Greetings,

In a matter of weeks our worlds have all been turned upside down. For those of us still working - or able to work from home -- our days are filled with the challenges posed by technology and balancing home-schooling or home-life with professional obligations. Many have either been furloughed or lost jobs and are dealing with the uncertainty and stress of insecurity. We have all been isolated from our families, friends and co-workers and long for connection.

Connection is at the core of everything we do and we realize how critical staying in touch is now.

Hopefully, you were able to speak to one of our Board Members as they were making friendly calls to our volunteers. If you need assistance with grocery shopping or medication delivery, please reach out to our Community Hotline 610-834-1040 x.208 and we will try to match you with a volunteer or service. If you would just like to touch base, please reach out to your coordinator.

Our staff has been working from home since mid-March. We have been able to adapt operations and how we deliver programs so that no volunteer is put in harm's way. We have met this disruption and challenge head-on with creativity and a drive to stay connected with volunteers and the community members who depend on our services now more than ever.

We will get through this together. Stay safe, stay well and stay connected.

With gratitude and appreciation,
Michele Moll

Are you in Need of Food?

The MontCo Anti-Hunger Network in collaboration with MontCo Department of Public Safety and RSVP will be distributing food boxes to those in need.

Events will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm:

June 18 Willow Grove Mall
June 25 Oaks Expo Center

For additional information, click on image below or visit https://www.montcoantihunger.org/
Tutoring During the Pandemic

It has been extremely difficult for some students to transition to learning at home. Through a partnership with United Way and Vello we plan to offer summer reading coaches via an online program to help students avoid academic setbacks.

Introducing Virtual Reading Mentors

Our new virtual opportunity will pair a reading volunteers with a student to improve their literacy skills online.

Virtual Reading Mentors is an innovative, 1:1 tutoring program from Vello and United Way that matches a tutor with a first to third-grade student for guided reading support.

Volunteers tutor a student in reading through a safe and secure digital setting. Together, students and tutors read e-books using super simple screen sharing and audio. You can even reward the student with a “virtual” star for a job well done!

These 20 minute sessions can be conducted from any computer, tablet or smart phone.

Summer sessions will be scheduled in the coming weeks and volunteers who are signed up will be contacted and scheduled.

Volunteering for RSVP

Whether you are new to volunteering, already a seasoned volunteer or looking for a fun activity, we still need dedicated volunteers.

In-Person Information Sessions have been suspended until it safe to meet as a group again. Or you can view a virtual volunteer information session.

Where Volunteers are Needed Most:

Interested? Please contact us.

- Food pantry support
- Meal prep/pack/distribution
- Sorting and packing food
- Grocery shopping and deliveries
- Drivers - pick up & deliver produce
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Gardening: tending and picking fruit & veggies to be donated to food pantries
- Sewing face masks
- Virtual math tutors
- STEM and other career exploration presenters
- Meals-on-Wheels drivers and food packers
- Medicare Counselors
- Friendly phone calls to seniors
- Write notes to seniors & healthcare workers
- Blood donors

Call Kathy Stocker, Volunteer Coordinator 610-834-1040 ext. 123 or email volunteer123@rsypmc.org
ICN has been meeting virtually since March 2020 in response to COVID 19 with a focus on current needs and resources. Please email icn@icnconnections.org with any new resources to share.

- Navicates - call 610-278-3522 to speak with an expert in local, county, and state resources. Community organizations and agencies are also welcome to access Navicates on behalf of clients they are supporting.
- Making Masks in MontCo - Facebook page for those seeking and supplying masks
- MontCoPA COVID-19 Response Fund - Providing grants for non-profit organizations, click here to apply
- Montgomery County press conferences with the commissioners - Held every weekday between 3:00 and 4:00pm, can be viewed live on Facebook or on MONTCO Ready Radio
  - WRDY 106.5 FM Eagleville
  - WEMA 105.7 FM Marlborough
- Food pantries, soup kitchens, and school meal pick-up locations - Click here for a map or call 610-628-2400
- Meals on Wheels - many programs are easing eligibility and expanding meal deliveries to seniors and disabled during this crisis. Click here to find the nearest program
- RSVP - 160+ Prescreened volunteers are ready to help. Share your volunteer needs at their website. For free delivery of groceries, call 610-834-1040 x 208 or email ShoppingRequests@rsvpmc.org.
- Family Services of Montgomery County - https://fsmontco.org - Free virtual parenting program for parents, grandparents, and caregivers of children ages 0-12 in Montco. For more info or to register, contact Betsy Ramirez, bramirez@fsmontco.org, 484-552-3899 (call or text).
- The Mental Health Support Line/Warmline - Available 24/7 to respond to those struggling with anxiety and emotions due to the COVID-19 emergency. Can be reached toll-free, 24/7 at 1-855-284-2494 from anywhere in PA.
- SNAP enrollment - Click here to apply online, or call 610-277-6363 x140

Run to Smash the Virus Pandemic 5K
Sign up for our 1st Virtual 5K.

Register via an app that will track your distance. Select a date between August 1 and 23 and choose your own path - sandy shore, forest trail, favorite park or race track - you choose. Don't forget the social distancing.
Share your results on your personal Facebook page by tagging @RSVP,Inc. Put your headphones on and Run to Smash the Virus Pandemic.
All race fees will support our COVID-19 response programs and recovery efforts
Check our website for details as we move forward or contact events@rsvpmc.org

Medicare Questions? We are here to help!
Call us 610-834-1040 x.120

The APPRISE volunteers would like to remind everyone that they continue to be available to counsel those with questions about Medicare. Also, if your income has changed due to the COVID-19 situation there may be financial assistance available for prescription costs. Please call 610-834-1040 ext 120 to arrange a telephone counseling session.

We are proud to announce that we have received the Collaboration BRAVO Award from PA Department of Aging. The BRAVO Awards honor local APPRISE program coordinators and counselors for their exceptional work in areas of customer service, program performance, collaboration with community partners and innovation.

Craig Soloff, an RSVP APPRISE counselor, spearheaded an outreach project to communicate current Medicare information with the underserved Korean population. Through collaboration with the 21st Century America-Korea-China Leaders Society, materials were translated, distributed and promoted.