



Mission Statement: "To connect the wisdom, experience, and talents of volunteers with opportunities to enrich the quality of life for themselves and their communities."



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Gus Bacharach Award Nominees

Each year at the annual RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, scheduled for Oct. 20, we present the Gus Bacharach "Outstanding Volunteer Award". We congratulate the following volunteers who were nominated:

Gay Barton, nominated by Washington State Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection; **Marcia Kinnaman**, nominated by Hearthwood Elementary; **Wilburt and Joanna Olsen**, nominated by City of Vancouver; **Adele Johnston**, nominated by SW Washington Blood Program; **Stasia Nobile**, nominated by Shared Hope International; **Vicki Price**, nominated by YWCA Clark County; and **Deanna Funkhouser**, nominated by Shared Hope International.

The Marshallaires and Master Composter/Recycler Program were both nominated as the Gus Bacharach Volunteer Station of the Year.

Volunteer Opportunities

Call 624-9088, if you're interested in one of these positions.

The Smithsonian "At The Controls" Traveling Exhibit at the Pearson Air Museum needs volunteers to watch over exhibits and provide information to the public. Volunteers will be needed for approximately 3-4 hour shifts. Training will be provided. The exhibit will be on display Dec. 15th—Feb. 8th.

Pet Aid of Washington is looking for volunteer foster homes for two senior cats. Supplies are provided.

Evergreen School District is always looking for volunteers to help at the schools in numerous capacities such as: Advisory Board members, Bond/Election Volunteers, Phone Banking, Education Program Assistants, Tutors, Literacy Coach, Mailings, Clerical and Youth Education Assistants.

Kids on the Block is hosting a free puppeteer training. Train-

ees learn how to present shows on important topics including healthy eating, dealing with bullying and preventing child abuse. The eighteen hours of lively, interactive training over six sessions starts Oct. 9th.

The Friends of the Cathlapotle Plankhouse is seeking Docents for the Cathlapotle Plankhouse located at the Carty unit of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteer docents will help visitors to understand the history and culture of Chinook people by answering questions, making short presentations, and demonstrating the use of replicas of typical native tools. At times there is the opportunity to lead special groups through the plankhouse and on walks in the Refuge's natural setting.

Innovative Services Adult Day Health Center needs volunteers experienced in the kitchen

to serve as cooks. Volunteers who love to bake, decorate cookies, etc. are also needed to act as project assistants for food-based activities. All volunteers must have their own transportation and Food Handler's Card; all volunteers work on-site. Flexible and/or regular schedules are available.

AARP Tax-Aide Program is looking for volunteers to provide free personal income tax assistance to low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Extensive training begins in October.

Clark College Adult Literacy Program is seeking volunteers to help adults who are learning English as a Second Language or who need to improve basic reading and writing skills. Tutors work with individuals or small groups, lead English conversation groups and assist in Basic Skills classes.

Volunteer with Local Teenagers!

ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center's mission is to provide a safe place for the youth of our community and to foster relationships with one another and with caring adults for the purpose of encouraging youth to become ROCKSOLID persons.

Numerous volunteer opportunities are available:

• **Mentoring Teens**—Work with

teenagers in the center engaging them in fun safe activities in the gym, game room or multimedia room.

• **Crafts Coordinator**—Sets up and implements craft projects once a week for middle and high school students.

• **Snack and Cooking Volunteer**—Plans and implements a program that instructs students



in the joy of cooking and gives them options for healthier snack and meal preparation.

• **Sports & Recreation Volunteer**—Plans and develops games for students to participate in after school. Must be able to lead games and have a good knowledge of rules

and sports.
• **Website Designer**—update and maintain current website.

Don't Forget To Send In Your Timesheets!

Recording your hours is important to the RSVP grant. We must document one hour per quarter to show you as an active

volunteer and for you to maintain your supplemental insurance coverage and eligibility to attend the annual recognition luncheon which is coming up on Oct. 20th.

So please, **report all your**

volunteer hours on your timesheet. If it is more convenient, you are welcome to email your hours to:

rsvp@dshs.wa.gov

Foster Grandparents Needed!

Imagine feeling joy every day from the love and wonder of children eager to tell you their special stories.

There are children, right here that need you, older, caring adults to be their Foster Grandparent. This is your chance to put your lifetime of experience to work; no other experience is required. You will serve as a mentor and positive



role model for children in classrooms and non-profit agencies who have been professionally identified as having special needs.

Teachers say that for the children who need that one-on-one relationship to succeed, the presence of a Foster Grandparent in the classroom is invaluable. Because a Foster Grandparent serves 20, or more, hours per week in the classroom, they are able to develop a deep

bond with the children.

To be a Foster Grandparent you must be age 60, or older, and have an income that does not exceed \$1,915 per month for a person living alone, or \$2,567 for a couple. You receive a tax free stipend of \$2.65 per hour and it does not affect your Social Security, SSI, housing subsidies or any other assistance you may receive.

For more information please contact 1-360-750-7500 ext 139 or claudia.dalton@esd112.org.

Stream Stewards Program

Do you want to learn more about the environment? Do you want to be involved in your community?

Stream Stewards is a learn-nerve program through Calrk Public Utilities' StreamTeam. It is a free eight-week course for Clark County residents who are

committed to putting knowledge into action within the Salmon Creek and East Fork of the Lewis River Watersheds. The Stream Stewards program is a professional-level workshop series that provides lecture and hands-on experience with local hydrology, geology, botany, wildlife, water quality monitoring and restora-

tion. Stewards "repay" their tuition by volunteering 45 hours with the SteamTeam or one of our partners. All workshops occur on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the fall. There is a \$10 fee to cover administrative costs. For more information visit

www.StreamTeam.net