

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Date: April 13, 2016

To: Senior Services Board of Directors

From: Melanie Montoya, Volunteer Programs Administrator 

Re: Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion (FGP/SCP) Programs

The following are some program highlights:

- As we near the end of our fiscal year, we will begin the process for expending all unspent funds. Currently, we are on target to spend our grant funds for the rest of the fiscal year.
- Our program recently recruited two new Foster Grandparent Volunteers. They both will be placed at the local Presbyterian Medical Services Head Starts: Busy Bugs at Santa Fe High and Flores Del Sol at the end of lower Agua Fria. The Head Starts are currently in need of assistance, due to their staff turnarounds and the many language barriers that they encounter.
- We currently do not have an in-service planned for May, but we will hopefully have confirmation by the end of next week.
- We have been notified by our funding source the State of New Mexico, Aging and Long Term Services Department that we will be receiving our volunteer programs contract within the next few weeks. As always they have set a deadline for full execution of the contracts but we always have issues because ours need to be approved by both the Finance Committee and City Council. Staff will stay on top of this issue.
- Staff will research availability of summer programs for our Foster Grandparents to continue to volunteer in the summer. Lately, many program offered in the summer are only offered for four weeks, due to lack of funding for educational programs. Approximately 18 of the 28 Foster Grandparent volunteers wish to continue volunteering in the summer as opposed to taking a break during the summer months.

If you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Melanie at 955-4761. Thank you.

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Date: April 2016
To: Senior Services Board of Directors
From: Triston Lovato, RSVP & Community Relations Administrator
Re: Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

The following are some program highlights for RSVP:

Volunteers (Recruitment, Stations, Issues, Recognition)

- RSVP staff and volunteers attended the Santa Fe County Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. At this meeting a proclamation was read recognizing April 5, 2016 as "County Day of Recognition for National Service." Volunteers were given the opportunity to say some words and took a photo with the Commissioners (look out for that in the next newsletter).
- The "Mayor's Senior Volunteer Celebration" and "Mayor and County Day of Recognition for National Service" event took place on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the Convention Center. This year's event featured information booths, door prizes, entertainment by Chief Sanchez and the Craw daddies as well as the band Northern 505. The event was meant to honor and thank all senior volunteers for the hard work they do in their community.
- RSVP recruitment has been steady.
- Partnership established with the Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute; recruitment begins for volunteers to assist them at the Farmers Market.

Upcoming

- RSVP Administrator will have a booth at the Senior Connection event on April 12, 2016. This event will take place at the Courtyard Marriott in Santa Fe from 9 am – 1:30 pm; it will feature vendors with products/services for seniors, door prizes, dessert bar, fashion shows, and entertainment. Admission is free.
- RSVP is collecting data for its annual Progress Report, which is due at the end of April.
- Volunteer Programs are still going to be monitored for compliance, but a date has not been scheduled.

**Please feel free to contact Triston Lovato at (505) 955-4760 if you have questions.
Thank you!**

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DATE: April 11, 2016

TO: Advisory Board Members

FROM: In-Home Support Services Committee
Theresa P. Trujillo, IHSS Supervisor T.T.

SUBJECT: Committee Status Report

March, 2016 units of service are as follows:

- Homemaker – 803 hours to 101 clients
- Respite – 969.25 hours to 40 caregivers
- Equipment - 33 units
- Nutritional Supplements – 56 cases

Units of service were over by 23 regarding Homemaker hours and over by 103.25 for Respite hours for March totaling 126.25 hours over for In-Home Support. Year to date, we are **short** in Homemaker hours by 98.75 hours and **over** in Respite hours by 367.5 hours. IHSS providers took off a total of 476.5 hours in March in addition to four hours granted for Good Friday afternoon.

One homemaker has been granted twelve weeks of Family Medical Leave beginning Wednesday, January 20. Her total hours off for the month of March are 180 which are included in above total. We requested to hire a temporary employee to assist. Most of her clients have been squeezed in other provider's schedules. She has also informed us that she will not be returning to work on April 13 and has submitted her letter of resignation.

We took 11 in-home support clients to Santuario De Chimayo to attend mass, visit the gift shops and have lunch at Sopapilla Factory on March 9.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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Date: April 8, 2016
To: DSS Advisory Board Members
From: Robert Chavez, DSS Project Manager
Subject: Transportation/Nutrition Committee Monthly Report

Transportation Monthly Report

- In March 2016, DSS Transportation staff provided a total of 4,462 rides to seniors.

Nutrition Monthly Report

- In February 2016, DSS Nutrition staff provided 11,226 Meals-on-Wheels to DSS clients.
- In February 2016, DSS Nutrition staff provided 4,945 congregate meals.

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Date: April 8, 2016

Fr: Cristina Villa, DSS Program Coordinator



Subj: Senior Olympics

The Senior Olympics Committee met on Wednesday, March 9th at Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center Board Room. There was a total of 425 seniors register for local games. That is a great number. Jay has updated the website with new information as well as photos. So far we have had Air Gun, Basketball freethrow and Bowling. Each event ran smoothly and senior enjoyed themselves. Was great to see new faces at these events.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13th at MEG Center Board Room