Hello Volunteers!
The holiday season has quickly snuck up and is upon us! As the season picks up, so will the opportunities to volunteer.
Consider following The Volunteer Center on Facebook (www.facebook.com/HutchCC.VolunteerCenter) to keep up with all the current volunteer opportunities and special events.

Speaking of special events...our Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held October 23rd at 6pm at the Sports Arena. Invitations have been sent by mail. Please RSVP by October 16th, and don’t forget to turn in your volunteer survey! **THANK YOU** to all of you for Volunteering and contributing to your community!

We would also like to share that we are partnering with Reno County Communities that Care to help provide opioid education and resources for appropriate disposal of medications that can potentially lead to addiction. See page 2 of the newsletter for more details.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

From The Volunteer Center Staff
Opioid Epidemic in America…
What can YOU do?

Safe ways to dispose of medication in our community:

Walgreens
Safe Medication Disposal Kiosk in the store
Will accept:
- Prescription medications/ointments/patches
- OTC medications/ointments/lotions/liquids
- Pet medications
- Vitamins

Hutch Clinic
MedSafe Kiosk for easy disposal of unused prescription drugs.
Will accept:
- Prescription medications
- Thermometers
- Band-aids, bandages, etc.

South Hutch/Hutch Police Departments
Drug Take Back Day-October 27th
- Can take medications to the police dept. and drop off

Deterra Deactivation Bags
- Use at home and throw away

Why do you need to be concerned with the epidemic?
- 115 people die EVERY DAY of opioid overdose.
- The total “economic burden” of prescription opioid misuse costs $78.5 billion a year.
- The Midwestern region of the U.S. saw opioid overdoses increase 70% from July 2016 to Sept. 2017

Opioids are being taken from people’s bathrooms one or two at a time so no one notices. Robberies are occurring in our community to JUST take medications. Protect yourself and others!

→ Destroy or get rid of your personal medications when no longer needed.
→ Lock up your medications.
→ Use pill bottle caps with a timer to track when medications were last taken.
→ Keep a medication record so you know how many pills you have in your possession.

Free deactivation bags and timed pill bottle caps (provided by Communities that Care) are available at The Volunteer Center Office. Please contact us if interested.
Mark Your Calendars!

Oct. 4th  7:30pm HutchCC Music Dept. Presents “A Musical Oktoberfest”
Oct. 6th  7:30am Salt City Half Marathon
Oct. 6th  10am-1pm HutchCC Open House
Oct. 12th The Volunteer Center Office is Closed

Oct. 15th-Dec. 7th The SHICK program at the Reno Co. Dept. of Aging will be offering free Medicare Part D counseling!

Oct. 16th-31st HutchCC Radio KS Fundraiser
Oct. 16th  5:30pm “Boo”seum Spook Walk at the Reno Co. Museum
Oct. 17th PILR Disability Mentoring Day
Oct. 18th-20th HutchCC Theatre Presents “Our Town”
Oct. 19th-20th 5:30pm-7:30pm “Spook Walk” at Dillon Nature Center
Oct. 23rd Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner
Oct. 26th-27th 3A/4A State Volleyball Tournament
Oct. 27th  1pm-4pm “Boo at the Zoo”
Oct. 27th  5:30pm “Talking Tombstones” Reno Co. Museum
Nov. 9th-11th, and 16th-18th Stage 9 Presents “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown”
Nov. 15th HutchCC Wind and Jazz Present “A HutchCC 90 year Celebration”
Nov. 21st-23rd The Volunteer Center Office is Closed. Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 26-28 American Red Cross Blood Drive at First Presbyterian Church
Nov. 29th-Dec. 1st HutchCC Theatre & Concert Chorale Presents “Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste”
Dec. 7th-8th, 14th-15th Nights Before Christmas at the Zoo
Dec. 15th Hutch Rec Gingerbread House Event

ONGOING EVENTS

Third Thursdays – Each month Downtown Hutchinson features art and live music in stores and galleries. It’s free from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Hutchinson Community College Sporting Events-Schedules can be found at www.bluedragonsports.com

Coffee at the Cosmosphere-Every Third Thursday from 9:00am-10:00am

Reno County Farmer’s Market-7:30-12:30pm every Saturday and 10am-1pm every Wednesday through the end of October.
Volunteer Opportunities

Below are only a few of the many requests for volunteers submitted to The Volunteer Center by area non-profit and governmental organizations. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities or learning about others, call The Volunteer Center at 665-4960.

HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 3A/4A STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - Volunteers are needed to take tickets and provide door security for the 3A/4A State Volleyball Tournament on Friday Oct. 26th from 7:30am-12:30pm, 12:30pm-5:30pm, and 5:30pm-9:00pm.

PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER is hosting their annual Disability Mentoring Day on October 17th. Volunteers are needed to help at check-in, pass out name tags, help serve food for breakfast, pass out t-shirts and goodie bags, and help clean up after the event. Volunteer shifts are 7:45am-9:15am and 1:30-3:00pm.

HCC RADIO KANSAS will be needing volunteers to serve different shifts throughout their pledge drive October 16th-31st. Shifts are 6-9a, 9-12p, 12-3pm, 3-5pm, and 5-7pm each day. Volunteers will answer incoming calls and take pledges, and write down information on pledge form. Volunteers must be able to hear phones and communicate in a pleasant manner, be able to write legibly, and able to answer several calls an hour or be patient while waiting for calls to come in.

RENO CO. COURTHOUSE - Elevator Operator volunteers are needed Tues, Thurs, Fri anytime from 7:30am-5:00pm, or on Wed. from 7:30am-11:00am or 2:00pm-5:00pm. Volunteers must be good natured, able to work with the public, be dependable and be able to successfully operate the elevator after training.

DILLON NATURE CENTER needs volunteers to help on the grounds watering in the mornings, or to help with the cleaning and maintaining the playscape area on Friday mornings. Volunteers must be able to bend, lift, stand for an hour and be willing to be outside in different temperatures. Must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers are also needed for the Spookwalk on Oct. 19th-20th to lead groups of participants on the trails.

AMERICAN RED CROSS is needing local Blood Drive volunteers to register donors, escort donors or serve food. All volunteers will be contacted approximately 2 weeks before each blood drive to choose their work times. Volunteers must be sociable, able to walk and stand for a 2 to 3 hour shift and be responsible and trustworthy. The next blood drive will be November 26th-28th.

COMMUNITIES THAT CARE needs volunteers to be a part of the Read With Me program. Volunteers will read with students, help with comprehension and sounding out words. Minimum age of volunteer is 18. Must be willing to volunteer for the duration of the school year.

HUTCHINSON GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY needs volunteers to be Friendly Visitors. Volunteers will visit with residents about every day happenings, read the newspaper or a magazine to a resident, play talking books or take a resident outside for a walk. Qualifications include patience, understanding and the ability to accept and relate to people in many different physical conditions. Volunteers to ride to and from doctor's appointments with residents are also needed.

AND MANY MORE!
NEW Volunteer Action Corps VOLUNTEERS!

Blake Anderson
Taneke Anderson
Lucas Bohlen
Lindsey Bauman
Lisa Byard
Dianna Canady
Max Canady
Angela Champe
Angel Corona
Kara Enslinger
Maddy Enslinger
Sherri Fisher
Ally Gladow
Koalten Hornback
Breanna Imel
Aaron Jefferson
Melia Jensen
Elisabeth Kipp
Peyton Marquez
Abigail Martin
Mikayla Paxson
Katelyn Richards
Jody Richardson
Miles Stafford
Rhonda Swank
Ashlee Tingle
Christian Urban

NEW Retired Senior Volunteer Program VOLUNTEERS!

Donna Baxter
Jayle Brooks
Brenda Crenshaw
Robbie Fall
Jenny Fry
Tim Fry
Janice Glenn
Ronda Goss
Beverly Heck
Mary Hicks
Jody Holmes
Palma Lohmeyer
Gretchen Maris
Barb Moore
Lorana Stay
Sue Stevens
Kathy Voth
Lorraine Warnken
Jim White
Ken Willard
Lois Wyse
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