



Volunteer Voice

Adams County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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Things to Remember

“News & Views”—Volunteers need to prepare newsletters on Tuesday, April 30, and on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Message from Heath Richmond

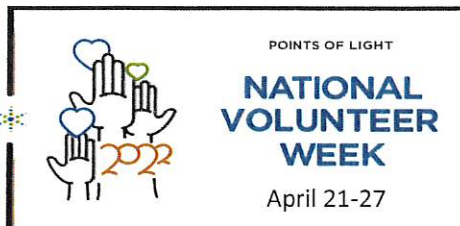
Two years. It’s hard to believe that I have been the Adams, Brown & Pike County RSVP Director for two years already. I seem to say this all the time, but time just seems to be going by faster and faster. I guess time flies when you’re having fun! This spring, in addition to my anniversary as the RSVP Director, we are also celebrating our sponsor’s 50th Anniversary. That’s right—John Wood Community College is turning 50! If you are interested in attending the Gala on April 19, you can find more information at www.jwccfoundation.org.

I hope most of you will join us at our spring carry-in luncheon on May 23. We will be outdoors (weather permitting) on the JWCC patio. We will start food service at 12:00 Noon followed by a brief program and a performance by our own Volunteer Voices. RSVP will provide grilled, pork loin sandwiches and drinks so please bring a carry-in item to share.

I want to give a special thank you to Leonard Craft, a member of the JWCC IT department, for his work on the RSVP webpage, especially the new Hours Submission tab. A way to submit hours online has been something I have been asked about many times over the last two years, and Leonard helped make it happen. Thanks again, Leonard!

I hope you all enjoy your spring and continue the wonderful volunteer services you perform that impact so many people and organizations throughout our communities.

Heath



Volunteer Opportunities—please share with friends and family!

This is just a sample of opportunities. Call the RSVP office to find the right fit for you!

Horizons - Volunteers are needed to work in their food pantry at 224 S. 8th St. on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays. Please call **217-224-5530** or email Eric Thorsen at eric@horizonsquincy.com with any questions.



The Quincy Museum - Currently looking for volunteers for greeters and tour guides—there will be training provided. Shifts would be during operating hours only (Tues.—Sun. 1:00PM-5:00PM) and they will work around any scheduling conflicts you may have, meaning you can pick your own day(s)! There are event volunteer opportunities as well. They can find the right task for you! If interested, please call the Museum at **217-224-7669**; email Nancy@thequincymuseum.org; or visit them at 1601 Maine. They can't wait to hear from you!



Meals on Wheels - Taking a route for Meals on Wheels not only is a great way to learn more about the community but it is also a tangible way to help those in need. It would only require an hour of your time once a month. You might want to encourage a friend to volunteer as well—one person drives and the other person delivers! If you aren't able to deliver, please mention this need at your church or other organization. Together, we can fill the needed slots. The process for delivering MOW is designed so that volunteers stay safe. Call **217-223-7904** for more information or to volunteer.

The District - The next big volunteering event is the downtown clean-up from 10:00a.m.—11:00a.m. on April 20th. They like to have as many volunteers as possible to help during this particular event! If you are interested, please call **217-228-8696** or email at www.thedistrictquincy.com.

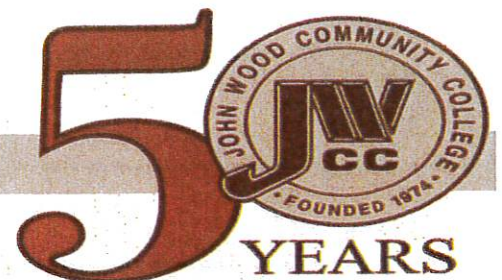
Quincy Catholic Charities - There are volunteer opportunities at Quincy Catholic Charities in their food pantry. Volunteers can help assist clients through the pantry on days the pantry is open. They also receive a truck once per month that they could use some help unloading. This does require heavy lifting. They could also use help sorting through donations. This involves checking dates on items donated and sorting them into categories. All volunteers must complete a background check prior to volunteering. Pantry hours are Monday 2:00-3:30, Wednesday 9:00-11:30, and Friday 2:00-3:30. If you need additional information, please contact **Kevin Williams** at **217-222-0958**.

JWCC Adult Literacy Tutor - Are you looking for a meaningful way to contribute to your community without overwhelming your schedule? Join us as an Adult Literacy Tutor! With just 1-2 hours per week, you can make a significant impact by helping adults enhance their essential literacy, math, or English language skills. Meet with learners near you or online. We provide the necessary training, resources, and materials; no prior teaching experience is required. We value your time and understand your busy lifestyle. We offer flexible volunteer hours to suit your availability. To apply or ask questions, contact **Tina Jett, Coordinator of Literacy** at cjett@jwcc.edu or **217-641-4153**.

Villa Kathrine - Volunteers are needed as hosts—shifts are flexible and available Monday through Sunday with a special need for volunteers on Saturdays. The Villa Kathrine is home to Quincy's Tourist Information Center and welcomes and provides information to visitors and residents. Training is provided. For more information, please call Betty Poore, Volunteer Coordinator, at **217-224-6922**.

Golden ANNIVERSARY
1974-2024

JWCC SET TO KICK OFF YEAR OF CELEBRATION



Illinois Veterans Home - Here are volunteer opportunities from the Illinois Veterans Home:

- **CDL Driver** (with passenger endorsement)

Our residents love to go for bus rides! Times vary depending on units. Activity bus is a 16 passenger vehicle that holds 2-3 wheelchairs and up to 14 walk-ons.

- **Bus Driver**

Ability to drive a 10-wheelchair bus. Does not require a CDL but experience in driving large vehicles a plus! Assist with transporting residents to special events, Wal-Mart or just a bus ride around town.

- **Trolley Driver**

Can you drive a tractor? Our residents enjoy trolley rides around grounds. Rides are offered Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at approximately 9 or 10 am. Depends on weather, too!

- **Medical Appointment Escort**

Assist residents to medical appointments, to sit with them while they wait for their appointment, and to help them to get back to their unit. Requires arriving 45 minutes prior to appointment, ride with security & resident to appointment location, and return to unit following appointment. Hours vary depending on weekly appointment schedule and/or type of appointment.

- **Welcome Corner Assistant**

Help accept clothing donations, push carts, lift boxes, and sort through clothes. Assist residents with shopping for clothes. Tuesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities or would like more information, please feel free to contact—Sara Colgrove **217-640-2260** or email: sara.colgrove@illinois.gov.

Quanada - They are in need of volunteers for their clothing room and food pantry. Volunteers may work in the clothing room anytime during the week between 9am-4pm. Volunteers for the food pantry are needed each week Monday—Thursday between 9:00am and 4:00pm to fill commodity bags. On Fridays, the pantry is open to the public and volunteers are needed to distribute food bags. They would like to have the clothing room open to the public during the food pantry hours. They will need volunteer coverage there as well. Anyone who is interested in getting involved can contact Libby Holt, Volunteer Coordinator, via call at **217-222-0069** or email at lholt@quanada.org.

AmeriCorps Seniors Pledge



I will get things done for America – to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.
When faced with a pressing challenge, I will bring Americans of all generations together to strengthen our communities.

When faced with children at risk, I will help them stay in school and on track for a brighter future.

When faced with older adults in need, I will provide support and compassion so they may age with grace and dignity.

Working for the greatest good, I will use my lifetime of experiences to improve my country, my community, and myself through service.

I am an AmeriCorps Seniors volunteer, and I will get things done.

Save the Date

April 19 - April 28 - Quincy Community Theatre presents “**Shakespeare in Love**”. Please call **217-222-3188** for more information.

Saturday, April 22 - Quincy Symphony presents “VII. CARMINA BURANA” at 7:30 p.m. at QJHS Morrison Theatre

Thursday, May 23 - RSVP Annual Spring Carry-In on JWCC patio on campus (weather permitting)—**Volunteer Voices** to perform!

The Winner Is . . .

Winner for January is **Patricia Basteau** and the winner for February is **Nancy Featheringill**. RSVP staff draw a name from all the pink timesheets submitted by the 7th of each month. **Remember—if you turn your pink sheets in by the 7th of the month, you may be a winner!**



*“Here comes Peter Cottontail
Hoppin’ on down the
Bunny Trail . . .”*



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