

# RSVP

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program



On the peninsula



OlyCAP Helping People- Changing Lives

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Clallam & Jefferson Counties

## Meet the Clallam/Jefferson RSVP Advisory Board Members:

We are very grateful for the help and support our board members provide for communications, events, and recruitment efforts to engage volunteers and partner stations to meet critical community needs.

*Mike has been serving with the RSVP Board for two years and has this to say:*

What I find most attractive about RSVP is the range of volunteer opportunities it makes available to area senior citizens. It provides opportunities for meaningful volunteer activities that target seniors, veterans, children, and those who are experiencing nutritional uncertainties. Much of my volunteer activity centers on education and I presently volunteer at two elementary schools in Sequim. I am especially pleased that the mission of RSVP includes placement of volunteers in public schools in Jefferson and Clallam Counties, the Boys and Girls Club, and in Head Start. From my volunteer activities in the area schools, I have become increasingly aware of the challenges teachers face today as a greater number of kids are coming to school lacking the necessary preparation that comes from a more secure home life. This includes acquisition of the necessary social skills, motivation, and, sadly, even an adequate breakfast. RSVP provides opportunities for seniors to engage our youth and help remedy these and other issues that might prevent them from gaining the most from their education.



Mike Barton- Sequim

## RSVP/NOVC Station Directors



## Focus on...

We currently have 23 volunteer work sites:

- ECHHO- Rich Heitmann
- Encore! Adult Day Care- Jim Couture
- Brinnon Food Bank- Eloise Langenbach
- Clallam County Law Library- Penny Ruby
- Franklin School- Jeff Lunt
- Head Start- Tamara Lidster
- Jefferson School- Joyce Mininger
- KSQM Radio- Tama & Jeff Bankston
- OlyCAP Emergency Svcs- Imelda Walters
- Port Angeles Food Bank- Emily Dexter
- Port Townsend Food Bank- Shirley Moss
- PT Visitor's Center- Arlene Alen
- Quilcene Food Bank- Leslie Tippins
- Roosevelt School - Jennifer Van De Wege
- SNP Brinnon- Eloise Langenbach
- SNP Port Angeles- Josh Sculley
- SNP Port Townsend- Sarah Miskimins
- SNP Sequim- Amy Pandole
- SNP Tri Area- Sarah Miskimins
- Tri Area Community Ctr- Sheila Ramsey
- Tri Area Food Bank- Michael Boock
- Vet Connect- Rita Frangione
- Volunteer Services- Teri Wensits



**Terri Toennesen & Jo Royal - Port Hadlock**

*Terri and Jo have been serving with the RSVP Advisory Board for just over a year:*

We firmly believe that volunteering makes a difference in the lives of those we serve, and helps to strengthen our community. Just as importantly, volunteering provides a richer life for the volunteers themselves. We truly enjoy volunteering and we serve on the RSVP Advisory Board to help out in any way we can to ease the way for others to volunteer.

**Join us at these  
Jefferson County  
RSVP Sites:**

- ECHHO
- Food Banks-  
Brinnon, Quilcene, Tri-Area, &  
Port Townsend
- Early Childhood Development  
Head Start
- OlyCAP Emergency Services
- Senior Nutrition-  
Tri Area & Port Townsend
- Vet Connect
- Volunteer Services

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*Craig has supported the RSVP  
Advisory Board for a year's time:*

First, thank you to all RSVP volunteers for the great work you do at various sites. It's your volunteer work and caring nature that really makes America great! I retired about 4 years ago after long career at the Screen Actors Guild Hollywood and was looking forward to the peace and quiet of country living. I found that but I also discovered the many sounds of country living. The constant buzzing of chainsaws, the never ending ker-chunk of my neighbor's axe splitting firewood, the intermittent blasts of gunfire and my rooster crowing in the day before the sun gets a chance to rise at 5:30 every morning. After settling into my retirement routine of hiking, kayaking and fishing every day, I soon discovered that I was bored and needed a bunch of new hobbies or I could explore volunteer work. My neighbor was volunteering at the Quilcene Food Bank and I tagged along one day and have been there ever since. Through another volunteer I met at the Food Bank I became involved with the Quilcene Lions Club, then the RSVP Advisory Board and joined the Board of NAMI (National Alliance On Mental Illness) Jefferson County. So I'm no longer bored, I now enjoy my hobbies and I've learned that without volunteers very important and vital services would go unmet and our friends and neighbors would needlessly suffer. Please pat yourselves on the back because you all are doing the right thing.



**Craig Uchida—Quilcene**



Jane Covella RSVP Program Manager PT



Becky Acevedo RSVP Volunteer Coordinator PA

We welcome our volunteers this month to Volunteer Appreciation. We recognize all the wonderful volunteer support in our communities spread far and wide across Jefferson and Clallam Counties. From Brinnon to the south, Port Townsend to the north, Port Angeles to the west and those in the middle, Sequim, Quilcene, Port Hadlock and others, we have 306 RSVP volunteers and 158 NOVC volunteers. We are well on our way to having 500 volunteers enrolled in programs and community partner sites with OlyCAP. Simply amazing!!! Last year hardworking volunteers put in a whopping 73,818.83 hours. This shows what team effort truly is. Let's keep the momentum rolling into this new year of 2020.

**Lori Ramirez stationed at ECHHO** recently said “Volunteering has made my life. I live for this job and wouldn't leave it!”

**A new enrollee mentioned,** “After two years living here– I finally feel part of this community.” This is what volunteering is all about!



*Mary is the newest RSVP Board Member at five months:*

I have really enjoyed being a part of RSVP because it allows me to give back to my community. I previously volunteered at the Port Angeles Food Bank for fourteen years, seven of those years with the RSVP program as a Senior Corps member. I recruited volunteers at the food bank and now I enjoy recruiting new volunteers for the Senior Nutrition Program at the PA Senior Center. I am excited to be a

Mary Patterson– PA

member of the RSVP Advisory Board because it allows me to support volunteers and the good work they do for our communities.

**Join us at these**  
**Clallam County**  
**RSVP Sites:**

- **Encore!**
- **Early Childhood Development Head Start**
- **Port Angeles Food Bank**
- **Port Angeles School District: Franklin, Roosevelt & Jefferson**
- **Senior Nutrition: Sequim & Port Angeles**
- **Volunteer Services**

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## 2019 9/11 Day of Caring



**Becky Melick** (on left) and **Esther Alward** (on right) both volunteers with the Port Angeles Senior Nutrition Program, working on “Thank You” cards that were presented to First Responders for the **2019 Day of Caring** Project.