

Clallam/Jefferson RSVP Honors Volunteers



An amazing federal and state funded program called Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Clallam and Jefferson counties recognizes and honors volunteers each year. Awards are presented to volunteers for hours worked between April 1st and March 31st each year. The non-profit agency Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP) sponsors both the RSVP program and volunteers with North Olympic Volunteer Corps (NOVC). More than 158 volunteers earned awards for their part in serving a total of 85,691 total hours last year. In all, there were over 400 OlyCAP volunteers serving communities on the Olympic Peninsula last year.

Thousands of service hours are donated annually by program volunteers to partner agencies who provide for emergency food distribution, tutoring of youth, delivering meals and transporting senior adults to medical appointments, helping with basic household tasks, providing service referrals to military veterans and family members, giving respite adult day care to family members, helping at community centers to offer senior nutrition meals, programming with KSQM radio, and assisting customers to reference materials at the law library in Port Angeles. We have 90 people waiting to return to volunteer service after the virus fades away. 307 volunteers have remained active (despite the pandemic) assisting in a number of job placement locations.

The RSVP program funded through grants from the Corporation of National and Community Service, Washington State Department of Commerce, and OlyCAP focuses on alleviating loneliness in seniors; supporting education and school readiness goals; providing emergency food to families; supporting home bound seniors with transportation and meal needs so that senior adults can continue to live at home as they age, services to veterans and family members, and respite care to caregivers through the ENCORE- Adult Day Care Program.

RSVP was established by congress in 1965 and is a Senior Corps program. OlyCAP has sponsored RSVP since 1972 and in recent years added the North Olympic Volunteer Corps program (NOVC) which supports volunteers 18 to 54 years of age. They work at many of the same sites as RSVP volunteers. There are additional NOVC sites which support non-grant funded services.

Both programs provide Volunteer Liability Insurance coverage for volunteers if they are injured while working for out-of-pocket expenses only. The best benefit for volunteers who participate is socialization with co-workers and customers/clients who applaud services provided. Each year we celebrate the hard work achieved and the many people who were helped at an annual volunteer appreciation. In the summer months we distribute President's Volunteer Service Award pins to those who worked 100+ hours= Bronze, 250-499=Silver, 500 plus hours=Gold.

These are the people we have recognized recently for volunteer achievements:
 (*Asterisks denote RSVP volunteers only):

Volunteer Names:	Gold Pin Award = 500 plus hours
Jeff Bankston- KSQM Radio	2,096
*Michael Boock- Tri Area Food Bank	1,656
*Leslie Tippins- Quilcene Food Bank	1,778
Terry Santos- KSQM Radio	1,543
*Tod Nickerson- Quilcene Food Bank	1,347
Ed Evans- KSQM Radio	1,154
Tama Bankston- KSQM Radio	1,144
Kimberly Jackson- Encore!	1,006
*Fran Howell- Port Angeles Food Bank	866.75
*Eloise Langenbach- Brinnon Food Bank	791
*Deisy Bach- Tri Area Food Bank	786
*Mary Patterson- Port Angeles Food Bank	699.75
*Kate Sullivan- Brinnon Food Bank and SNP	690
Mark Bragdon- KSQM Radio	603
Judy Bernthal-Jefferson County Visitor's Center	572
*Ruth Brown- Port Angeles Food Bank	567.25
Kathryn Webber- Encore!	548

Volunteer Names:	Silver Pin Award = 250-499 Hours
Susan Sorensen- KSQM Radio	470
Wendy Ryan-Hogan- Brinnon Food Bank	463
Dick Goodman- KSQM Radio	462
*Ernie Muir- Brinnon Food Bank	459
*Sunchin Weeks- Brinnon Food Bank	457
*Doris Muir- Brinnon Food Bank	435
John Wesner- KSQM Radio	430
*Bill Thompson- Tri Area Food Bank	429
*Betty Prentice- Quilcene Food Bank	415.5
*Kathy Sparkes- Port Townsend Food Bank	414
*Rita Frangione- Vet Connect	407
*James Gluck- Port Angeles Food Bank	400.5
Richard Hendricksen- KSQM Radio	398
*Tommy Boyd- Quilcene Food Bank	393.5
*Beverly Clark- Brinnon Food Bank	370
Frank Sartain-Encore!	368
*Roger Horner- ECHHO & Tri Area Food Bank	363.5
Linda Johannessen- KSQM Radio	363
*Mike Langenbach- Tri Area Food Bank	351
Scott Scherer- KSQM Radio	348
George Dooley- KSQM Radio	340
*Craig Uchida- Quilcene Food Bank	339
*Jacqueline Hartley- Brinnon Food Bank	337
Marie Hooper- KSQM Radio	317
Shannon Kidd- Quilcene Food Bank	315
Bill Hegarty- KSQM Radio	314
Andrew Woodson- KSQM Radio	313
*Alan Smith- Tri Area Food Bank	309
*Brett Bowcutt- Brinnon Food Bank	304
*Max Wood- Tri Area Food Bank	303
*Jean Holtz- Vet Connect	297
*Sunchin Weeks- Brinnon Food Bank	293
*Raymond Sayer- Tri Area SNP	290
*Susan Porter- Port Townsend SNP	289
*Sara Lynn- Tri Area Food Bank	279
*Macy Mullarky- Port Townsend Food Bank	277
Tracy Speer-Quilcene Food Bank	277
*Chuck Gerstenberger- Tri Area Food Bank	276
*Cathy Chapman- Tri Area Food Bank	275
*Bonnie Moses- Port Angeles Food Bank	268.5
Christa Schleich- Brinnon Food Bank	255
*Jane Matthews- Quilcene Food Bank	254
*Sidney Goodman- Port Townsend Head Start	251.75
*Carmen Germeau- Tri Area Food Bank	251
Toni Wright- Brinnon Food Bank	250

Volunteer Names:	Bronze Pin Award = 100-249 Hours
Janice Tarp- KSQM Radio	249
*Charles Tolman- Tri Area Food Bank	248
*Ron Smith- Port Angeles Food Bank	239.5
*Peg Carey- Tri Area Food Bank	237
Tami Bragg-Serrato- Tri Area Food Bank	237
Helga duBellier-KSQM Radio	235
Janet Russ- Tri Area Community Center	231
*Claudia Girard- Volunteer Services	230.25
*Mary Melly- Port Angeles Food Bank	228.5
Mark Anderson- Port Angeles SNP	223
*Thomas Black- Tri Area Food Bank	223
*Carlina Stedman- Brinnon Food Bank	222
*Linda Sentman- Quilcene Food Bank	220
*Anne Field- Port Angeles SNP	216
*Jack Smith- Volunteer Services	209.25
Kevin Roberts- Tri Area Food Bank	206
*Leatha Smith- Tri Area Food Bank	206
Sandra Erickson- KSQM Radio	205
*Susan Bingham- Tri Area Food Bank	202
Janet Norman- KSQM Radio	201
*Marc Riolo- Tri Area Food Bank	201
*James Tallman- Tri Area Food Bank	201
*Lori Jacobs- Port Angeles Food Bank	199.5
Betty Oakes- Chamber of Commerce	195.5
Jesse Avery- Tri Area Food Bank	194
*Patricia Crossley- Brinnon Food Bank	193
*Teri Twyman- Quilcene Food Bank	189
*Teri Sumpter- Tri Area Food Bank	188
Sally Rodgers- Chamber of Commerce	187.5
Kelbi Folkerson-KSQM Radio	180
*Dorothy Rath- Tri Area Food Bank	180
*Pamela Gill- Tri Area Food Bank	180
Serena Prah-Sheen- Tri Area Food Bank	178
*Lori Ramirez- ECHHO	178
*Scott Manning- Port Angeles Food Bank	177.25
*Kathi Mueller- Brinnon Food Bank	177
Bud Davies- KSQM Radio	174
*Randy Schleich- Port Townsend Food Bank	171
*Kimberly Carlin- Brinnon Food Bank	168
Carson Lujan-KSQM Radio	168
*Donna Valske- Tri Area Food Bank	165
Gary Dowley- KSQM Radio	162
Patricia Guthrie- KSQM Radio	162
Marie Paddock- KSQM Radio	160
*Becky Melick- Port Angeles SNP	157
Gary Prosch- KSQM Radio	156
*Catherine Black- ECHHO	155.25

Volunteer Names:	Bronze Pin Award = 100-249 Hours
Brick Aybla- KSQM Radio	155
Patricia Orella- KSQM Radio	153
*Terri Toennessen- Tri Area SNP & OlyCAP Emergency Services	151.25
*Shirley Calodich- Port Townsend SNP	150.5
*David Lundy- Tri Area Food Bank	148
Sally Robbins- Chamber of Commerce	147
*Joe Allen- Tri Area Food Bank	144
Charles Briggs- KSQM Radio	144
Sue Coffman- KSQM Radio	139
David Gomez- Tri Area Food Bank	138
Linda Hindes- KSQM Radio	138
Art Moore- KSQM Radio	138
Rachel Boock- Tri Area Food Bank	136
*Barbara Smith- Tri Area Food Bank	135
*Mae Jensen- Etchey	134
James Emett- KSQM Radio	133
*Jo Royal- Tri Area SNP & OlyCAP Emergency Services	132.75
*Teresa Rosekrans- Quilcene Food Bank	132
*Lora Carswell- Port Angeles SNP	131
*Lynne Rodd- Tri Area Food Bank	126
*Richard Ackley- Port Townsend Food Bank	125
*Myra Davis- Port Angeles SNP	125
*Diane Jensen- Quilcene Food Bank	124
*Scott Rosekrans- Quilcene Food Bank	123
William Keller- KSQM Radio	119
Ronald Brantner- Chamber of Commerce	118
Bonnie Fritz- Chamber of Commerce	118
*Anita McCue- Quilcene Food Bank	117
*Bob McDaniel- Quilcene Food Bank	113
Jeani Penn- KSQM Radio	112
*Sam Roberts- Brinnon Food Bank	112
*Terry Breland- Brinnon Food Bank	108
Chris Kell- KSQM Radio	108
Fredrick McKenzie- KSQM Radio	108
Pamela Adams- KSQM Radio	108
Virginia Bowling- KSQM Radio	107
*Veronica Ryan- Tri Area Food Bank	106.5
*Thomas Reyes- Tri Area Food Bank	106
*Barbara Slavik- Port Angles Food Bank	105.5
*Linda Titus- Port Angeles SNP	105
Elizabeth Burrirt- Clallam County Law Library	102
*Bob Lewis- Port Angeles SNP	102
*Michael McCue- Quilcene Food Bank	102
*Margo Hamilton- Quilcene Food Bank	102

These volunteers deliver a powerful message encouraging others to serve. The Clallam/Jefferson RSVP and NOVC program volunteers worked 8,000 more hours than last year. RSVP volunteers serving 57,782 hours and NOVC volunteers volunteering 27,908 hours. The hourly rate for volunteers working in Washington State is valued at \$25.43 per hour. If you multiple this by 85,691 hours worked then you see OlyCAP RSVP/NOVC programs saved our counties, state and federal government \$2,179,097 in volunteer supported activities. Thank any volunteers you meet for this incredible effort!

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