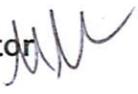


City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

memo

Date: October 14, 2015

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:

- The next in-service planned for our volunteers the public hearing in November and will feature the Nutrition Manager from the State Aging and Long Term Services Department. She will speak about healthy eating habits.
- One of our funding sources, the State, has notified us that they will do a site visit/monitoring in late February, 2016. This gives staff enough time to prepare.
- We are looking to recruit approximately one more Senior Companion, preferably someone who drives and two more Foster Grandparents to be placed in the Head Start programs. Our Senior Companion wait list has requests for small errands and escorts to doctor appointments.
- We recently recruited two additional Foster Grandparents. One will be placed at Sweeney Elementary and the other at Salazar Elementary School. This bring our total up to 26 active volunteers.
- The following is still in progress: staff continues to negotiate with the Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS) regarding our Memorandum of Understanding. For the past 20 years, SFPS has allowed our volunteers to enjoy one free meal per day in exchange for their volunteer service at the schools. This year, SFPS has asked us to remove the clause regarding free meals. We are currently trying to overturn their decision so that volunteers can enjoy a well-deserved meal while they continue to look over the children having lunch and "open the horrible small" milk cartons that the children are unable to open.

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

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Date: October 2015
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:

Events

- The RSVP Director attended the National Director's Conference in Reston, Virginia from Tuesday, 9/8 – Saturday, 9/12; there were many informational workshops that will help make necessary improvements to the program (strengthening work plans, better reporting practices/data collection, developing a program evaluation process).
- RSVP staff and some volunteers attended the End NM Hunger Summit Wednesday, 9/23 and Thursday, 9/24. Workshops addressed hunger issues in the state and featured information and possible solutions to combat it.

Volunteer stations

- I have received interest from some organizations in becoming volunteer stations, including:
 - American Cancer Society, who would need volunteers to assist patients with transportation to appointments;
 - Kearny Elementary who would like some volunteers to collaborate on a mentoring program (have already begun partnership with FGP);
 - A possible partnership with a youth group out of the Mormon Church to serve seniors in some way to be determined (yard-work, snow removal, help with technology)
 - NM History Museum who would need volunteers in various areas, but primarily:
 - Lead educational tours, provide information to visitors throughout the museum;
 - Head-start classroom assistant for their history program that is held once/week.

Upcoming

- RSVP will be visiting four Santa Fe County Senior Centers in November to give out recognition gifts, update volunteer information, meet volunteers & answer any questions, and recruit new volunteers. Plans need to be made for the City Senior Centers.
- Dates are:
 - November 4: Edgewood
 - November 5: Eldorado
 - November 9: El Rancho
 - November 10: Chimayo

If you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Triston Lovato at (505) 955-4760. Thank you!

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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DATE: October 13, 2015
TO: Advisory Board Members
FROM: In-Home Support Services Committee
Theresa P. Trujillo, IHSS Supervisor T.T.
SUBJECT: Committee Status Report

The first quarter FY 2015/2016 units of service are as follows:

- Homemaker – 2410 & 1/2 hours
- Respite – 2812 & 1/2 hours
- Equipment - 119 units
- Nutritional Supplements – 144 cases

Units of service for the quarter are over by 70 & 1/4 regarding Homemaker hours and over by 215 for Respite hours.

Tina De La Luz, Alzheimer's Association Northeast Regional Manager will present a caregiver support session on Friday, November 6 at the Mary Esther Gonzales Center.

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



**City of Santa Fe
Division of Senior Services**



Please join us for a Caregiver Support Group

“Conversations on Dementia”

Presented by: Tina De La Luz
Alzheimer’s Association Northeast Regional Manager,
Friday, November 6, 2015, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center
1121 Alto Street

This session will provide education and emotional support to adults who deal with stress associated while providing specialized care for homebound individuals. Navigating through the web of Alzheimer’s while extending a supportive atmosphere, so caregivers can comfort each other in meaningful ways, while getting some relaxation.

**November is National Family Caregiver’s Month and
National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month**

Refreshments will be provided, new faces welcome,
we look forward to seeing you!

For reservations, please call Theresa Trujillo at 955-4745

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Date: October 13, 2015

To: DSS Advisory Board Members

From: Thomas Vigil, DSS Program Administrator
Robert Chavez, DSS Transportation Manager

Subject: Transportation/Nutrition Committee Monthly Report

Transportation Monthly Report

- In September 2015, DSS staff provided a total of 4,234 rides to seniors.

Nutrition Monthly Report

- In September 2015, DSS provided 16,197 Meals-on-Wheels to DSS clients.
- In September 2015, DSS provided 5,086 congregate meals.

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Date: October 14, 2015

Fr: Cristina Villa, DSS Program Coordinator *CV*

Subj: Senior Olympics

The Senior Olympics Committee met on Wednesday, October 14th at Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center Board Room. The committee will be starting to work on the 2016 Program on Friday, October 16th. Gift Certificates were purchased and handed out to committee members. Cristina will mail the rest to the event managers. Committee decided on a green camouflage shirt for upcoming year. Registration form will look similar to State form.

Next meeting will be on Friday, November 13th at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center Board Room.