



# With Seniors

SMILE RSVP ~ BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## JOIN RSVP TODAY!

- Must be 55 years or older to join.
- Willing to serve on a regular basis without compensation
- Willing to accept instruction and supervision
- Work in an approved Lafayette Parish station
- Earn "Volunteer Jewel"

Call Angie Guidry, RSVP Secretary/Outreach Worker  
337-706-8924

Put Your Experience to Work. Volunteer for RSVP!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Advisory Council Meeting	August 9
RSVP Senior Expo	October 11
SMILE 50th Anniversary	October 29
2019 Recognition Luncheon	March 21

Total Volunteer Hours 1049  
(April 1 - 30, 2018)

## Volunteer & Station Opportunities

- ◆ **Food Distribution** ~ RSVP volunteers will assist with the distribution of delivery of food to the needy. They will organize and package the food for easy distribution to seniors and others in the community.
- ◆ **Food Collection** ~ The RSVP volunteers will assist in the collection of healthy food items from 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Programs, Churches and the community, sort the food, stack food on the shelves and refrigerate as needed.
- ◆ **Other** - RSVP volunteers will assist non-profit agencies as needed by answering telephones, light typing, and greeting customers. Volunteers will also make plans and assist in organizing the RSVP Expo.
- ◆ **Distributing information** ~ RSVP volunteers will distribute materials to seniors in the Lafayette area (nursing homes, churches and senior apartment complexes).
- ◆ **Support Legal Assistance Access** ~ Quarterly sessions will be scheduled for veterans and their family to meet with local attorneys who assist them with legal issues they are dealing with. Legal assistance will be provided complimentary as local attorneys will be volunteering their services. RSVP is in partnership with Imani Temple #49.
- ◆ **Developing materials** ~ RSVP Advisory Council members will work with the RSVP Staff in developing materials, such as a Newsletter. The newsletter will contain information pertinent to seniors, such as Health Tips; Tips on Eating Healthy; Upcoming Events (to benefit seniors); Emergency Numbers; Major Hospitals & Clinics; Social Security; Medicare/Medicaid and the Dept. of Health. Materials will be distributed at least quarterly to Nursing Homes, Senior Housing Complexes and Churches.
- ◆ **Assisting in classroom** ~ Volunteers will assist children during the summer; assisting with SMILE's "Star Reader Program" during summer camp. Volunteers will also assist students of the local public and charter schools with their homework and tutoring; volunteers will also assist in the classroom as directed by the teachers and educators.
- ◆ **Providing Financial Literacy Education** ~ Volunteers will provide assistance to the speaker in the quarterly workshops; we will also seek out volunteers who are knowledgeable to conduct the workshops. Volunteers will provide assistance to the instructor who will be conducting sessions on budget and financial counseling. Volunteers who are knowledgeable may conduct the sessions as well.

Interested? Call 337-234-3272 Ext. 251

## United Christian Outreach, Lafayette, LA ~ Volunteers Needed!



UCO distributes food, clothing and other services to the community. If you are 55 years or older and would like to volunteer, call Angie Guidry, 337.234.3272, ext. 251. Not a RSVP Volunteer, **ENROLL TODAY!**



**JUNE**

Betty Tripp  
Hazel Hebert  
Patricia T. Green  
Velma Clement  
Betty T. Kerlegan  
Patsy "Pat" Garcia  
Arrila W. Bell  
Etta Brew  
Gloria B. Senegal  
Gloria Matte

**JULY**

Catherine Singleton  
Ray Tregre  
Anna Marshall  
Robert Green  
Peter Brown  
Elizabeth Wollard  
Joseph Menard  
Janice Clement  
Ray Green  
Carrie B. Stotts  
Laura Nicholas  
Krista Trahan  
Doris Matthew

"Happy Birthday" to our "Volunteer Jewels"

**From Angie's Desk**



Timesheet Reminders

- Timesheets are due by the 5th of each month
- Indicate the Work Station and Month Reporting on Timesheet
- For each Volunteer's time, the "In and Out" section should be recorded accurately
- Record the total number of hours each Volunteer worked
- Do Not Forget to sign and date the Timesheets

Fax to 337-234-3274

**Message From Project Director**

Hello Volunteers, I hope you've had a chance to enjoy the first issue of our newsletter, "Heart to Heart with Seniors". The newsletter will also be available on SMILE's Facebook and Website, the main location of the Lafayette Public Library and we'll begin sending to our local churches. I've also started an email distribution; send request to: [SMalbreaux@smilecaa.org](mailto:SMalbreaux@smilecaa.org) if you'd like to receive via email. Of course, you can pick up a copy at the SMILE office.

For the next few issues, we'll be sharing information to protect yourself against scams and frauds. In the meantime, be alert to safeguard your hard earned Social Security; your home. Screen phone calls carefully; if folks are asking you about money, you may want to just "hang up" on them.



*Susannah Johnson Malbreaux*

**Meet The Faces of Fraud**



What you can learn from these six scams that ripped off older Americans.

*(To be continued in next issue)*

by Michael Hedges,  
[AARP Bulletin](#),  
October 2017

Con artists gain an older victim's trust by faking credentials and manipulating their desire for a secure financial future. Americans over age 50 are the prime targets of crooks who want to steal what they've accumulated over a lifetime.

The FBI lists several reasons why this is true. First, older Americans usually have more money, invested in their homes and retirement savings. They also grew up in a more trusting time. They have specific health needs that can be exploited by con artists. Plus, when older people are scammed, they are often too embarrassed to report the crime.

As a result, scammers stole tens of billions of dollars last year from older Americans and the programs that serve them. Medicare fraud alone is

estimated at \$60 billion annually. In July of this year, 412 people were busted by federal investigators in health care fraud schemes that netted \$1.3 billion.

So who are these thieves? Too often they are people who gained a victim's trust by having seemingly solid credentials as social workers, doctors, lawyers and financial advisers. They are masters at manipulating an older person's desire for a secure financial future. Sometimes they prey on their target's emotions by masquerading as a friend or a love interest.

We've put together a rogue's gallery of people who befriended or pretended to serve older Americans and then stole from them and the programs they count on. These people have all been convicted and are either in prison, heading there or on the run.