



NORFOLK COUNTY RSVP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Your Invitation to Respond to Your Community

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Dedham Savings Bank is the 2018-19 Leadership Sponsor of Norfolk County RSVP

Norfolk County Day of Recognition for National Service 2019

As service providers in our communities, volunteers impact the well-being of families & residents across Norfolk County.

Volunteering is an important aspect of civic life, affecting the health and social outlook of volunteers as well as service beneficiaries, and building a stronger sense of connectedness and personal responsibility in society as a whole.

The character of our county is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens. Our many volunteers are a testament to the talented, neighborly, and dedicated spirit that marks the County of Presidents.

Norfolk County RSVP, a Senior Corps program administered by the Norfolk County Commissioners' Office, is a network of volunteers age 55 and above who serve in Veterans' service organizations, our public schools, meals on wheels, senior centers and a variety of other nonprofit agencies. The program centers on the principles that older citizens have valuable skills to offer, and that volunteerism can be an effective response to community needs.

Reaching over 300 volunteers every year, Norfolk County RSVP offers placement, training, mileage reimbursement, newsletters and recognition for volunteers engaged in service. The program is a resource for people age 55 and above seeking meaningful volunteer opportunities, and for agencies seeking assistance to grow their services in support of Norfolk County residents.

For the sixth year, cities and counties across the nation are participating in National Service Day (formerly Mayor's Day).

This is a day designed to recognize AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and all volunteers for the work they accomplish and the example they set in our communities.

We appreciate Norfolk County RSVP volunteers who serve as Senior Corps members.

Therefore, Commissioner Francis W. O'Brien of Dedham- Chairman,
Commissioner Peter H. Collins of Milton, and Commissioner Joseph P. Shea of Quincy,
do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 2, 2019 as

County Day of Recognition for National Service

in Norfolk County, and encourage our residents to express gratitude to the volunteers they encounter and to consider giving their own time to support their neighbors.

Done at the Norfolk County Commissioners' Office, Dedham, MA this 27st day of March 2019.

Francis W. O'Brien, Chairman

Peter H. Collins, Commissioner

Joseph P. Shea, Commissioner

RSVP Friendly Visitors in the Community

Every other week, RSVP volunteer Jacqueline Malouf of Westwood comes to Dedham to visit Rosemarie. They have become fast friends. Due to health issues Rosemarie is unable to get out of the house very much. The two, says Jacqueline "...talk about everything, from family which we both have up in Canada, to the personal or news in the community. Sometimes we chat on the phone.

I find Rosemarie to be a lively, admirable person."

Visitor Judy Lemire of Walpole enjoys taking Ed out in the neighborhood for coffee and conversation.

Ed is enthusiastic and loves getting out of the house.

RSVP volunteers Susan Kanopkin of Randolph and Deb Rose of Brockton continue to visit with Sandy, a blind resident of Randolph, helping her with household tasks, braille labeling and shopping.

We want to welcome Lisa McLean who is becoming a second RSVP friendly visitor for Rosemary in Dedham. Lastly, we want to mention that Peg Doyle of Norwood had been visiting with Stella, a blind resident of Westwood since last July, enjoying conversation and some walks outside. Sadly, Stella passed away recently at the age of 95. Her son Dennis wanted to make sure that we knew how meaningful and enjoyable Peg's visits were for Stella. Thank you to Peg, Jacqueline, Judy, Susan, Deb and Lisa for giving your time and care to those in need in Norfolk County.

Volunteering with an isolated elder clearly makes a world of difference.

RSVP is funded in part by a National Senior Corps grant and sponsored by the Norfolk County Commissioners:

• Peter H. Collins of Milton,
Commissioner

• Joseph P. Shea of Quincy,
Commissioner

• Francis W. O'Brien of Dedham,
Chairman



SAVE THE DATE: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



**THE LANTANA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th at 11AM**

Invitations will go out in mid-June.

Friendly Visitors Angels needed in Dedham

There are some lovely, isolated older adults that are seeking companionship. If you or someone you know can visit one of the following individuals in Dedham once a week or every other week for an hour or so, please call Robert at 781-234-3445.

Marilyn, 80 would like to talk with and open her heart to a friendly female visitor.

Paul, 65 is a bright and witty man who would like a visitor. Paul has aphasia, so it will take some time to understand his speech. A patient and good listener would mean the world to him.

Carol, 66 would like a supportive person to talk with and who, on occasion can help her organize her paperwork.

Nancy, 65 had Down's Syndrome and lives with her parents. Nancy is very sweet and loves to sing music from the 50's & 60's, patriot and church music. A visitor who can play the family piano so Nancy could sing along would be delightful.

Amy, 50 is a courageous, active and bright woman who has a progressive medical condition called PCA. She has full time help though is looking for someone to talk with. Amy has 2 cats.

NORFOLK COUNTY RSVP PHOTO ALBUM



<<< RSVP Volunteers (from left) Laura Kulas, Ruth Pontremoli, Roberta Poff, Beverly Cohen and Dorothy Leonard with RSVP Volunteer Coordinator Cris Goldsmith

>>> Longtime West Roxbury VA RSVP Volunteers Lloyd Smith and Walter Vetromile



<<< Weymouth Sculptor and Rides for Vets Rider Lou Faletti

>>> Canton CoA Coordinator MaryLou Sullivan with RSVP Volunteer Dan Seligman presenting his program on 'Good Guys & Bad Guys of the Wild West.

