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RSVP Station – Mission Central HUB



AmeriCorps Senior volunteers from left to right:
Jay Fornwalt, Peggie O'Brien, and Debbie Fisher

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) recently partnered with Mission Central HUB located at 1738 N Branch Ave, Altoona, PA 16601. Mission Central HUB is a non-profit organization where sixteen AmeriCorps Senior volunteers assemble four types of kits: baby kits, care kits, activity kits, and cleaning kits. The baby kit includes receiving blankets, undershirts/onesies, washcloths, gowns/sleepers, and a sweater or jacket. The care kit includes a hand towel, a washcloth, a comb, a metal nail file or clipper, bath soap, a toothbrush, bandages, and a gallon sized resealable plastic bag. The activity kit includes scissors, notebooks, a ruler, a handheld pencil sharpener, pencils with erasers, crayons/markers, pens, and a cloth bag to carry them. The cleaning kit includes scouring pads, a scrub brush, cleaning towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent, concentrate cleaner, clothesline, clothespins, dust masks,

latex gloves, heavy duty work gloves, a 5-gallon bucket with lid, garbage bags, insect repellent, and an air freshener. AmeriCorps Senior volunteers also make blankets and quilts for the homeless.

Hope Harrison, Executive Director of Mission Central, wrote a letter to Mission Central HUB that said, "Thank you for your recent in-kind donation of 66 Cleaning Buckets, 760 Activity Kits, 720 Care Kits, and a variety of other needed items! Last year, the Mission Central warehouse assisted 8.7 million people with over \$23.5 million in resources. Thank you for being part of our success, helping us to assist people here in Central Pennsylvania, throughout the United States and around the world."

Mission Central HUB is always looking for volunteers to help sew, knit, or crochet infant sweaters, quilts, infant gowns, activity bags, and homeless blankets. If you are interested in volunteering at Mission Central HUB, then please call 814-329-1074 or email hubaltoona2022@aol.com. Mission Central HUB is also looking for donations of jeans and fabric to make homeless blankets as well as donation of items to put in the kits. If you would like to donate, then please drop off donations at their location, 1738 N Branch Ave, Altoona, PA 16601. Mission Central HUB is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm.

AmeriCorps Senior volunteers from left to right:
Peggy Cawthorn, Sherry Miller, and Gloria Bille-Dugan



Parent's Appreciation Quiz

To the incredible moms and dads—Thank you for the endless support, for teaching the values that matter most, and for always being there, no matter the challenges. Below are quiz questions for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The answers to this quiz will be posted in the next RSVP newsletter.

1. What is the most popular gift to give moms on Mother's Day in the United States?
 - a. Chocolates
 - b. Flowers
2. What is the most popular gift to give dads on Father's Day in the United States?
 - a. Necktie
 - b. Watch
3. What is the traditional flower for Mother's Day?
 - a. Lily
 - b. Carnation
4. What is the traditional flower for Father's Day?
 - a. Rose
 - b. Carnation
5. Which American social activist founded Mother's Day in the United States?
 - a. Anna Jarvis
 - b. Jane Addams
 - c. Susan B. Anthony
6. Who organized the first Father's Day celebration in the United States?
 - a. Ida B. Wells-Barnett
 - b. Sonora Smart Dodd
 - c. Bayard Rustin
7. Which U.S. President made Mother's Day an official holiday?
8. Which U.S. President made Father's Day an official holiday?
9. What year was Mother's Day first celebrated in the United States?
 - a. 1888
 - b. 1908
10. What year was Father's Day first celebrated in the United States?
 - a. 1910
 - b. 1920
11. True or False: Mother's Day started as an anti-war movement.
12. True or False: The first Father's Day was celebrated to honor a single dad.
13. True or False: Americans spend more money on Father's Day than they spend on Mother's Day.
14. In the 1920s and 1930s, there was a movement to do away with Father's Day and Mother's day in favor of this single holiday.
 - a. Family Day
 - b. Parent's Day

AmeriCorps Senior volunteers: If you complete this quiz, then please email your answers to Danielle Ochs, RSVP Project Coordinator, at dochs@ccaofpa.org or mail your answers to Center for Community Action, 510 Washington St, Huntingdon, PA 16652. Once your answers are received, then your names will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$10 Sheetz gift card. **Answers must be submitted by May 31, 2025.** If you have any questions, then please call Danielle Ochs at 814-643-4202 ext. 4202.

May Birthdays

3-Del Raudabaugh
5-Duane Ehredt, Sr.
7-Peggie O'Brien
13-Pat Gildea
13-Dan Sinal
15-Sherrie Buchanan
15-Betty Hayes
15-Eileen Porta
15-Nellie Wright
17-Jinny Cooper
17-Ron Harella
18-Jude Harrington
18-Mary Kay Kovach
19-Alice Kline
19-Gisela Peace
20-Michele Lloyd
21-Kathy Amman
21-Rosemary Gill
23-Mike Cordle
23-Jim Croyle
23-George Sarra
24-Debbie Peterman
26-Sue Sharpless
27-Reeder Swartz
31-Audrey Houck

June Birthdays

1-William Reifsteck
3-Lois Beer
5-Linda Watson
7-Connie Diller
9-Cindy Corle
11-Peggy Loibl
12-Larry Burger
12-Nancy Christy
13-Tom Royer
15-Carolyn Brown
15-Kevin Hallahan
17-Ken Graham
19-Ruth Ann McKinney
20-Jen Clark
21-Gloria Bille-Dugan
21-Frank Chalan
23-Jack Prendergast
25-Dan Miller
25-Gary Reid
29-Janet Schmittle

Answers to Spring into Volunteering! Quiz

Below are Answers to the March/April newsletter quiz:

1. In the Northern Hemisphere, what date signifies the first day of Spring? **March 20, 2025**
2. What does Spring symbolize? **Rebirth**
3. On the first day of Spring, it is said that the day and night are exactly what length?
12 hours each
4. Is Spring considered the first, second, third, or fourth season of the year? **First**
5. In which country do cherry blossom trees signify the beginning of Spring? **Japan**
6. What are the Spring months in Australia? **September to November**
7. What Spring flower is often associated with Wales? **Daffodils**
8. What are English Spring buns traditionally called? **Hot Cross Buns**
9. True or False: Maple syrup tastes sweetest in Spring. **True**
10. What do April showers often bring according to a popular saying? **May Flowers**