

United Way RSVP of Marathon County

Connecting Volunteers 55+ to Community Needs

Monthly Update
July 2018

Coffee Hour at Woodson YMCA in Wausau

You are invited to attend the Community Coffee Hour on **Monday, July 16 from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. at Woodson YMCA located at 707 3rd St. in Wausau.**

Becky Zelent, the YMCA Active Older Adult Director, is providing many new program initiatives geared to the interests of older adults. This is your opportunity to come and learn about the day trips, new classes, outdoor adventures, social activities, education workshops, fitness program, Lunch and Learns, and more!

Get your questions answered and join Becky for a tour of the facilities. You'll find out about volunteer opportunities

and the options available for program access such as Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, senior memberships and more.

Invite a friend and join us for a fun time at the local "Y". Meet at the main entrance on the north side (by the parking lot).

YMCA Triathlon—Help Wanted on Saturday August 4th.

Volunteers receive lunch and t-shirt. Sign up to volunteer at either branch or if you have questions, call Andrew Meinel at 715-845-2177 for more information if interested.



Save the Date

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Technology Classes will be available again in September



What is the Senior Training & Employment Program?

The Senior Training and Employment Program (S.T.E.P.) was created to assist low income, unemployed seniors (55+) return to the workforce. Enrollees earn a wage while being trained. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and sub-granted to Curative Connections, Inc. of Green Bay. Known nationally as the "Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)", it has existed since 1965 and is authorized by Congress under Title V of the Older Americans Act.

An initial assessment is completed at intake and the senior's interests and skills are matched to a position at a local non-profit or government agency where the enrollee provides much needed service to their community. Participants work 20 hours per week at minimum wage. The wage is paid by the program; not the worksite. Enrollees may remain in the program for up to four years, however the ultimate goal is to obtain unsubsidized employment off the program prior to this durational limit. **There are currently positions available in Marathon County.** If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please call Curative Connections at 920-593-3557 for more information.

Check out the RSVP Community Connection for information on FREE or LOW COST events and activities which support a healthy active lifestyle for older adults at:

www.unitedwaymc.org/rsvp

“Does my Auto Insurance Cover my Vehicle for Volunteer Use?”

While **most** insurance companies cover use of your personal auto for volunteering purposes as long as you are not receiving any payment (*mileage reimbursement within the federal rate is not considered payment*), there could be specific conditions or exclusions that your company has that may affect your coverage. **“The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance recommends consumers read their policy in detail for information addressing volunteer coverage as well as contacting their carrier with additional questions or clarifications.”** Since insurance companies can vary in their coverages, exclusions, etc. this is good advice to follow to be sure of the coverage you have. Also keep in mind that some local representatives may not be familiar with the details of this type of coverage and may need to get clarification from their main office. It can also be helpful to have your agent indicate in writing the coverage you have so there are no misunderstandings and check annually as coverages can change with the new policy year. The Wis. Office of the Commissioner of Insurance has a 3 page handout on [Volunteers and Insurance](#) which provides more information on the broader topic of volunteering and insurance. Contact Tony if you would like a copy.

As an RSVP Volunteer you also have **Excess Auto Liability Insurance** in effect while volunteering and using your personal vehicle at any RSVP Volunteer Station. This insurance applies only after your own insurance is exhausted, or the policy’s retention has been exceeded. This coverage is in effect only while driving your personal vehicle in performing your volunteer assignment, NOT to and from the Volunteer Station. The liability policy is written at a combined single limit (including both bodily injury and property damage) of \$500,000 each accident. It is important to remember that you must maintain your own auto liability coverage at least equal to the state-required minimum. Also, this coverage does not apply to any damage to your vehicle.

In addition, as an RSVP Volunteer you also have **Excess Volunteer Liability Insurance** at a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and **Excess Accidental Medical Coverage** up to \$50,000 while traveling to and from and participating in RSVP volunteer activities. Please refer to your RSVP Volunteer Handbook for more specific info and feel free to contact Tony if you have questions on any of the RSVP benefits.

Looking for more fun things to do this summer?

RSVP Community Connection Calendar provides information on free and low cost events and activities which support a healthy, active lifestyle for older adults. We live in a great community with a lot to offer and this service helps make sure you’re not going to miss out. The **Community Calendar** lists free and low cost events and activities. Just go to www.unitedwaymc.org then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Community Calendar.

The **Wausau Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitor Bureau** is the resource for interesting things, places and events happening in our community. You can visit their office at 219 Jefferson St. in downtown Wausau for personalized help, call **715-355-8788** or

go their website at **www.visitwausau.com** Click on the **Plan a Trip** tab if you want to see a list of things to do or the **Events** tab if you’re looking for those activities.

Need Help with Volunteering? If so, contact Tony at 715-298-5721 for personalized assistance in helping find just the right volunteer job for you!

HELP WANTED— Front Desk Volunteer on Monday’s from 9:00 am –1:00 pm at Neighbors’ Place. Call Evan Cass for more info at 715-845-1966.

HELP WANTED— Registered Nurse Volunteer for RSVP Blood Pressure Program at Neighbors’ Place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10-11 am. Call Tony at 715-298-5721 if interested.



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