



Heroes of COMPASSION

Seniors Living, Loving, and Giving for a Better Community **DECEMBER 2018**



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-Marita

forms. They appreciate the fact that it’s more than a taxi service—we get to know them and spend part of our day with them.”

For Ivan and Marita Provide-A-Ride Makes it Easy to Serve *RSVP Provide-A-Ride offers flexible volunteer opportunities.*

Ivan and Marita are enjoying retirement by traveling, spending time with their grandchildren, and volunteering at various nonprofits, including RSVP Provide-A-Ride. Since joining in 2010, they have provided over 800 rides to low-income seniors in need of ongoing medical care. They love giving back and the flexibility they have to serve with RSVP Provide-A-Ride.

Marita shares how much they enjoy this flexibility when serving. “Ivan and I have an opportunity to let RSVP know if we are going to be gone for a week or what days we may

be available during the week. I love that they work around our schedule. We enjoy traveling and spending time with our grandchildren. With the flexibility RSVP Provide-A-Ride affords us, we can do what we enjoy doing while knowing that when we are available, we can take on more ride requests.”

“When we pick up a client, we plan on being available for at least four hours each appointment. It’s very important that we stay with our clients during their doctor’s visit. They often need help walking into the building and filling out medical

IF YOU WOULD like to volunteer to drive and join our “Heroes of Compassion” team, please call our office. We will work around your schedule, and you will always be in control of your preferred driving distance. We also provide mileage reimbursement and supplemental driver’s insurance.

Please also consider making a donation today to support RSVP Provide-A-Ride. For only \$25 you can sponsor a ride for a low-income senior in need of ongoing medical care. Our clients have come to depend on us for their transportation needs, and we, in turn, depend on your generosity to care for those who reach out to us. Thank you for supporting RSVP Provide-A-Ride.



FROM OUR RSVP FAMILY TO YOURS, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year filled with our favorite traditions as we spend time with our loved ones. From putting up the Christmas tree, lights and decorations around the house, to baking goodies, Christmas is truly a time of blessings as we celebrate this special season.

It is also a time to remember those who are in need. Many around us will spend the holidays alone, or feel alone even though others surround them. This Christmas, we can give the gift of caring for someone who needs our encouragement or support.

The very first Christmas, God put a bright star in the sky to signify the birth of His son, and then He has called us to be a light unto the world. We can be a light of hope and faith to others who are discouraged.

This Christmas, people around us will be looking for a reason to hope and believe again. May our good works be a guiding light for those in need, bringing hope, warmth, and faith for a better tomorrow.

Merry Christmas!

WHAT THIS *Christmas* MEANS TO ME

My mother loved to bake. Christmas was always a time of baking cookies and bread and sharing them with neighbors, family, and friends. I have continued our family tradition by baking and sharing with others. *It's important to let others know they are special to us.* What better time than at Christmas! *Bonnie*

Celebrating God's love and goodness. *Cheryl*

Christmas is a time *to celebrate with family and friends.* I love all the hustle and bustle, and I love attending our church's Christmas Cantata. *Nancy*

Spending time with my four children and eight grandchildren. **EXCHANGING GIFTS.** Good fellowship with my family. *Fred*

A time with family *and being thankful for everything,* including RSVP Provide-A-Ride! *Donna*

Shopping for food baskets *to give to those in need.* *Abel*

Family and friends gathering together to spend time with me. My favorite food, presents, and a good time for all. *Sylvia*

For me, Christmas is a Holy time to celebrate the birth of Christ AND SPREAD GOD'S LOVE. *Jane*

Baking and decorating treats for *sharing with friends and neighbors.* I love the smells of the Christmas season! *Vera*

Christmas means my family under one roof, sharing laughter, love, and warm hugs that last us for months. Watching my children wearing genuine smiles on their faces as they play with cousins and chat with family members. It means the celebration of my Savior's birth! *Happy birthday, Jesus.* *April*

COMING TOGETHER WITH FAMILY. Warm homes on cold days. Christmas lights everywhere! *Laura*

Making different kinds of Christmas cookies and *sharing them with my family and friends.* *Roberta*

I love being with family and getting to see those who come to visit for the holidays. *Paulette*

The fragrance of home cooking all over the house. A time of joy, peace, fun, sleeping, and watching movies. This year will be extra special seeing Christmas through the eyes of my *grandson's first Christmas.* *Nanette*

Time to appreciate the gift of **FAMILY AND LIFE.** *Faye*

Listening to **SILENT NIGHT** and taking in *the beauty of Christmas.* *Beth*

Christmas is all about the music for me. *The Christmas carols and hymns* make me feel hope for the world and families. *Margo*

Quotes from volunteers, RSVP Provide-A-Ride clients, and our staff.

Merry Christmas



Barbara Stewart, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and Cheryl Foshee, RSVP volunteer.

Celebrating *your legacy*

I recently had the honor of spending time with Barbara Stewart, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Barbara came to see our volunteers in action. She shared how special this time was for her.

“RSVP is a nationwide program that engages older adults to serve critical needs in their local communities. I am so honored to have spent time with Cheryl and Herlinda, a delightful 83 year old who depends on Provide-A-Ride for her medical rides. RSVP of Central Oklahoma volunteers are doing great work in metro OKC.”

I am so proud of the legacy of care that we are building together. Thank you for all you do as you serve our community through RSVP of Central Oklahoma.

Beth Patterson

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Executive Director

In Fond Remembrance

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We invite you to make a donation to RSVP of Central Oklahoma by December 31.

Your gift counts, and no matter the size, makes a big difference. **Thank you for your support!**