



NORFOLK COUNTY RSVP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Your Invitation to Respond to Your Community

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RSVP School Volunteers Make the Grade!

In October, about twenty school volunteers participated in our second

Trainer Gail Zimmerman



LEAP training workshop. The workshop focused on reading strategies for young learners. Various tools and strategies to improve student reading skills and enhance student engagement were discussed. Some of the topics included: reading comprehension, oral and silent reading, phonics, one-on-one versus small group interactions and working with children



Fall School LEAP Training in Session

at different stages of cognitive, physical and social development. We wish to thank Joanne Douglas, our lead school volunteer, and Gail Zimmerman, our school literacy consultant, for the many hours of their time in designing and facilitating this wonderful new training program. The next LEAP activity will be held early next year.

RSVP Volunteer Profile- Sanjay Prakash

Sanjay Prakash is a new RSVP volunteer. However you wouldn't know it based on the number and variety of RSVP activities he does. He began volunteering for RSVP earlier this year as a dispatcher for our Rides-for-Vets program (if you're an RSVP Vet driver, you've probably spoken with him). Wanting to do more, he then volunteered with Sanger Center for Compassion food pantry twice a week, answering phone calls and collecting information from clients requesting food assistance from the site's food delivery team. Most recently, he became a school volunteer at the Riverdale School in Dedham and the Old Post Rd School in Walpole, doing reading with Kindergarten and 1st grade students.



The son of parents who emigrated from India, Sanjay was born in Boston, lived briefly as a young child in India and has lived in the Boston area ever since (including the past 17 years as a Canton resident). Sanjay is married and a proud parent to two children.

With degrees in both accounting and finance, Sanjay worked for the EPA for 15 years as an internal auditor. Due to a lifelong disability (cerebral palsy by birth), Sanjay took early retirement a few years ago. He currently enjoys swimming (both for enjoyment and health) and personal investing as well online pursuits such as literature and tennis. *We thank Sanjay for his enthusiasm and energy as an RSVP volunteer.*

Mileage Reimbursement Updates

Approximately 100 RSVP volunteers request mileage reimbursement. Our goal is to send out mileage checks one week following the end of a quarter. When volunteers have not submitted their paperwork in a timely way, delays in sending checks out occur!

WE apology for the delay, and request that all seeking reimbursement, send their timesheets in promptly. RSVP Staff has now devised a system which will allow us, to send checks out more promptly to volunteers who are not late. *Thank you!*



'Rides for Veterans' Drivers spend their volunteer hours driving veterans to medical appointments. Some drivers log between 300 -500 miles per month as vet drivers. Beginning in January 2017, Veteran Drivers will be able to receive reimbursement for up to 200 miles of driving per month. Now one round trip ride to an out-of-County Veterans' hospital will not take up the full monthly reimbursement. We are glad we can fund this increase in support of our vet drivers and in honor of our Veterans in need.



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• Peter H. Collins of Milton, Commissioner

• Joseph P. Shea of Quincy, Commissioner

• Francis W. O'Brien of Dedham, Chairman



VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS IN FALL 2016

Meeting of Norfolk County RSVP Veterans Job Support Group



Norfolk County RSVP Advisory Committee meeting in October 2016



Joanne Douglas – Lead School Volunteer speaking at a LEAP Training



November and December Volunteer Birthdays



John Bristol 11/1	Veronica Stanley 11/13	Harriet Barrett 12/6	Claire Murphy 12/18
Dot Messenger 11/1	Marlene Lewis 11/14	Karen Kyne 12/6	Cheryl Wilkerson-Brown 12/19
Pat Christopher 11/3	Ruth Pontremoli 11/14	Fran Roberts 12/6	Jane Guelli 12/20
Mary Murphy 11/3	Wilma Williams 11/15	Ed Kelley, Jr. 12/7	Ethel Parrelli 12/20
Claire Pauley 11/3	Pat Lanigan 11/23	Willa Rosenthal 12/9	Pat Gagnon 12/21
Diane Allen 11/4	Gail McKay 11/23	Nancy Bacevich 12/10	David Corbett 12/22
Rosalie Tuggle 11/4	Joe DePesa 11/24	Ann Marie Quigley 12/10	Kathy Hillier 12/22
Helen Washauer 11/4	Eileen Racioppi 11/24	Dorothea Burns 12/11	Paul McLaughlin 12/22
Claire Weissman 11/4	Peter Cook 11/25	Barbara Tuberville 12/12	Marilyn Sinkiewicz 12/22
Roy Lockhart 11/6	Elaine Benson 11/26	Roger Blanchette 12/13	Donna Kent 12/23
Margaret Murray 11/7	Rosemary Smith 11/28	Ayako Brooker 12/13	Theresa Madden 12/23
Michel Auda 11/8	Steve Miller 11/30	Lillian Callahan 12/15	Chris McKeon 12/25
Ginny O'Neill 11/8	Bill Topham 12/1	John Orsini 12/15	Phyllis Spiro 12/27
Ed Regan 11/8	Joanne MacKenzie 12/2	Carol Flavell 12/16	Lee Walls 12/27
Lorraine Julian 11/9	Agnese Plewe 12/3	Christine Mullen 12/16	Robert Cushing 12/29
Rob LoRe 11/10	Joanne Fisher 12/5	Kathy Murray 12/16	Claire Hughes 12/29

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Manet Community Health Center
110 West Squantum Street, North Quincy:**

In partnership with Fair Foods, volunteers will package and distribute bags of fresh, delicious fruits and vegetables in support of healthier eating for patrons- every other Wednesday from 2 - 4 PM.



Call the RSVP office at 781-329-5728

MY HealtheVet WEBSITE GUIDE, Boston

VA Healthcare System: Assist veteran patients with online medical records portal to access their health information. Volunteers sign up for one or two 4-hour shifts per week at Brockton or West Rox VA Hospital.

**TOWN OF NORFOLK KNITTERS
KEEP ON GOING !!!**

Affectionately known as the Norfolk 'Knit-Wits'- these gals have diversifying their projects to include socks, hats and of course, afghans and lap robes for Norfolk County Veterans.

The Norfolk Knitters are: Dianne Boucher, Lorraine Boulter, Anita Cady, Donna Foster, Christina Gleason, Lorraine Norton, Claire Pitt, Agnes Plewe, Joan Puzin, Eileen Racioppi, Jacquelyn Washkewits, Monica Weiss plus others.

Thank you for your service to our Veterans and to others in need who you comfort with your handiwork.

