issue areas covered.

Health/Nutrition

Fifty-four percent of the RSVP volunteers provide at least one service in the area of Health/Nutrition. They devote about 49 percent of the total RSVP hours served to activities in this area.

Delivery of Health Services

26,900 volunteers spent a total of 3,273,300 hours providing health services at clinics, hospitals, mobile units, skilled nursing facilities or adult day care centers to 2,850,000 people

48,000 RSVP volunteers spent a total of 6,230,100 hours providing escort and support services at community clinics, home health agencies, etc. to 1,817,000 people

10,400 volunteers spent 1,586,000 hours helping 160,000 people prepare for/recover from hospital stays and operations

In-Home Care

4100 volunteers spent 354,000 hours providing supportive health and social services for 35,100 individuals who needed long-term care in their homes

5000 volunteers spent 421,000 hours providing services such as light housekeeping, meal preparation, referral and service coordination to 30,700 individuals who needed long-term care in their homes

Hospice/Terminally Ill

8000 volunteers spent 623,000 hours providing nurturing and support to 80,500 terminally ill patients (except for those with HIV/AIDS) and their families

HIV/AIDS

1300 volunteers spent 258,600 hours providing services and support for 430 HIV/AIDS patients in institutions and hospices and their families

Immunization

3700 volunteers spent a total of 84,700 hours assisting in providing immunizations to 348,000 people in clinics, hospitals, and other community-based settings

560 volunteers spent 15,700 hours assisting in providing school immunizations to 650 children

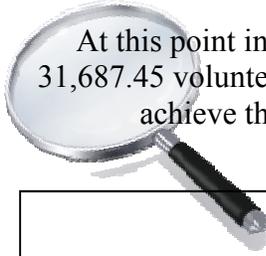
Maternal/Child Health Services

300 volunteers spent 43,000 hours providing pre-natal care and family planning services and support for 264,000 women

160 volunteers spent 10,000 hours providing support/services for post-natal care and well-child clinics for 12,200 children

To see the effects of your volunteer contribution and view the complete report go to http://www.seniorcorps.gov/about/role_impact/index.asp and click on RSVP.

To Our Clinton County RSVP Volunteers:



At this point in our fiscal year Clinton County RSVP volunteers contributed a total of 31,687.45 volunteer hours. These hours helped nonprofit agencies and in Clinton County to achieve their organizations goals. Thanks for all your help and support, it is greatly appreciated.

RSVP looks forward to working with our Newest Members

Eleanor Frenyea
Juliette Jolicoeur
Carol MucCuster
Vivian Papson
George Douglas



Thank You
Harriet Jeweler
for your recent donation, it is truly appreciated.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

To help us meet our program needs
Clinton County RSVP encourages financial contributions.

NAME _____

(May we publish your name?) Yes _____ No _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

I designate my contribution of \$ _____ for:

***All donations are
greatly appreciated***

____ USE WHERE MOST NEEDED

____ Information and Referral

____ Transportation

____ Program Supplies

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE
TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE
EXTENT OF THE LAW.**

CLIP AND RETURN THIS COUPON WITH YOUR DONATION.

To be removed from our mailing list please call the office at 566-0944.

Literacy Volunteers of Clinton County

One of the most important statistics to note is that approximately 16% of Clinton County residents are reading either at or below a third grade reading level. A majority of these residents have the most difficulty performing many basic tasks, tasks that we may take for granted. Some of these tasks include: reading the newspaper, reading and understanding directions for taking prescribed medications, communicating needs to community organizations and local businesses, and something as simple as reading and correctly responding to mail.

R.S.V.P. volunteers have been helping Clinton County residents improve their literacy skills here at Literacy Volunteers for over 25 years. Volunteers with our organization can tutor our students in a one to one setting or in a small group atmosphere. The times and places that volunteers meet with their students are always flexible and the rewards are bountiful. It is not uncommon for a tutor and a learner's academic relationship to blossom into a friendship, in fact, it happens often! So, please volunteer today and come be a part of what R.S.V.P. volunteers have been experiencing for over 25 years.

Our office will be having an **Orientation** for prospective volunteers on **September 3rd, 2008 from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.** We'll be providing an in-depth overview of our program, what resources we have to offer, and how tutors/volunteers can help residents of Clinton County achieve their goals for improving their literacy skills. If you plan on attending please call 518-564-5332.

Fall 2008 Tutor Training

When: September 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, and 22nd.

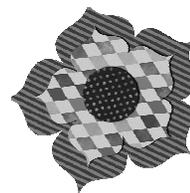
Where: The Literacy Volunteer Center

Rm. 049 Basement of Hawkins Hall, PSU

Workshops: How adults learn, Reading Strategies, ESOL Techniques, Materials, Assessment, and Lesson Planning.

Please call RSVP office for more information 566-0944

Looking for another place volunteer? Below is a list of all the agencies we partner with.



AARP-Tax Assistance
Adirondack Humane Society
Alzheimer's Assistance Ctr./Third Age
American Red Cross
Ausable Elementary
Bailey Avenue School
Battle of Plattsburgh Association
Beekmantown Elementary
Catholic Charities
Center for Conflict Resolution
Champlain Valley Transportation Museum
Chazy Elementary
Chazy Town Historian Office
Christmas Bureau
Clinton County Dept of Health/Admin
Clinton County Dept of Health/Health Svcs
Clinton County Historian's Office
Clinton County Nursing Home
Cumberland Head Elementary
CV Family Center
Dannemora Free Library
Eastern Adirondack Health Care Network
Emergency Services
Evergreen Valley Nursing
Habitat for Humanity
Hospice of the North Country
Interfaith Food Shelf
JCEO Altona COC
JCEO Ausable COC
JCEO Dannemora COC
JCEO Ellenburg COC
JCEO Headstart/Keeseville, Peru
JCEO Peru COC
JCEO Plattsburgh COC
JCEO Rouses Point Outreach
JCEO Rural Transportation Program
JCEO Saranac COC
JCEO Town of Clinton COC
Journey Into Reading Family Literacy
Kent-Delord House Museum

Literacy Volunteers
Make a Wish Foundation
Meadowbrook Health Care
Momot Elementary
Mooers Elementary
Morrisonville Elementary
Mountain Lake PBS
NCAVI
NACS Elementary
North Country Center for Independence
North Country Cultural Center
Nutrition Program Ellenburg
Nutrition Program Lakeview Towers
Nutrition Program Plattsburgh
Nutrition Program Saranac
Office for the Aging
Peru Central School
Peru Primary
Plattsburgh Housing Authority
Point au Roche State Park
RSVP Advisory Council
RSVP BMAS
RSVP Entertainers
RSVP Good Neighbor
RSVP Homeworkers
RSVP Kitchen Band
RSVP Players
RSVP SORT
RSVP Transportation
Saranac Elementary
Saranac Senior Citizens Club
Senior Citizens Council
St. Mary's Academy
St. Mary's Mission
United Way of Clinton & Essex Counties
Valehaven Home for Adults
Vilas Home
VITA
YMCA

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CLINTON COUNTY TO ENGAGE MEN AND WOMEN 55 AND BETTER
IN MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER SERVICE
THAT STRENGTHENS THE WELL BEING OF BOTH
SELF AND COMMUNITY

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