

RETIRED & SENIOR  
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- National Service Recognition Day! Thank you for volunteering!
- Global Youth Service Day on 4/19/18. Volunteer opportunity!
- 4/17/18 11:30-1 PM UWEUP's Volunteer Luncheon! SAVE THE DATE!!!

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# RSVP Newsletter

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## Global Youth Service Day

On April 19, 2018 the Boys & Girls Club of Chippewa Allied Mentoring Program (CAMP), Malcolm Students Offering Services (MSOS), and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers will be united in team work to enhance the outside area surrounding Hearthside Assisted Living (Hearthside).

The project will focus on removing winter debris from the pathways and raised gardening beds; trim trees and bushes; clean out birdfeeders and possibly plant starter kits.

There are 47 residents and

33 staff at Hearthside Assisted Living.

RSVP applied for grant funding from Michigan Communi-



ty Service Commission to assist with the costs of the project. The grant incorporates 6 of the 8 MCSC focus areas: education, health, clean energy/environmental stewardship, economic opportuni-

ty, supporting veterans and military families, and public safety. "Educational programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) - when coupled with literacy, reading, and comprehension skills—are critical to helping our children thrive in our 21st century workforce," (Ottinger & Bernadette, 2017). Our GYSD project will "interweave literacy-rich materials with hands-on investigation and experimentation," (Ottinger & Bernadette, 2017).

## National Service Recognition Day



National Service Recognition Day (NSRD) is scheduled for April 3, 2018.

The goal is to highlight the impact of Senior Corps national service programs in tackling local programs and managing volunteers for greater impact, and to thank national service members for their commitment. Participating in the day will highlight the importance of citizen service, bolster support for non-profits

and national service groups, and help bring more residents into service.

This year sample proclamations will be sent to Mayor Anthony Bosbous, Chairperson Aaron Payment, and Chairman Bryan Newland.

# NEW RSVP VOLUNTEERS

## Barbara



Barbara “Barb” Reed joined RSVP’s Reading Buddies January 10, 2018. She reads at the Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties Community Action Agency Head Start in Sault Ste. Marie. She volunteers 30 minutes per week reading to her kids in the classroom.

Barb enthusiastically speaks of her favorite Reading Buddy session

when a student in the classroom stated “I love your hair!”

Barb recently shared a snow-day themed book which allowed the students to tap, wiggle, and play-along with the story!

When not volunteering, Barb enjoys working with United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula (UWEUP), and has been with the office for many years.

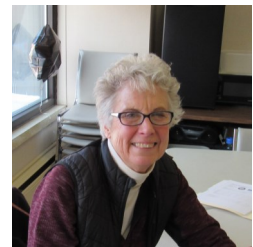


## Sandi

Sandra “Sandi” Rink joined Reading Buddies in February 2018! She reads to Washington Head Start on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Sandi is a retired school teacher so she has many years of experience working with children. Sandi kicked off her reading session with the story “To Give a Moose a Muffin!”

## Cindy



Cindy Merkel joined our Youth Mentoring Program in March 2018. Cindy will be mentoring at the Boys & Girls Club of Chippewa Allied Mentoring Program (CAMP), located in Malcolm High School.

Cindy is the Executive Director of Girls on the Run. Cindy enjoys paper quilling and cooking. We can’t wait to see what she has in store!

## Kathy



Kathleen “Kathy” Packman joined Reading Buddies and Youth Mentoring in March 2018.

Kathy will read at Washington Head Start every 2nd Tuesday of the month and will also be a Youth Mentor every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Boys & Girls Club of Chippewa Allied Mentoring Program (CAMP) which is located in Malcolm High School.

Kathy is a retired substitute teacher who has experience volunteering with various agencies such as the Hospice House and the Boys & Girls Club. Kathy enjoys a plethora of creative crafts such as jewelry making, cross-stitch, quilting/sewing, floral arrangements, lamp work, and even has experience in the construction field!!

# Sherry



Sherry Hachigian joined Reading Buddies in March 2018. She will be reading every Thursday at Soo Township Head Start.

Sherry has experience in the medical, secretarial, and bookkeeping fields. She previously volunteered with JKL Bahweting and War Memorial Hospital.

# Julie

Julie Freeman joined Reading Buddies and Youth Mentoring in March 2018. She will be stationed at the CLM Community Action Agency Head Start in Luce County and the LINK once per month.

Julie has experience as a columnist with the Saint Ignace News and previously volunteered with 4-H.

On 3/28/18 Julie will be hosting a cooking session at the LINK's Easter Party! It's FREE & open to the public!

## RSVP Volunteers in Action!



Paul Olson, RSVP Youth Mentor & local author!

Paul hosts Writing Club every Thursday from 4:30-6:00 PM at the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills. It's Free. Open to students ages 11-17. No experience required!



Jac Olson, Reading Buddy!

Jac reads every Tuesday with CLM-CAA Head Start in Sault Ste. Marie!



Read more books



Cathy Carr, Reading Buddy!

Cathy enjoys reading to Sault Tribe Head Start every Monday!



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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) invites adults 55 and better to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. RSVP volunteers share their life experiences and skills.

*RSVP is part of the Senior Corps Programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that engages millions of Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet local needs in communities across the country.*

To SIGN UP & Volunteer visit:

[www.unitedwayeup.org/volunteer](http://www.unitedwayeup.org/volunteer)

## RSVP Advisory Council

The next RSVP Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 12:00 (noon)-1:00 PM.

**FOCUS:** The RSVP Advisory Council is a group of dedicated leaders who share their insights and experience to catalyze and support the RSVP network, influence policy and identify partner opportunities.



## Volunteer Luncheon

United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula (UWEUP)'s Annual Community-Wide Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held at Lake Superior State University on **April 17, 2018 from 11:30-1:00 PM**. The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will be presenting awards to RSVP volunteers in recognition of their volunteerism.