

4TH QUARTER  
2022

# TX PANHANDLE RSVP NEWSLETTER



## Fall gnome crafting at Moore County Senior Citizens

RSVP and PCS staff at  
Senior Ambassador  
Coalition's  
Community Fall Festival



RSVP volunteer, Rozella  
with volunteer site,  
Kindred Hospice, at the  
Fall Festival.



Volunteers  
making  
Vial of Life  
containers



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# ABOUT OUR SPONSORING AGENCY



Panhandle Community Services is a non-profit, community based organization offering a variety of programs and services to assist low-income individuals and families. Our programs and services are designed and implemented to target specific poverty-related issues with the goal of bridging the gap between poverty and self-sufficiency. As a whole, PCS provides a broad base of support for the residents of all twenty-six Panhandle counties.

If you, your family, or friends needs the following services, please call or visit PCS' website for more information.

Water assistance, electric or gas assistance, personal hygiene items, Medicaid assistance, Marketplace Healthcare, housing assistance, family development, Veteran's housing assistance, tax assistance, home weatherization assistance and/or transportation services

[www.panhandlehelp.org](http://www.panhandlehelp.org) (806)372-2531



As many of our long time volunteers remember, AARP Tax Prep was a volunteer site from 2005-2020. Since the pandemic, they have closed their doors in the TX Panhandle region. RSVP's sponsoring organization, PCS, now has a program that does something similar. If you previously volunteered with AARP Tax Prep and are still interested in helping with taxes, we would love to get you signed back up to volunteer with taxes.

The Earned Income Tax (EITC) Program at PCS provides free tax preparation assistance for the 2023 tax season through the Volunteer Tax Assistance Program (VITA). VITA is a program that offers free tax preparation to families with low to moderate incomes.

We need YOUR help!

If you have experience preparing taxes or want to try something new, we would love to have you join our team! You can save families hundreds of dollars in tax preparation fees and help them receive the full tax refund they deserve. Intake and tax prep volunteers are needed.

Free virtual training and training materials is provided by VITA in mid-December and hosted at Panhandle Community Services. If interested, Please contact Melissa or Mandi by November 7th to allow time to order training materials.

Melissa.darsey@pcsvcs.org 806-342-6135 or Mandi.hughes@pcsvcs.org 806-342-6125



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER



There are currently openings for volunteers to donate four hours a week to help greet and guide patients as they come into the center for appointments and treatments. At the reception desk, you will be the first person to welcome patients and set the tone for their visit. Most of our patients are experiencing tough times and a friendly face and kind words mean a lot to them.

The times for this position are 8 am to noon or 12:30 to 4:30 pm. We need volunteers Monday through Friday in one of the time slots indicated. When you begin, there will be a tenured employee there to assist and there will be several registration staff nearby as well. We work as a team here so there is always help when needed.

Several of our current volunteers are former cancer patients themselves and thoroughly love giving back. One of our volunteers once said, "I knew working at the Harrington Cancer Center would be rewarding, but I never dreamed how much fun it could be!" I believe we all feel a smile and a positive attitude goes a long way.

For me, seeing how patients face their diagnosis is a true blessing. We are blessed with knowledgeable, gifted oncologists who treat and care for them. We are also blessed to have resources to assist patients in their time of need so they can let some worries go and focus on treatment. I sincerely hope that in reading this, you will decide to join our team and help us help others!

Barbara Simms, LBSW

(806) 212-1994 [Barbara.Simms@bsahs.org](mailto:Barbara.Simms@bsahs.org)

# MEALS

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Meal delivery drivers needed! One hour/once a week. Call for more information.

Come join us for a fun filled day of saving lives! CMBC is looking for volunteers to help with their annual Pre-Thanksgiving event at Coffee Memorial Blood Center. For more information on how to sign up and what opportunities they have contact Sarah Torres at 806-331-883 or [sarah.torres@obi.org](mailto:sarah.torres@obi.org).

JOIN US!

COFFEE MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE MEMORIAL'S PRE-THANKSGIVING EVENT!

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Coffee Memorial Blood Center  
7500 Wallace Blvd.

6:00am-7:00pm

Each volunteer shift will be a minimum of 2 hours.

There are a lot of different opportunities to get involved and HELP SAVE LIVES!

For more information or to sign up, contact Sarah Torres  
806-331-8883  
[sarah.torres@obi.org](mailto:sarah.torres@obi.org)

## Small Project Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a few hours here and there and would like to put together care packages, craft projects, or be on our list to call when special projects arise?

Please let us know!

## Hospice Volunteers Wanted

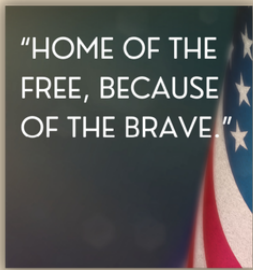
Kindred Hospice, BSA Hospice of the SW and Samaritan Hospice are RSVP volunteer sites looking for wonderful volunteers to spread love and kindness to the community and patients in hospice.

RSVP Phone: (806) 373-8389



Thank you to all of our volunteers who are veterans and/or family members of veterans. Your dedication and service does not go unnoticed. Thank you for the sacrifices you made and for the courage and strength to keep our country safe. RSVP would like to recognize all the veterans who continue to serve our community by volunteering with RSVP and our volunteer sites who represent our veterans.

\*Below data comes from information documented on volunteer applications.\*

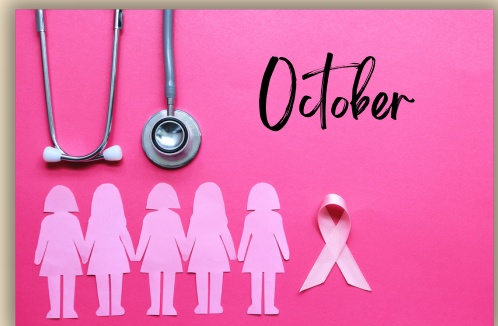


### **Veteran Service Volunteer Sites**

Texas Panhandle War Memorial  
VA Hospital  
Roan-Creek Marine Corps League  
Texas Air and Space Museum

### **RSVP Veteran Volunteers**

Elmer Leroy Belew	Wally Herpich	Charlotte Paul
Joe Belew	Eileen Hill	John Lyon Peters
William Howard Birdwell	Bill Hisey	Patty Petker
Gaylord Brunt	Kenneth Holcomb	Micheal Rayburn
Richard Cameron	Vernon Hope	David Reams
James Cannon	Cairl Horst	Ben Reeves
Betty Carroll	Richard Johnson	James Roach
Gary Cockerham	Billy Ray Johnston	Joe Schilling
Phala Cook	James Jones	Dale Scott
Dale Day	James Jon Jones	Pat Simnacker
Charles Dean	Walter Kelley	Gary Smith
Melvin Douglass	Ellis Jerry Lett	William Souther
Kyle Dunn	John Lively	Harry Stallings
Philip Endrizzi	Scott McCracken	David Stevenson
Richard Garrett	Gordon Milback	Van Trapp
Pearl Gibson	Charles Mills	Douglas Williams
Gary Dale Hartley	Susan Morgan	Jones Witcher
Martin Hendrix	Jackie Nelson	



October means Pink!

During breast cancer awareness month, BSA Harrington Cancer Center encourages you to wear pink to show your support and spread awareness. To schedule your mammogram, please visit: [harringtonbreastcenter.org/appointments](http://harringtonbreastcenter.org/appointments)



Hereford Senior Citizen Center staff supporting Breast Cancer awareness month

#### **RSVP Staff:**

Kaitlin Mosley - RSVP Director  
Christine Beavers - Senior Volunteer Coordinator  
Annette Lusk - Volunteer Coordinator



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## October

Annette Albracht  
Carol Autry  
Velma Baggett  
Lita Bain  
Janice Barner  
Rita Bell  
Mary Boileau  
Bettie Brock  
Richard Cameron  
James Cannon  
Rosa Carter  
Juanita Castillo  
Rosa Castillo  
Joy Clark  
Gary Cockerham  
Lorene Cox  
Nancy Felan  
Rozella Fetterman  
Annice Goodell  
Raenell Gore  
Nancy Harris  
Jimmy Helton  
Patricia Hemelstrand  
Colleen Irlbeck  
Sharon Jenkins  
Lindsey Johnson  
Rebecca Kennon  
Martha Lostroh  
Clifford Lovejoy  
Simona Martinez  
Jeanette Maurer  
Elizabeth McCollum  
Janet McLain  
Georgia Morgan  
Susan Morgan  
Ann Moss

Betty Nickerson  
George Ochs  
Dorothy Owen  
Sharon Pack  
Rebecca Reeder  
Gail Richardson  
Esther Robbins  
Tonya Roberts  
Anita Stroud  
Diana Taylor  
Jeanne Taylor  
Seth Thomason  
Darleen Truman  
Kay Turner  
Katrina Unbehaun  
Vickie Wheeler  
Melba White  
Pamela White  
AD Williams

## November

Martha Atchley  
Janie Banner  
Tom Betzen  
Diane Bim  
Margie Brookmole  
Lou Ann Cagle  
Karen Caldwell  
Joan Carder  
Joseph CAstillo  
Charlotte Clouette  
Darrell Colson  
Kay Dye  
Jean Gaut  
Shirley Gibbons

Gwen Hacker  
Rosetta Hanna  
Emestine Harp  
Ann Hicks  
Betty Hisey  
Larry Horwedel  
Sharon Jones  
Geri Lindsey  
Earl Long  
Wanda Long  
Dickie McGahen  
Cherry McWhorter  
Mary Milton  
Edward Murkeldove  
Nedra Napp  
Jack Neely  
Phyllis Palser  
Norma Jean Parker  
Gary Pelfery  
Ann Purvis  
Yolanda Rascon  
Evelyn Rossi  
William Smith  
Betty Spencer  
Billye Taylor  
Jeffery Thomas  
Marsha Townsend  
Robert Vaughn  
Elizabeth Vogel  
Patsy Watts  
Billy Wilkerson  
Debbie Willeford  
Mary Williamson

## December

Larry Alley  
Kathy Allred  
Randel Barrett  
Stephanie Brennen  
Jamie Brorman  
Mary Clark  
Merle Clark  
Norma Council  
Joan Douglass  
Carol Garrett  
Kim Hamby  
Ronnie Hammer  
Betty Hopper  
Wanda Huseman  
LaRue Johnson  
Darlene Jones  
HR Kelly  
Alice Mata  
Beverly McCaskill  
Deloris McNeely  
Cheryl Milbach  
Gary Newberry  
Flora Paredes  
Judy Russell  
Cathy Shannon  
Pat Simnacher  
Susan Thomason  
Patricia Wells  
Douglass Williams







# Happy Holidays

As our holiday season approaches, it seems that life gets busier and a bit more chaotic. I encourage you to take moments throughout the holiday season to pause and reflect on what matters the most in your life. For some, it's giving back by volunteering, to other's it's spending time with family or loved ones. Every one has something that brings joy into their life. Find your joy and hold it close.

I recently had a family reunion and paused for a moment in the midst of chaos to think about the legacy that my family has passed to each other. In my opinion, a legacy can be represented like a 3 stranded cord: spiritual, emotional and social. Each strand can not hold it's own weight but together they are strong.

What does a legacy mean to you? Think about passing your legacy to the people you serve through volunteering. You all have a story and a reason why you choose to give back to your community. Share your story and your why.

I promise it will impact someone's life.

Sending love and happiness to you this Holiday season. – Kaitlin Mosley

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." Pericles (Greek statesman of Athens – 429 BC).

## Welcome new Volunteer Site and Volunteers

### Roan - Creek Marine Corps League

The Roan – Creek Marine Corps League signed up with RSVP in July. They function as an advocate in our community concerning marines and marine families while improving community awareness on behalf of all Veterans. If you would like to become involved with this organization, please let us know!

Thank you for all you do, Roan – Creek!

### New RSVP Volunteers

Stephen Akeroyd  
Linda Alaniz  
Genevieve Allred  
Alma Chavez  
Marletta Dalton  
Juana Estrada  
Sharon Fangman  
Nancy Felan  
Leslie Frederick  
Sue Freeman  
Gail George

Jerry Harlason  
Wanda Huseman  
Terry Maxwell  
Scott McCracken  
Sheryl McCracken  
Rhonda McWhorter  
Cindy Murdoch  
Patty Petker  
Susan Smith  
Jeffery Thomas  
Linda Washington



# Community Happenings at Volunteer Sites

Hilltop Senior Citizens Association

Celebrating 34 years!!

## Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

November 19, 2022

11:00am to 3:00pm

1311 N Taylor St.



Dinner served by the Potter County Law Enforcement  
Association Lodge 57 and AUDY JONES

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!!

COME AND ENJOY GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

SPONSORS: POTTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION FRATERNAL ORDER OF  
POLICE LODGE 57, AMARILLO NATIONAL BANK, UNITED SUPERMARKET, TOYOTA AND OUR  
GOOD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

Living Water in Borger, TX

LIVING WATER  
MINISTRIES

Bags of Blessings



Holiday Food Drive 2022

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ( ) GREEN BEANS             | 2-15 OZ CANS              |
| ( ) CHICKEN BROTH           | 2-14 OZ CANS              |
| ( ) CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP  | 2-10 OZ CANS              |
| ( ) FRENCH FRIED ONIONS     | 1 PACKAGE                 |
| ( ) STOVE TOP STUFFING      | 1 BOX                     |
| ( ) INSTANT POTATOES        | 1 BOX                     |
| ( ) JELLO BRAND CHEESE CAKE | 1 BOX WITH CRUST INCLUDED |
| ( ) HAMBURGER HELPER        | 3 BOXES                   |
| ( ) SOUP                    | 2 CANS VARIOUS KINDS      |

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH LIVING WATER TO  
PROVIDE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD FOR  
THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES.



PLEASE RETURN FILLED BAGS TO LIVING WATER  
103 W. 4TH ST. BY NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Come Celebrate  
National  
Weatherization Day  
with us!

Friday, October 28th 2022

From 11am - 2pm

Black Historical Cultural Center  
901 N Hayden

Atmos Energy and Xcel Energy  
will be there along with many  
other vendors

Coloring books for kids,  
giveaways, energy saving tips,  
and FREE LUNCH!



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## Family Violence Training with Mark Wynn

- 21 year member of Nashville Metropolitan Police Dept
- Lt. to the Domestic Violence Division
- Member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for 15 years
- Devoted to ending family violence as a police officer, detective, educator, program supervisor, consultant and advisor

October 25, 2022 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

M.R. Brown Auditorium

Hosted by:

Pampa Police Department  
and

Tralee Crisis Center



Register here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-violence-training-with-mark-wynn-tickets-408892908697>  
TCOLE credits available

## TEXAS PANHANDLE WAR MEMORIAL

Halloween with Heroes

Saturday October 29, 2022.

A pre-Halloween trick or treat candy event in the  
War Memorial parking lot from 5 to 7 pm.

Veterans Day

Friday November 11, 2022.

An outdoor ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon.

Posting of the colors, pledge of allegiance,  
prayer, flyover, recognition of Gold Star Families,  
remarks from a featured speaker, salute to the  
services, and more.



HCHM

Hutchinson County  
Historical Museum

Quilts from the quilt show will  
be on display through the  
month of October. Quilt  
making demonstrations will  
take place on October 15 and  
22nd @ 2PM  
618 N. Main st. in Borger, TX

**Panhandle Community  
Services - RSVP  
1309 SW 8th Ave  
Amarillo, TX 79101**

Panhandle Community Services annual fundraiser, Festival of Trees, is an event where trees are decorated by local businesses or families and auctioned off to the public at the event. Proceeds benefit families served by PCS.

The RSVP Advisory Council donates items to be placed in the silent auction at the event. Proceeds from the RSVP Silent Auction help support projects benefitting our local seniors. If you are interested in attending the fundraiser or donating items for the silent auction, please let us know! For more information about the event, please visit: [panhandlehelp.org](http://panhandlehelp.org) or call RSVP at 806-373-8389.

