

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

45th ANNUAL

RECOGNITION DAY LUNCHEON

June 13, 2018



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&
The County of Sullivan



Ceremonial Recognition

**Pledge of Allegiance ~ All of our distinguished Veterans and
Veterans Administration Director, John Crotty**

God Bless America - Sullivan County Legislator, Scott Samuelson

**Welcome - Deborah E. Allen, Director Office for the Aging
Opening Remarks – Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director
Present Speakers Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director
Presenter & Speakers:**

Chairperson, Sullivan County Legislature

Legislator: Luis A. Alvarez

Chairperson, Sullivan County Health & Family Services

Legislator: Nadia Rajsز

Lunch Served

*Our sincere Thanks to the VILLA ROMA for their continued support in
Providing such an exceptional place, and such delicious food for our Recognition Luncheon.*

Presentations

Caryn Mathews- RSVP Project Director

Senior of the Year Nominee for each Township

(When your name is called please join us at the podium)

Special Recognition Awards

Announcement of the Sullivan County Senior of the Year Award Recipient...

Special Presentation to be announced...

The RSVP Advisory Board and RSVP Staff extends their gratitude to Sullivan County Legislators and to The County Manager for their continued support and dedication to the RSVP Program and the Seniors of Sullivan County.



2017 Sullivan County Legislators:

Scott B. Samuelson – District 1, Nadia Rajsز – District 2,

Mark McCarthy – District 3, Catherine Owens – District 4-Terri Ward – District 5,

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Alan Sorenson – District 9

&

County Manager Josh Potosek

Deputy County Manager Dan DePew

2017 Town Supervisors of Sullivan County

Bethel: Daniel Sturm, Callicoon: Thomas Bose,
Cochecton: Gary Maas, Delaware: Edward T. Sykes
Fallsburg: Steven Vegliante, Forestburgh: Daniel Hogue Jr.,
Freemont: George Conklin, Highland: Jeff Haas, Liberty: Brian P. Rourke
Lumberland: Jenny R. Mellan, Mamakating: William Herrmann,
Neversink: Christopher Mathews, Rockland: Robert Eggleton,
Thompson: William Rieber, Jr., Tusten: Carol Wingert.

“We appreciate ALL you do for RSVP and your continued support...”

Retired Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Council

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Volunteering is
a work of heart



“The Senior of the Year” Nominees from each Township
Congratulations on the wonderful achievements that make you
stand out as an RSVP community volunteer.

Bethel	Joanna VonSeydewitz
Callicoon	Sharon Schroeder
Cochecton	Dorothy Schultz
Delaware	Alice Schlichting
Fallsburg	Lee Smassanow
Forestburgh	Donald E. Elliott
Fremont	Carol Farragher
Highland	David “Scotty” Greenberger
Liberty	Claire “Bettie” LaJoie
Lumberland	Catherine Sterling
Mamakating	Thomas Seiderer
Neversink	Mary Lissner
Rockland	Patricia Kardash
Thompson	Zita Speer
Tusten	Pamela Deman

“Thank you so much for your caring ways, your commitment shows and deserves our praise”.

Past Sullivan County Seniors of the Year...

2017-JACK LUSTER	1998-GRACE JAGELS
2016-NELLIE CULLIGAN	1997-FRANCES FISHER
2015-BOB GRAB	1996-WARREN MILLER
2014- VIRGINIA “GINGER” RASULO (Posthumously)	1995-DR. GEORGE HAHN
2013- SOPHIA MARTYNEC	1994-THOMAS HUBERS
2012- LAURA SOLOMON	1993-JOSEPH “JESS’ ABEL
2011- JOANNA “JOAN” PAPA	1992-CLARENCE J. KRANTZ
2010 –DONALD DOWNS	1991-MARY CADE
2009 –LENA DUMOND	1990-HELEN PETERS
2008 –ETHEL HULSE	1989-MAE KRATZ
2007- PRISCILLA BASSETT	1988-ELEANOR KNACK
2006-CAROL SMYTHE	1987-RUTH HAWES
2005-ELSIE CARLIN	1986-VIRGINIA BOLTON
2004-MANDELL “MANNY” SAFER	1985-KATHRINE McCAFFREY
2003-HENRIETTA “ETTA” PIERCE	1984-CAROLINE BALLARD
2002-LOUIS TAUB	1983-MARGARET WEINER
2001-DANIEL RESNICK	1982-DORIS VAN NOSTRAND
2000-ELEANOR KANNERT	1981-THEODORE “TED” STROEBELE
1999-HANNAH BERNSTEIN	1981- HELEN INTENMANN



*In Loving Memory of our Dearly Departed
RSVP Volunteers...*

*Shirley Chaiet
William Ritchie*

*Margaret Ippolito
Henry Rumsey*

Max Selman

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Families of our late Volunteers

NEW VOLUNTEERS IN 2017

Sally Abrams
Ronald Bernthal
Marian Castellane
Virginia DeGraw
Pamela Deman
Donald Fahnestock
Diane Garrett
William Godfrey
Mary Grabowski
Barbara Gref
Daisy Jaekel
Raul Jorge
J. Laurance Kramer
Sheila Lashinsky
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Mary Lissner
Patricia Monteverde
JoAnne Moulton
Maureen O'Meara
Leabert Parkes
Marie Quick
Luanne Rosa
Louise Rozos
Diosdado Santiago
Fred Schreier
Clare Smith,
Ronald Smith
Naomi Steinberg
Walter (Chris) Sutowski
Lillian Vandemark
Joanna VonSeydewitz



Volunteers 90+ Years of Age

William Burns
Carmela Cavelli
Nellie Culligan
Anita Hartmann
Eleanore Keesler
Ralph Liff
Alice Picarello
Doris Ruggiero
Norma Selman
Zita Speer



Ralph Liff

**"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.
You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer,
you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."**



HIGHEST VOLUNTEER HOUR HONOREES FOR 2017

Suzanne Cecil – 1,470
Volunteers with the Sullivan County Historical Society

Patricia Curtis – 5,230
Volunteers with the Needlework Program

Patricia A. McArthur – 1,310
Volunteers with the Needlework Program

700 to 999 Volunteer Hours

David "Scotty" Greenberger, Tina Greenberger

600 to 699 Volunteer Hours

Nellie Culligan, Marion Ziegler

500 to 599 Volunteer Hours

***William Burns, Josephine "Joan" Lynch, Julianna Maxwell,
Sonya "Sonny" Smith, Marlene Stoutenburg, Rose Anna Walsh***

400 to 499 Volunteer Hours

***Jack Luster, Alice Picarello, Steven Rolnick, Alice Schlichting,
Sharon Schroeder, Thomas Seiderer, George Weber, Sr., Elizabeth Wunner***

300 to 399 Volunteer Hours

*Marie Biedinger, Donald Elliott, Norvin “Fred” Fries, Arthur Hessinger,
Helen Klinger, Leabert Parkes, Patricia “Pat” Phipps, Sue Ramsey,
Ronald Royster, Thomas “Tom” Rudzinskas, Max Selman, Norma Selman,
Lillian Tighe, Jean Ward*

200 to 299 Volunteer Hours

*Joan Booth, Nancy Brooks, Justina Constable, Phyllis Heins, Star Hesse,
Leslie Huppke, Martha Johnson, Raul Jorge, Minnette Kramer,
Claire “Bettie” LaJoie, Barbara Leroy, Lorraine “Lori” Miesner,
Patricia Monteverde, JoAnne Moulton, Robert Owens, Jr.,
Ruth Owens, Elsie Parks, Vickie Shampine, Carol Smythe, Zita Speer,
Joseph “Joe” Stifano, Grace Tews, Judith Wolkoff*

100 to 199 Volunteer Hours

*Michael Abbott, Carl W. Amaditz, Sharon Badlam-Thorpe, Karen Barone,
Priscilla Bassett, Marcia Bauer, Bernadette Black, Carole Black,
Patricia Burns, Gerard Canavan, Patricia Canavan, John “Jack” Costello,
Geraldine “Geri” Cox, Maria Dallin, Edith Downs, William Duncan,
Joan Durland, Donald Fahnestock, Carol Farragher, Marcia Fink,
Margaret Fowler, Robert “Bob” Grab, Sr., Kenneth Grabowski,
Mary Grabowski, Grant Hammer, Joseph Inghrim, Mary Inghrim,
Denise Jakaitis, Deborah Kane, George Kane, Eleanore Kessler,
Nancy Kracht, Judy Magie, Dorothy McMurrer, Gerald McMurrer,
Dorothy Meddaugh, Arleen Nieke, John Picarello, Judith Rich,
Robert Rosengard, Mary “Marie” Rothermel, Doris Ruggiero, Mandell
“Manny” Safer, Ruisdael “Rudy” Santiago, Dorothy Schultz, Lee Smassnow,
Joan Stanton, Naomi Steinberg, Lonnie Thomas, Joseph Turechek,
Robin Wagner, Edward Wolff*

1 to 99 Volunteer Hours

*Christine Ahlberg, Vincent Alukonis, Leonard Bauer, Ronald Bernthal,
Craig Black, Maybella Blair, Karen Blanchard, Bonnie Bortree,
Kishasha Faronii-Butler, Carmela Carvelli, Marian Castellane, Jean Cellini,
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Elka "Fran" Greenfield, William Gronwald, Nancy Harder,
Richard A. Harding, Donna Harness, Elijah Henderson, Jr., Sheila Hocker,
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Daisy Jaekel, Shirley Johnson, Patricia Kardash, Norman Kaufman,
Gideon Kiriati, Susan "Sue" Kohler, J. Laurence Kramer, Kate Labuda,
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Joanna VonSeydewitz, Kenneth Walter, Marlyn Walters, Shirley Wood*





A Very Special Thank You...To the all of the individuals who have assisted in making this event Exceptional.

**RSVP sincerely appreciates their efforts, time and attentiveness to the success of our RSVP
Volunteer Recognition...**

Especially All of Our Local Officials who have shown their support for RSVP our mission and our wonderful Volunteers

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*The Office for the Aging
And all of our Community Volunteer Stations*

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**ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS BEEN GENEROUS ENOUGH TO SUPPORT RSVP THAT WE
MIGHT HAVE MISSED... WE THANK YOU AS WELL.**

Dear Volunteers and Esteemed Guests,

As we complete our 45th year, more than ever before, our local community non-profit agencies continue to require our volunteers to keep in pace with the continued demand to serve our county. We celebrate you...the committed individuals who Volunteer their time and energy to help others. Your stories of service display the positive impact how one person can create and the everlasting change one person can make for another. RSVP volunteers work in countless ways to make our community stronger. Throughout the country, RSVP programs are mobilizing volunteers to make an impact on issues such as disaster relief, the opioid crisis, mentoring and tutoring students, supporting independent living, helping frail elderly remain in their own homes, and supporting veterans and military families.

Just to highlight some of the RSVP program achievements for 2017...

90 seniors received telephone reassurance TOUCHSTONE assistance.

364 people received free tax preparation at a savings of \$11,648 to community individuals in fees.

270 individuals received over 1600 medical transports from volunteers.

251 seniors received homebound meals with the assistance of RSVP drivers.

100 individuals who are family members of veterans received assistance from RSVP volunteers.

Our Sullivan County Legislature and Local Community Leaders continue to be steadfast in their support of the RSVP project. They fully recognize the value of the service provided by our volunteers to the community. Their support and continued financial commitment helps our volunteers carry on their dedicated service.

As a final note we bid a tearful farewell to Deborah Allen, who has been a dedicated friend to the RSVP Program in her position as OFA Director. We will all miss you and wish you joy in your retirement Thank you for giving so much of your life to helping our community's seniors. I do hope you can make the time to visit us and or become an RSVP volunteer. Wishing you the best in all your endeavors ahead.

Sincere Congratulations RSVP Volunteers on 45 years of Outstanding Service to our County and its Residents!

Caryn Mathews

RSVP Project Director

Sullivan County Office for the Aging

Deborah E. Allen
Director

Caryn Mathews
RSVP Coordinator



Jane Bozan,
Nutrition Coordinator

Martha Scoppa,
Point of Entry
Coordinator

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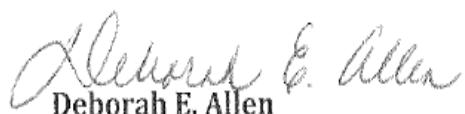
Dear Volunteers,

The theme for Older Americans Month observed in May, was "Engage at Every Age." It emphasized that you are never too old or young to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrated the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities. You all have certainly demonstrated that by engaging in volunteering countless number of hours to ensure that our seniors and others continue to live with dignity in their communities.

Volunteering is the backbone of our society. It gives you greater life satisfaction when staying connected to your community. We at the Office for the Aging would not be able to provide the many services and programs without the assistance of you, our dedicated volunteers. You are the "shining stars" of the county.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to volunteering !

CONGRATULATIONS RSVP ON YOUR 45TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO SULLIVAN COUNTY!!


Deborah E. Allen
Director of Aging Services

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(The Helen Lowe RSVP Memorial Endowment Fund)

**“Best wishes to all the RSVP Volunteers of
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love you put in the doing."*



Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director

&

Elaine Finkle, RSVP Specialist

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The Town of Neversink

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Councilman, Keith Zanetti

Councilman, Michael Brooks
Councilman, Scott Grey



Thank you to the staff and dedicated volunteers of
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Best wishes for a wonderful luncheon!

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Scott Mace

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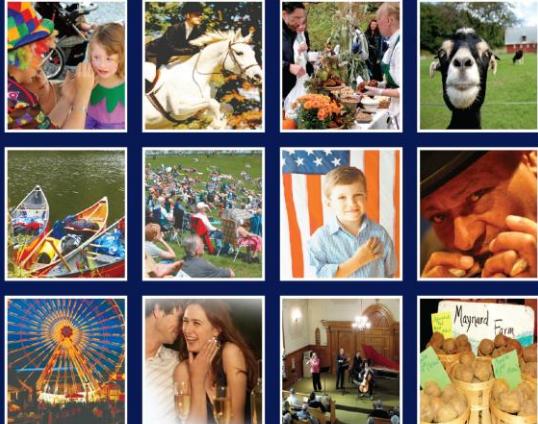
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Thomas Bose
 Supervisor



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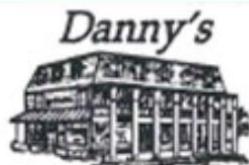
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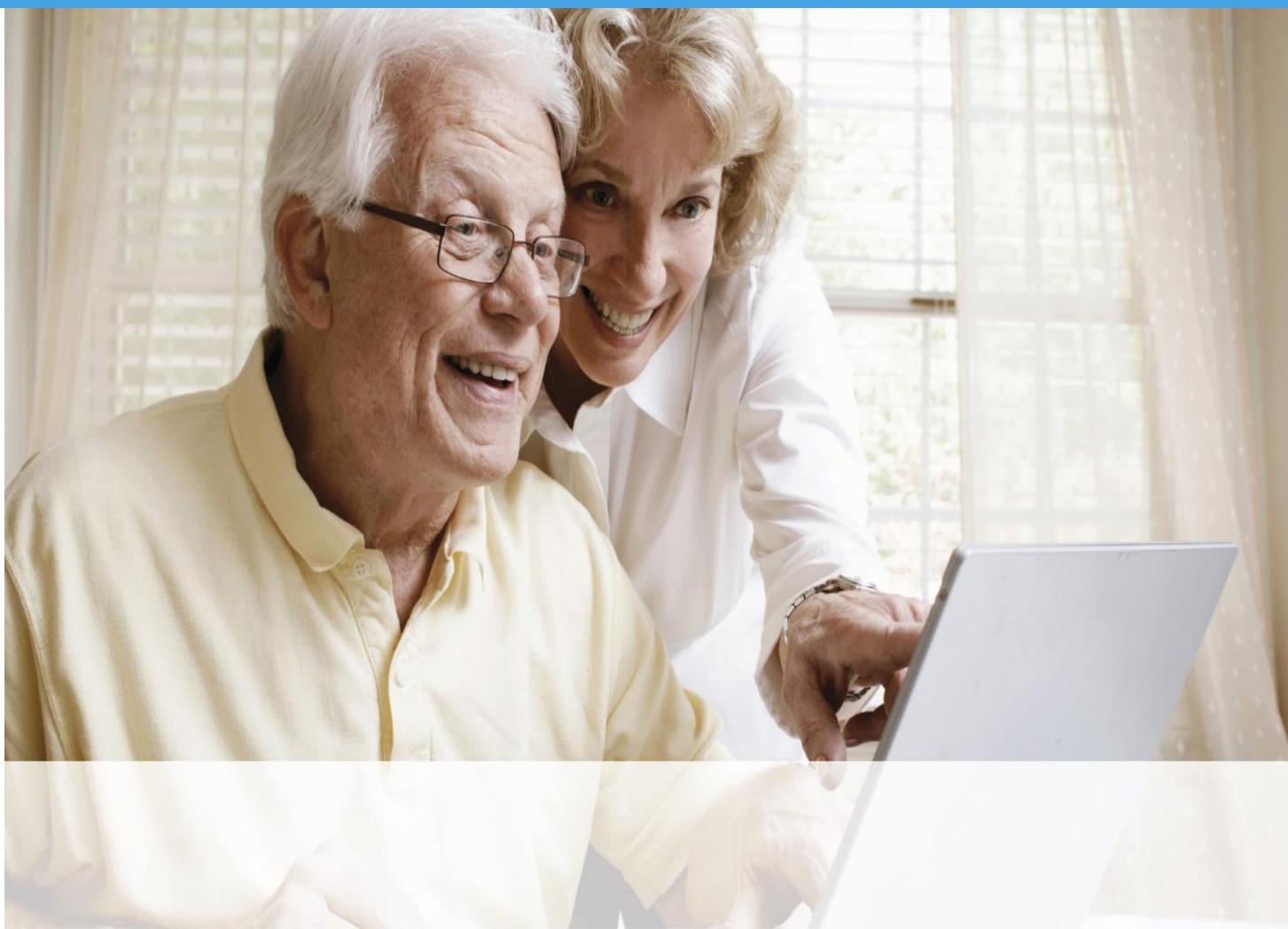
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April 30, 2018

Sullivan County Office for the Aging
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

All,

The Sullivan County Legislature would like to take this opportunity to thank all senior volunteers as well as Director Caryn Mathews and all those affiliated with the Sullivan County RSVP for your dedication to your community is commendable and we are so appreciative of your service. Your volunteer hours make such an enormous difference in the lives of those you serve.

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Dear friends,

During the past 44 years, seniors in the RSVP Program have dedicated their lifetimes of knowledge and experience to improving our community. You have helped veterans, the poor, and other seniors; you've provided companionship, a warm meal, safe transportation, and so much more.

Any amount of community service is admirable, but the RSVP Program is impressive for its scope. There are 57 volunteers who drove seniors to more than 1,000 important medical appointments last year, helping them stay in their homes while still receiving the care they need. You served 38,000 meals and made hundreds of friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. You spent more than 660 hours teaching people to read. You helped 51 local nonprofits. And you still want to do more.

I work hard for you in Albany. But the fact is, no amount of legislation could ever replace the positive impact of neighbors who extend a helping hand to one another. I am so grateful for the generosity and dedication that each of you demonstrates as you serve our community as volunteers. You should be proud of the thousands of lives you have improved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aileen M. Gunther".

Aileen Gunther
Member of Assembly

KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND
NEW YORK



UNITED STATES SENATOR

June 13, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to welcome everyone attending the Sullivan County Retired Senior Volunteer Program's 45th Annual Recognition Luncheon. Congratulations to all of today's honorees for their dedication to serve their community.

RSVP of Sullivan County has promoted the growth and well-being of the community for 45 years. Since 1973, RSVP of Sullivan County has worked to better the lives of citizens in the community. Today, the people of Sullivan County can count on the hundreds of seniors involved in this organization to help support their community.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and for many years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand".

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



JOHN J. FASO
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June 3, 2018

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Dear Friends:

On behalf of my family, staff, the constituents of New York's 19th District, and the United States House of Representatives, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in Sullivan County for providing essential services that focus on our local seniors.

Your Services to our community are vitally important to our Sullivan County seniors, veterans, and disadvantaged community members. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program projects such as the transportation service for the elderly and the involvement with the Blessing Food Pantry provide fundamental services and much-appreciated assistance to members of the community. The RSVP and its more than 280 participating volunteers have our full support.

Thank you for your dedication to our Sullivan communities. RSVP's volunteers make a significant difference economically and personally in the lives of our Sullivan county residents. We look forward to your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Faso".

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Retired Senior Volunteer Program
100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Dear Friends:

Thank you for taking time to gather for the 45th Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, hosted by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Sullivan County.

Your volunteers have brought a lifetime of experience and dedicated commitment to serve the community. Through the extensive network of caring and compassionate individuals, they have changed many lives. Their generous contribution of time and wisdom is invaluable to the nonprofit agencies and organizations for which they serve.

Today, you will recognize the more than 280 volunteers who have truly dedicated themselves to better the lives of others. I am pleased to join in congratulating these commendable citizens, as well as Director Caryn Mathews, and all those affiliated with the Sullivan County RSVP. You truly have made an impact on the community.

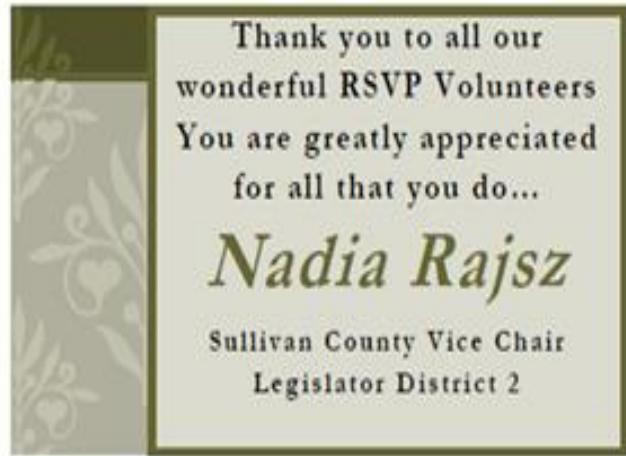
With warmest of regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian D. Miller".

Brian D. Miller
Member of Assembly

Regards and Thanks from our County Officials & Friends of RSVP



**With gratitude in our hearts for your
Contributions to our County and Community,
Your good deeds do not go un-noticed.**

Thank you for being such Dedicated *RSVP* Volunteers.

“To the RSVP Volunteers Thank you for all you do for Our County!”
Peter & Liliam Stettner

**“Congratulations to the RSVP volunteers for all their
Efforts ...***Leonard & Marcia Bauer*

**“Best wishes to all the RSVP Volunteers...*Ombudsman Program of the
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**“From *RSVP Advisory Board Treasurer Marcia Salton*
Thank you to the RSVP Volunteers for all you do for our County....!”**

“To the RSVP Volunteers Thank you for all you do*Shirley Zakarin*



WHAT RSVP MEANS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY....

- 286+ RSVP Volunteers will serve in 60 current non-profit sites many of them running the sites. Assisting our non-profit organizations to continue to serve the community and fulfill their programmatic goals.
- We will be recruiting Volunteers to assist in the serving of over 55,000 meals to community individuals. The Federation for the Homeless and I.O.U pantry Volunteers assisting hundreds of families.
- We will be recruiting Volunteers to add to the current 57 volunteer medical drivers, with over 3,000 hours transporting seniors to needed doctor's appointments. There were 1,600 requests for medical transportation. The RSVP Department in collaboration with the Sullivan County Transportation Department provided 750 trips to the elderly of Sullivan County, 900 by RSVP volunteers.
- We will be recruiting Volunteers to assist our current volunteers, who assisted in serving 226 seniors by serving 13,000+ congregate meals donating over 1300 hours, and assist with the delivery of 38,000 homebound meals to 279 homebound seniors, volunteer drivers served over 2000 hours in 2017.
- 32 thrift Shop Volunteers served 10,000 Sullivan County customers (with affordable clothing and home goods). They need community donations and support to continue to serve the community.
- 15 Literacy Volunteers of America program volunteer tutors with over 660 hours and served 250 community individuals, many were instrumental in teaching many Sullivan County adults to read, opening doors to a new future for them.
- Many of our homebound elderly were the recipients of our telephone reassurance program with hundreds of calls throughout the year keeping our homebound seniors in touch with the office and the community.
- Over 65 individuals and their families were assisted though our Hospice volunteers during the most difficult life stages.
- Over 2000 seniors were involved in: Friendly Visiting, Exercise and Art Programs and special events such as Senior Games and other events run by 20 RSVP volunteers throughout our County.
- Our 2 AARP Driver Safety volunteers served 500 seniors and our 5 AARP tax preparation volunteers prepared tax returns for 364 county residents.
- There are currently 286 active volunteers who served over 40,000 hours in 2017 at \$22.50 per hour (per Corporation for National & Community Services) the value of their hours of service to Sullivan County is over **\$900,000.00**
- Our Goal apex for 2018 is to increase the number of medical transport and homebound meal drivers to serve the growing senior needs in the county. Keeping our Seniors Healthy and living in their homes longer.

WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO ALL!