

# THE FHVC VOLUNTEER BULLETIN



## 9/11 Day of Remembrance

Family Event & Picnic

Sept 7th 3pm - 6pm  
Pottorf Hall, 1710 Avery Ave



In honor of the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, join Flint Hills Volunteer Center for an afternoon of family-friendly fun with emergency vehicles and child-friendly activities. Riley County Police Department will be serving a picnic dinner while food lasts starting at approximately 5pm.



There will be no required online registration for the shoe distribution that will begin at approximately 3pm. We look forward to seeing all attendees!

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**Lori Bishop,  
Executive  
Director**

*"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children." — George W. Bush*

Greetings Volunteers,

We survived the hot summer! I love the fall season with cooler weather, the beautiful fall leaves, football season, and hot chocolate!

It was so nice to see our amazing RSVP of Riley County volunteers at our annual banquet on August 8th. I've heard great feedback from many of you that you loved the food and the entertainment. We did too! This year was a time of uncertainty for our RSVP program, and we are so happy that we can continue providing great volunteers to make our community a better place to live. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all for serving others. You never know what one simple gesture could mean for someone else. I have so many memories from the past 40 years of volunteer work, impact volunteers made, personal stories of volunteers, friendships made, and knowing I have the best job in the world!

In 2002, family members of those killed and injured on 9/11 joined with first responders and others to create "9/11 Day" to annually and forever encourage all Americans to remember and pay tribute on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks through acts of service, including volunteerism, and to keep Americans' promise to "Never Forget."

We are delighted to host the 9/11 Day of Remembrance on September 7th, where first responders and volunteers will play an integral part of giving 400 children a pair of shoes. It's back to school and we welcome back teachers, students, as well as our K-State University and Manhattan Christian College students. Have a great year!

I am humbled to have received the Life of Service Award from the national AmeriCorps program. I was also featured on the Aging with Gratitude Podcast with Cathy Dawes Scroggs. I love sharing the work of our volunteers more so than me, ha!

Thank you, volunteers, for all you do. You are the BEST!

Lori

## Coordinator Update

This past August we hosted our annual Appreciation Dinner for the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP of Riley County volunteers. What a joy it was to celebrate with all of you enjoying good food, great entertainment, and most importantly, the company of such dedicated and inspiring individuals.

It was truly a pleasure to meet so many of you in person and finally put faces to the names I've seen in emails or on timesheets. Your warm smiles and kind words made the evening even more special. I look forward to seeing more of you at upcoming volunteer events throughout the year or when you stop by the office just to say hello.

Looking ahead, September is shaping up to be a busy month, with our 9/11 Day of Remembrance event on the horizon. I'm excited to see many of you there.

As I continue to settle into my new role I want to sincerely thank you all for your support and encouragement during these first few months.

-Meghan

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to interact with and organize volunteering projects for all the CSC students throughout this year.

I am incredibly excited to be joining as a part of the team at Flint Hills Volunteer Center and am so thankful for the comforting welcome I have received so far! Something to get to know me with is that I am currently enrolled as a student at Manhattan Christian College and am on course to receive an associate's degree in general science by May 2026. I am also engaged and plan to get married to my current fiancé in May 2026. These experiences, along with multiple nonprofits I have served, have given me knowledge and passion towards working alongside others in endeavors such as what this operation stands for, and I cannot wait to add to the team!

I am organizing new chances for the CSC students to connect with and serve the community with various organizations and events in Manhattan.

-Hannah



**Meghan Loverude,**  
**Program Services**  
**Coordinator**



**Hannah May,**  
**Volunteer**  
**Coordinator**



# AmeriCorps Seniors



136 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers have reported 1,599 volunteer hours so far for June & July!

Featured in our pictures this month are highlights from our annual AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP of Riley County volunteer appreciation dinner. What a special evening it was!

We gathered to celebrate the incredible dedication and impact of our AmeriCorps Senior volunteers with a night full of good food, heartfelt gratitude, and memorable entertainment. Texas Roadhouse provided a fantastic meal that everyone enjoyed. Our entertainment for the evening Jeff Davidson, kept everyone engaged with his performance of classic songs like "Rawhide", cleverly tied into Kansas History, was a big highlight of the evening.

Along with the music and conversation, we handed out some wonderful door prizes and enjoyed an evening filled with laughter and connection.

Thank you, volunteers, for your time, energy, and heart you bring to the Flint Hills Volunteer Center and to our Community.

Have a photo you'd like to share in a future issue? Email it to Meghan!

## Upcoming Events & Ongoing Opportunities

Please contact Meghan if any of these upcoming opportunities interest you!

### **Medical Transportation Drivers**

Our office is in high need of volunteers who can help drive local residents to medical appointments within Manhattan. Our rider list and requests for help are growing, but we need you to help this program remain successful! This is a flexible opportunity depending on your schedule, but you must have a safe driving record, insurance, and a reliable vehicle.

### **Friendship Meals**

Volunteers who can commit to a regular route or who can serve as substitute drivers are needed. Driver volunteers should be available to run their route(s) from 10:30am-12pm.



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In the top photo, we have our Hilton Garden Inn group of volunteers painting rocks for the 9/11 Day of Remembrance for Families. In the bottom photo, we have a couple of their finished results!



In the middle photo, we have our brand-new “CSC Wanted” sign, which is posted in front of our office for those CSC-aged individuals who walk around the mall to see.

### Upcoming Events & Ongoing Opportunities

In September, our focus will shift to the 9/11 Day of Remembrance Family Event and Picnic, where many of our volunteers will assist. During October, we will start preparing for our next big event for CSC volunteers, Santa City, which we will continue to be busy with until the end of the year.



At Santa City, children ages 4-10 embark on a magical shopping adventure designed just for them. Upon arrival, parents are guided to a waiting area outside the main shopping zone. The elves help the kids explore various gift stations, where items range from \$0.50 to \$10. Once the gifts are selected and wrapped, the elves handle the checkout process. After shopping, children leave with their gifts, excited to share their selections with their families.



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WE NEED YOU!

# HELP WANTED



ORGANIZATIONAL CAUSES THROUGHOUT THE FLINT HILLS AREA NEED YOUNG, LIVELY VOLUNTEERS, AND THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO STEP INTO ACTION!

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**VOLUNTEER CENTER**

**SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY  
THROUGH FUN & ENGAGING  
PROJECTS AND SERVICE!**

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## September:

1st: Office Closed for Labor Day

7th: 9/11 Day of Remembrance Family Event; 3-6pm, Pottorf Hall

12th: Harvesters; 3:30pm, Blue Valley Memorial UMC

16th: Harvesters; 9:00am, CiCo Park

17th: Harvesters; 9:30am, Leonardville Community Church

23rd: Harvesters; 11:30am, Downtown Manhattan (by Dillard's)

23rd: Harvesters; 9:00am, Ogden Community Center

## October:

10th: Harvesters; 3:30pm, Blue Valley Memorial UMC

21st: Harvesters; 9:00am, CiCo Park

28th: Harvesters; 11:30am, Downtown Manhattan (by Dillard's)

28th: Harvesters; 9:00am, Ogden Community Center

## Upcoming Opportunities:

Peace-Full Pantry: Volunteers are needed for all shifts to help families and individuals visiting the pantry. Shifts are Sunday 2-4pm, Monday 5-7, Tuesday 3-5pm, and Thursday 5-7pm.

The Big Little Apple Street Festival: Volunteers are needed for the festival coming up on October 16th, and we are looking for dependable volunteers to help make this exciting community event a success. The festival will take place in Downtown Manhattan at 409 Poyntz Avenue from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and volunteer shifts are available throughout the day.

Volunteer responsibilities may include moving and assembling stage pieces, assisting with event setup and teardown, managing barricades for street closures, and providing general event support. If you're unable to commit to the full time, shifts can be broken into smaller time blocks to fit your schedule.

## Cookie Brigade:

September 7th- *special date! These cookies will be a part of our 9/11 Day of Remembrance Family Event.*

Bring your fresh baked cookies directly to Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park - 1710 Avery Ave by 2:00pm. Volunteers will distribute them as part of our community 9/11 Event.



*Welcome to  
our 24 new  
volunteers &  
groups who  
have enrolled in  
July & August!*

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AmeriCorps Seniors, Kansas Volunteer Commission, YES! Fund, Riley County Council on Aging, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

The Flint Hills Volunteer Center is driven by its mission of connecting volunteers to the needs of our community. As our community grows rapidly, the issues we face continue to increase in providing resources for unmet basic human needs.

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP of Riley County is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. Volunteers use the skills and talents they've learned over the years, or they develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities within our community.

Volunteers are needed every day for a variety of opportunities in Riley, Geary, & Pottawatomie counties. If you are not currently enrolled with our program and would like to learn more about how to help, please contact us for more information.

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Our communities depend on great volunteers like you!