



Seniors in Action

Foster Grandparents Program

RSVP

Senior Companions Program

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Welcome

New RSVP Volunteers!!

Daniel Archuleta
Randell Barton
Jimmy Dean
Cathy Fontenot
Joni Lancaster
Nancy Long
Alma Pena

'Tis the season for letting go of old grudges, forgiving the people who matter most, or at least putting aside your differences for one day so you can enjoy what precious little time you have together.

As we approach the end of another year and embrace the holiday season, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our dedicated volunteers. Your commitment, service, and generous spirit are invaluable in strengthening the communities we serve. In recent months, our volunteer luncheons, seasonal gatherings, and community socials have showcased the impactful work we accomplish when we unite with a shared vision.

Our programs - RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions - continue to expand in both scope and significance. As we look to the future, we remain devoted to advocating for these essential services and ensuring that our government leaders recognize their critical role in supporting older adults throughout the Concho Valley. Your ongoing support in this endeavor is deeply appreciated.

This season marks my first full year as the Director of Senior Volunteer Services. It has been a year filled with remarkable learning, professional growth, and meaningful connections. I am grateful for the privilege of representing the Concho Valley Council of Governments and AmeriCorps Seniors, and I genuinely appreciate the opportunity to work alongside each of you.

As we enter a new year, we will face fresh opportunities, new challenges, and a renewed sense of purpose. I eagerly anticipate continuing our shared mission as we enhance our programs and deepen our service to the community.

Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a prosperous, fulfilling New Year!

Daniel Orozco Martinez,
 Director Senior Volunteer Programs



FOSTER GRANDPARENT AND SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAMS!

AmeriCorps Seniors

Foster Grandparent Program

Help me in Welcoming our (4) new Foster Grandparents.



Pictured left to right (Ermelinda (Linda) Pinedo, Beatriz Márquez, Peggy Zapata, Clementine Urista (Instructor), and Renee DePauw)

Pre-Service Training for new Foster Grandparents was held October 20 -22, 2025 by Clementine Urista the FGP Instructor. This training is mandatory (20) hours for those wanting to become a Foster Grandparent. Pre-Service orientation training will orient the volunteer to the Foster Grandparent Program, the CVCOG, the roles and activities of a volunteer, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Handbook, administrative procedures, project staff, community resources, and volunteer stations and assignments. Volunteers are paid the hourly stipend rate for pre-service training hours as well as mileage reimbursement as appropriate.

Senior Companion Program

Pre-Service Training for Senior Companion also entails the same mandatory (20) hours for those wanting to become Senior Companions. Pre-Service orientation training will orient the volunteer to the Senior Companion Program, the CVCOG, the roles and activities of a volunteer, the Senior Companion Handbook, administrative procedures, project staff, community resources, and volunteer stations and assignments. Volunteers are paid the hourly stipend rate for pre-service training hours as well as mileage reimbursement as appropriate.

Volunteer Definition and Implications

A "volunteer" is anyone who performs service without compensation or expectation of compensation beyond reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Volunteers are not employees of the Concho Valley Council of Governments, the FGP/SCP Programs, AmeriCorps, the federal government, or any partnering agency or volunteer station. Volunteers are not paid a wage and are not eligible for federal or state workers' compensation in the event of an accident. Volunteers do receive a monetary stipend for each hour of service, but this stipend is not considered to be a wage and does not alter the volunteer's status as a volunteer.

**For more information on Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs,
please call, 944-9666, ext. 225.
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RSVP Station Spotlight

Clyde Public Library
125 Oak St., Clyde, TX.
Librarian - Linda Cavanaugh
325-893-5315



Clyde Public Library is seeking volunteers to assist at the library with the circulation desk duties, help with checking items in and out. Also, you could be a vital part of the Toddler Time programs on Wednesday. Join our Tuesday morning Volunteer group assisting the library and enjoy a coffee break with homemade goodies.

Summer is a busy time at the library. Assistance is needed to read to the children and assist with their craft projects. Stop by or give them a call for more information.



Check them out on Face Book at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ClydeTexasLibrary>



Library Hours

Tuesday	10:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday	10:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday	10:00am - 5:00pm
Friday	10:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am - 2:00pm

Abilene Volunteer Recognition Luncheon November 6, 2025



We discovered some new "talent" during the luncheon...



Abilene Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

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Special Guests: Tracy Ware (left) - Friends for Life, Independent Living/ Quality of Life Coordinator; Sabra Knox (right) -Hendrick Health Volunteer Services Mgr.



Taylor County Judge Phil Crowley - Guest Speaker



Smiles from Meals on Wheels, Plus!



Volunteers with hearts full of smiles!



Mooyah Burgers...perfect match for the 1950's theme!

Abilene Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

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Volunteering just comes naturally
for Velma Finn



Luncheons are a great place to
catch up on all volunteer news!



San Angelo News

On Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, the San Angelo Train Museum Board honored Bruce McLaren for his years of volunteer work, having served as President of the Historic Orient Santa Fe Railroad Museum Board. A consummate reader and writer, McLaren started volunteering at the museum in 2015. He volunteered to establish an organized library collection of railroad resources and created a series of railroad and transportation terms so the collection would be easier for users and individuals interested in the library.

Many years of hard work and dedication to this program has brought information to countless visitors...information that would have been lost, had it not been for Bruce's efforts. We're so very proud of you, Bruce!

RSVP Staff



San Angelo Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

October 16, 2025

Your "welcome committee"!



So many "cool" dudes & dudettes!



Eloquent dancing at its best.

Twist
-n-
SHOUT!



Several photos, courtesy of Claire Cranford

San Angelo Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

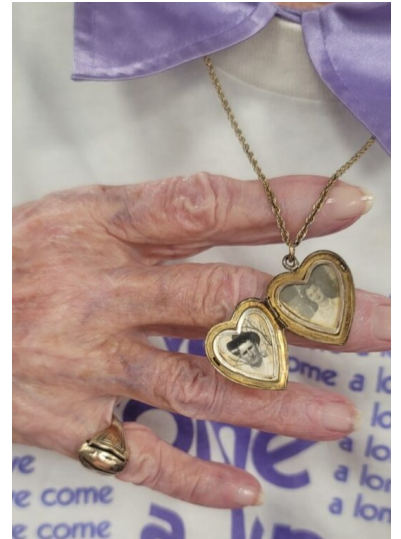
October 16, 2025



We consider all contestants WINNERS!



Hubba-bubba! We have a winner with She' Bendele!



Marie Kretschmer showing off her beautiful 1943 locket and 1944 class ring. The picture in the locket is of her future husband and herself.



Such talent with (2) hula-hoops!

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**Patriots' Day 9-11-2025
San Angelo**



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