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2021 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



On August 24, AmeriCorps Seniors-RSVP celebrated nearly 300 of its volunteers who serve across Northwest Indiana in Lake, LaPorte, Porter and Starke Counties. These volunteers gave more than 27,000 hours in service to their community last year.

This year's celebration was very special and much needed since we were unable to celebrate our hard work last year. With the 2020 cancellation, many were very disappointed to have to hang up their flapper dresses and spats. So, we decided to revive the Roaring '20s theme this summer to make good use of those costumes. Boy, was it a hot one!

We were able to pull it off at Anderson Winery and Vineyard in Valparaiso, and had a great turnout, despite the weather (hottest day of the year). Attendees enjoyed the Roaring

'20s theme complete with fringes, feathers, pearls, two-toned shoes and pinstripe suits. Jay Harris, Sr., Evelyn's husband, greeted the ladies and escorted them into the venue and doubled as the entertainment. He performed songs such as "Minnie the Moocher," "Hello, Dolly" and "What a Wonderful World." Congratulations to the winners of the costume contest and the Charleston dance contest, who, despite the humidity, participated and put smiles on onlookers' faces!

We truly appreciate all the hard work that our volunteers and their station managers do every day—even more so over these past two years. You really stepped up during this pandemic and we can't thank you enough.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Evelyn

Evelyn Harris,
AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP Regional Director

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVING SELFLESSLY.

We acknowledge your outstanding service and appreciate you lending your time and talents to serve the people in our community who need it most. A big thanks to the RSVP Station Managers for overseeing our volunteers and for everyone who works behind the scenes to make it happen every day. The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was a huge success. We heard lots of great feedback and some good ideas for next year's celebration. Stay connected by staying active and submitting your timesheet. Special thank you to:

- Advisory Group Members: Jan Bays, Ginger Brockwehl, Cheryl Daurer, Charmaine Dunkel, Emma Greenwood, Bev Hmurovic, Lisa Leach, Carol McCreery, Erin Moore, Ed Seykowski and Beth Szamatowicz
- Event photographers Karen Goad (RSVP volunteer) and Jasmin DuBose (Evelyn's daughter)
- Entertainer extraordinaire Jay Harris, Sr.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lake County

- Calumet College of St. Joseph
- Campagna Academy
- Foodbank of NWI
- Habitat for Humanity of NWI ReStore
- Lake Area United Way
- Lake County Sheriff's Department
- Meals on Wheels of NWI
- Secret's Loving Care Adult Day Service
- Sojourner Truth House

LaPorte County

- Dunebrook
- Meals on Wheels, La Porte and Michigan City
- Reins of Life, Inc.
- Stepping Stone Women's Shelter
- The Salvation Army, La Porte
- VNA Hospice

Porter County

- Banta Center
- Bonner Senior Center
- Duneland Family YMCA
- First Presbyterian Resale Shop
- Helping Hands Food Pantry
- Meals on Wheels of NWI
- Memorial Opera House
- Opportunity Enterprises
- Porter County Aging & Community Services
- Portage Township Food Pantry
- Portage Township Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- St. Agnes Adult Day Service Center
- United Way of Porter County
- VNA Lifeline
- VNA Meals on Wheels, Porter County
- VNA Porter County, Hospice
- Westchester Public Library

Starke County

- Community Services of Starke County

Volunteer opportunities are subject to change based on availability.

REFER A FRIEND & WIN A PRIZE!

Refer a friend to RSVP to be entered to win \$50!

If they serve six consecutive months, you'll be entered to win a \$50 Visa gift card! Tell your friends about the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program today—and be sure they put your name on the referral line on their application. Drawing winner will be announced in December.



NEW ORG. NEW TIMESHEETS.

As of October 1, 2021, Lake Area United Way and United Way of Porter County have merged to become United Way of Northwest Indiana. Awesome things are happening, and we want you to be stay a part of it. New timesheets were disbursed in September to all station managers and volunteers who submit their own timesheet. If you have not received the newest timesheet by now, please contact Evelyn at 219.464.3583 x127.

Our name change means our AmeriCorps Seniors-RSVP timesheets have been updated with the following changes: logo, company name, fax number, RSVP contact, RSVP email address, due date and Station Manager name (if applicable).

MEET THE RSVP ADVISORY GROUP!



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**“No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.”**

Aesop



**AmeriCorps
Seniors**



**Are you 55+ years and interested in volunteering? Contact
Evelyn Harris at evelyn@unitedwaynwi.org or 219.464.3583 x127.**

United Way of Northwest Indiana helps struggling families by ensuring access to community health, education and financial stability services. In a single year, more than 22% of Northwest Indiana households are helped by United Way programs.

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