



The Response

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Contest Announcement...

You've probably seen the beautiful birthday cards that we send to RSVP members. But, unless you've turned a card over, you may not know that each card is designed by a member of RSVP. The winning design from our card contests are printed in black ink on white paper, then colored by RSVP members.

It's time for a contest to design a new birthday card! We strongly encourage you to unleash your inner artist and let your imagination run wild. Designs you submit should be simple enough to be colored in five minutes or less, and **must fit within an area no larger than 5 ½ x 4 ¼ inches**.

Think unique...RSVP would like our new birthday card design to bring a lasting smile to the faces of all who receive them. You don't have to be a professional to design a simple card, so we encourage all of you to grab a pen or pencil and get creative! We can't wait to see your work!

You will not want to miss out on the chance to win this contest and the prize that goes with it! **Deadline for entries is June 30th**. Please mail all entries to: **RSVP, 500 N. Broadway Ave., Ste 50, OKC 73102**. All entries will be forwarded to our new address as needed.

Have fun!

*****NOTE******The RSVP office has not relocated at the time of this publication's printing, but we want to encourage everyone to watch your mail for a notice of our move. The notices will provide our new contact information, as well as details about our Open House.*

Happy Spring!



Beth Patterson
Executive Director

A Note from Beth...

I never grow tired of hearing the song “Fly Like an Eagle” by the Steve Miller Band because it always makes me think of you. There is a part of the song that really speaks to me, that leads me to believe this song was written just for RSVP volunteers...

*Fly like an eagle
Let my spirit carry me
Feed the babies who don't have enough to eat
Shoe the children with no shoes on their feet
House the people livin' in the street
Oh, oh, there's a solution*

Both the song and RSVP volunteers focus on helping people and finding solutions to community problems. Everything we do here at RSVP is about helping people...we are “a bridge between those who need and those who give”. Our RSVP Team is made up of 1,218 members, providing volunteer support to 250 nonprofit and governmental organizations throughout central Oklahoma. During the past twelve months we contributed over 264,000 service hours serving as key players in helping people and providing solutions to some of our most critical community challenges.

Thank you for sharing your time, talents and love to help make our community a great place to live.

The RSVP staff and I wish you a blessed Easter.

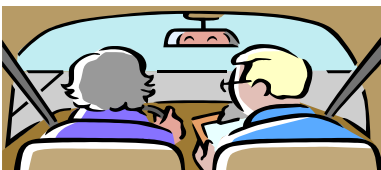
Provide-A-Ride...

Would you like to volunteer for an award winning program that offers an innovative solution to a major challenge?

RSVP Provide-A-Ride may be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you, or for someone you know. Volunteer drivers in this program receive benefits, but nothing compares to the sense of self-satisfaction when helping seniors overcome the obstacle of transportation to the doctor or other medical appointments.

You do not have to be 55 to volunteer for the Provide-A-Ride program. Those under 55 who are interested in helping should call for details.

Contact Provide-A-Ride Coordinator Faye Beam at 605-3106 or faye.beam@rsvpokc.org for complete details on this great program!



Volunteer Hours...

Why is it such a big deal to report your hours (the time you spend volunteering) to RSVP each month? There are many reasons, but for starters...it is required information when we prepare grants, and it is vital for our communities to know the true impact of your services.

Many RSVP members faithfully report their own hours each month (or make sure someone does it for them), but we want every single one of you to become faithful in this task.

For the past 10 years, RSVP has held an “Hours Drawing” each month. All names of those members whose hours are reported by the 10th of each month (whether personally, by a fellow member or by the organization where you volunteer) are entered into a drawing and winners receive a surprise gift in the mail.

Increase your chances of winning by reporting your hours every month! *Beginning in April, winners of the “Hours Drawing” will receive a WalMart gift card instead of a little surprise in the mail!*

Oops...

The address of RSVP's soon-to-be location listed in the last issue of "The Response" was incorrect. The correct address is:
7401 NE 23rd Street

Volunteer Opportunities...

Dean McGee Eye Institute, 608 Stanton Young Blvd, volunteers are needed to greet and guide patients to appropriate offices.

Metropolitan Library System, 300 NE 50th St (Service Center), needs Super Stuffers for the annual Summer Stuff-A-Thon, May 2nd - May 8th, from 9:30am – 4pm, pick and choose am or pm shifts. Lunch will be provided for those that sign up for a full day.

Myriad Botanical Gardens, 301 W Reno, needs volunteers who are comfortable speaking and interacting with the public to greet visitors (can sit for this if need be), answer questions and direct visitors inside the conservatory itself. Volunteers are needed for the new Children's Garden, which will open in the near future.

Neighborhood Services Organization, 431 SW 11th St, volunteers are needed to answer phones, prescreen callers, log incoming calls, schedule appointments, and various other duties and projects.

NewView Oklahoma, needs volunteers the third Wednesday of the month to help set up lightweight tables & chairs, serve lunch, share a meal and clean up for visually impaired V.A. support group meetings.

Oklahoma County Social Services, 7401 NE 23rd St, volunteers are needed to help plant and maintain a community garden to benefit low income seniors, the ground breaking ceremony will be April 16, at 11am, no experience is necessary.

Oklahoma County Social Services, 7401 NE 23rd St, volunteers are needed to help count and label medications that have been donated in bulk into smaller quantities for individual distribution to low income elderly clients.

Ronald McDonald House, 1301 NE 14th St, needs front desk and reception help 2-4 hrs per week.

Upward Transitions, 1033 N Walker, needs a volunteer with knowledge of Microsoft Office for data entry support.

Volunteers of America OK, 1917 S Harvard, needs volunteers to help answer phones on an on-going basis. Set your own schedule, or come and go as you please.

To make changes to your volunteer activities, or to refer a friend, contact Patty Corona, Volunteer Coordinator at 605-3110, or email patty.corona@rsvpokc.org to get linked with the activities that keep you smiling.

In Loving Memory

of those who have touched our lives

Carl Bahm	Joy Jeffus
Rufus Biggs	Maxine McReynolds
Joe Deller	Jessie Panek
Earlene Gore	Jacquelyn Skidmore
Wendall Hayes	Rossie Rowland
Leroy Humphrey	Arlis Upperman
George Ivey	Lorene Webb



Photos of You...

RSVP would like to ask all members to email us a photo of themselves. If you don't use a computer, your children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren can do this for you. Your pictures will be added to your electronic file, allowing us to put a face to your name.

Photos do not have to be studio portraits...a clear, close-up snapshot is fine. Email your photos to evelyn.harms@rsvpokc.org and be sure to include your name. If there are other people in the photo with you, please be sure to tell us which one is you. Thank you!

Two elderly gentlemen were sitting under a tree, watching the sun go down.

One says, "You know, I'm 84 years old and my body is full of horrible aches and pains. You're about my age. How do you feel?"

The other guy says, "Oh, I feel like a newborn baby!"

"Really!?" says the first guy.

"Yep! No teeth, no hair, I sleep all the time, and I think I just wet my pants."



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Elder Law Day is Friday, May 6th at Mercy Conference Center. For complete details, or to make reservations, call 752-3600.

Congratulations...

...to the latest winner of the Hours Drawing:

Betty Manning

Betty, we hope you enjoy the WalMart Gift Card!

Thank you for realizing the importance of reporting your volunteer hours!

To report hours (or make changes to your phone, mailing address, or email) contact **Natalie** at:

Phone: **605-3110** ~ Fax: **605-3108**
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Welcome to RSVP...

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Contact Faye at 605-3106 for rides, cancellations, or information on RSVP Provide-A-Ride.