



# West Texas RSVP

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## A Christmas Blessing

During this Christmas season,  
May you be blessed  
With the spirit of the season  
which is peace,  
The gladness of the season  
which is hope,  
And the heart of the season  
which is love.

Somehow, not only for Christmas  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you.  
And the more you spend in blessing  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing  
Returns to you glad.

- John Greenleaf Whittier



## West Texas RSVP Volunteer “Spot-Light”

**Beverly Henderson**, author of The Aloha Christmas, grew up in flat, arid west Texas with dreams of one day living in a landscape surrounded by trees! Her travels as a career Army wife opened opportunities to teach children and women in Hawaii, Germany, Belgium, parts of the Southern United States, and Pacific Northwest. Taken from her own life experiences, The Aloha Christmas, is a Christmas parable written to encourage faith and trust as anchors in navigating the troubled waters of life’s inevitable uncertainties. Henderson and her husband transferred to San Angelo from Pensacola, Florida in 1993 and are happy to be back in Texas! Beverly volunteers for Rust Street Ministries Food Pantry & Faith in Action Medical Transportation.



**Ruth Jackson** has been a RSVP volunteer for 21 years. She is a very talented artist and photographer and provides art classes at different places in the Big Country Area. Ruth began taking pictures at RSVP events several years ago and is now the RSVP "main" photographer. Her pictures capture each event and the RSVP volunteers in a special way. She is always very generous to volunteer when called for numerous volunteer opportunities.



In the picture to the right Ruth took the opportunity to have her own picture made with fellow RSVP'er Angie Nelson. (Ruth is the person to the right in the picture.) A special thanks to Ruth!!

Use your smile to change the world ...don't let the world change your smile!





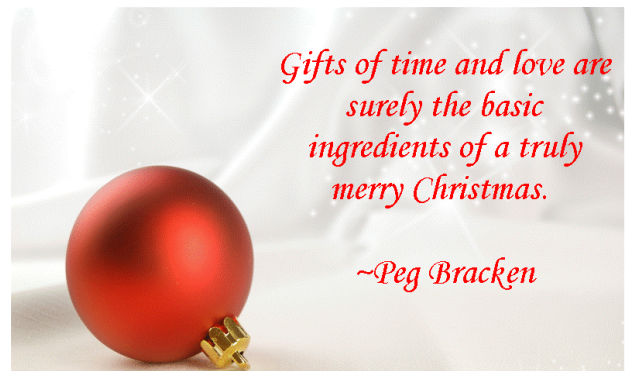


1 Jo Valliant  
Nell Wester  
2 Linda Dixon  
Lorraine Nance  
Bob Porter  
Janelle Slough  
Calvin Walker  
James Warren  
3 Marilyn Flage  
Pat Nennich  
5 Mary Barton  
Jim Calvert  
6 Linda Aten  
Bob Johnson  
Joe Lana Lynch  
Sue Mansfield  
Elsie Oliver  
Jeannie Williams  
7 Suzann Eby-Martinez  
Tommie Joyce Elkins  
Mildred Liles  
Sally Wilson  
8 Barbara Crozier  
Joy Petty  
Sharon Urbantke  
9 Rosemarie Flores  
Maria Gonzales  
Fern Short  
10 Madelle Huckaby  
Pat Potter  
Helen Walker  
11 Carol Curran  
12 Nyla Rosenstrom  
13 Brenda Bredemeyer  
Janice Hargrove  
14 Joyce Rives  
17 Tommy Beauchamp  
Bobbi Brandt  
Robert Harthcock  
Mike Martin  
Betty McLoughlin

19 Rene' Avants  
Sue Drozt  
Abelina Robles  
20 Judy Matthews  
Edna Pursley  
22 Josie Broene  
Delores Flood  
Sharon Giddens  
Ann Howle  
Manuel Mier  
23 Gordon Atkinson  
Charles Brewer  
Erma Martin  
Edith Zimmerman  
24 Ann Light  
Jean Rogers  
Barbara Sohn  
25 Dottie Beamer  
26 Jack Carpenter  
27 Johnny Whisenhunt  
28 David Dewar  
Jan Lineweaver  
Sonya Quinn  
29 Joanne Bell  
Claude Burton  
Terry Pouch  
30 Elena Hernandez  
Suzanne Slate  
King Walker  
31 Floradean Cockerell  
Irma Garrett  
Gladys Hicks  
Correne Pinkston

2 David McCaghren  
Ralph Teague  
3 Sally Frederick  
4 Dolores Schwertner  
5 Doris Clark  
Rosalie Hehn  
Nancy Wadsworth  
6 Susanne Barta  
B. J. Hassell  
Sondra Lay  
Evonne Teague  
7 Pat Howard  
Coletta Lively  
Sue Newcombe  
8 Nancy Keister  
9 Doris Sims  
Nadine Williams  
10 Lillian Hendricks  
Myrle M. Raley  
Dave Srader  
Janet Vogt  
11 Ronald Aten  
Fran Bordofsky  
Ray Cortez  
Jesse Sims  
Jean Sullivan  
15 Pat Carwile  
Wanda Cotter  
Ray Favre  
Helen Parker

Don Ruckelshausen  
Dr. Jim Wilson  
16 Marilyn Gladson  
17 Mary Cedillo  
Mary E Hankins  
18 Connie Hutchens  
Ken McComas  
19 Jacob Isaac  
22 John Bosequett  
Ernest Caslani  
Eva Covey  
Jay Derrick  
Beverly Henderson  
Ruby Moore  
David Verner  
23 Pauline Ringgold  
24 Terri Hamer  
Martha Vinson  
25 Loyce Stephens  
26 Ola McCorkle  
27 Marie Davis  
Melba Gray  
28 James Eaton, Jr.  
29 Lorie Knight  
30 Douglas Avants  
Wanda Hudson  
Fay Steward



## Volunteer Opportunities - Abilene Area

For more information on all these and other volunteer opportunities contact Max Ann at 325-793-3520 or mabowlin@wtrc.com

*"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start now and make a brand new ending."*

— Carl Bard

### Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District

- We have a new clinic – MERCY Health Care Center at 1902 Shelton in Abilene, Texas. It houses four public health programs: EPHC (Expanded Primary Health Care basically for women's services), PHC (Primary Health Care for men, women and children), Family Planning (private pay services for birth control), and STD testing and treatment. Volunteers needed to assist with: filing, making medical records, copying forms, answering phones and other general clerical work, for five days a week if possible; or whatever is available. The clinic is growing and volunteer services would be very beneficial at this time and for the future.

### Frontier Texas

- Love to learn more about Texas History?...*Frontier Texas* is needing volunteers to be trained as docents to guide tour groups through the museum. No experience necessary!

### The National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL)

- Volunteers can serve as Gallery Greeters who are the first friendly faces museum guests see. Greeters are needed Tuesday - Friday from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm (shorter shifts available). A desk and chair will be provided. Greeters will welcome guests, ask guests to sign the visitor book, and answer basic questions. A detailed description of the exhibit can be provided to the greeter so they can interact with museum guests and answer basic questions.

### Abilene Regional Medical Center

- Help family and friends find the perfect gift for their loved ones by volunteering at the Abilene Regional Medical Center Gift Shop. You'll even be able to treat yourself with a 20% discount on merchandise! No experience necessary, on the job training available.

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings, rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

—Agnes M. Pahro

"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!"... *Then* the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "*doesn't* come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

—Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

*"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back."*

—Maya Angelou

## Volunteer Opportunities - San Angelo Area

For more information on all these and other volunteer opportunities contact Teresa at 325-223-6387 or [tcovey@wtrc.com](mailto:tcovey@wtrc.com).

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called **OPPORTUNITY** and its first chapter is New Years Day. *-Edith Pierce*

### Adult Literacy Council

- Adult illiteracy is a growing problem despite efforts to curb it. Each year, an estimated 2.3 million persons join the pool of those 23 million adults considered to be functionally illiterate. If you have an interest in helping adults through reading, tutoring, computer skills, or possibly teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), **NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED**. Are YOU available? Help someone achieve their goals to develop their knowledge and expand their potential. The Literacy Council also wants to make little free libraries for our community. Volunteers are needed, so if you can swing a hammer safely and have good “handy-man” skills, your service and time are requested.

### AARP DRIVERS SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

- If you have a keen sense of driving safety and would enjoy teaching seniors how aging affects their driving, how to improve their driving abilities, and possibly reduce their insurance rates, this might be the volunteer opportunity for you! **MUST TEACH AT LEAST THREE FOUR HOUR CLASSES A YEAR.**

### Tax Aide Counselors

- “Work your mind/Warm your heart” If you know how to use a computer and are available for training in tax law and an easy to use tax preparation program, then you can be a tax counselor. Training materials are provided in the fall to provide tax law knowledge and guide you step by step through the forms used in the web based tax preparation software. Are you interested in a challenging and rewarding volunteer opportunity?

### Faith in Action (FIA)

- West Texas RSVP welcomes all volunteers interested in transporting frail elderly citizens to their medical appointments. This is a great way to give back to the community in a way that does not conflict with your schedule. The RSVP Staff know how valuable your time is; therefore, “YOU” decide which transportation needs you can volunteer for...”YOU” decide. So if you’re looking for a way to fill a big need within our community, you love meeting new people, and your heart is full of compassion for others, your perfect volunteer opportunity is probably waiting for you through Faith in Action. Come join our volunteer drivers and see what it means to give of your time...RSVP FIA drivers are priceless!

### Travel Preparedness

In addition to checking the road conditions, the following things should be done prior to any road trip:

✓ **Ensure that your vehicle is in good shape for driving.** Check you tire tread and pressure, windshield wiper blades, all of your lights, brakes, and fluids including antifreeze.

✓ **Check in when you arrive and depart.** In hazardous weather, let someone know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.

✓ **Always, always keep a well-stocked emergency kit in every vehicle.**

✓ **Always keep your fuel tank above half full.** You never know when you might be stuck in traffic and need to keep your car running for heat.



## *New Volunteers*

Brenda Bredemeyer

Jean Bundrant

Eva Covey

Mitzi Davis

Suzann Eby-Martinez

Betty Muncy

August Roden

Claire Simons

Jay Simons

Gwen Unger

Bobbie Waites

Dave Yorkowitz

## ***In Sympathy...***



*Helen Bitters*

*Maurine Bland*

*Marilyn Cowley*

*Johnny Fleming*

*Billie Haviland*

*Charles Rowan*

*Frances Torres*

## **New Year's Wish!**

12 months of Happiness,  
52 weeks of Fun,  
365 days of Success,  
8760 hours of Good Health,  
52600 minutes of Good Luck,  
And 3153600 seconds of Joy!



## **West Texas RSVP has a NEW BROCHURE**

If you have the opportunity to promote the RSVP program new RSVP brochures are available. RSVP staff will be glad to provide you with copies of the brochure, if you have a location to place them which is frequented by prospective RSVP volunteers.



## ***Friendly Reminder...***

We GREATLY appreciate those who have returned their completed RSVP application updates! THANK YOU!....however, our reports indicate that there are over 100 yet to be updated and returned. These forms MUST be completed in order to maintain a current and accurate database on active RSVP volunteers. Aside from changing the name from Concho Valley & Big Country RSVP to West Texas RSVP, another reason for the update is that we, as humans, do change and your interests have probably changed since you first became a RSVP volunteer. Certificates that were not picked up at the RSVP luncheon have been mailed out. If you receive your certificate with an application update form inside, please complete it and return with your signature. As always we appreciate all you do in service to others!!





*Christmas is the season for kindling the  
fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial  
flame of charity in the heart.*

*—Washington Irving*



## Bilbrey Tours 2016 Travel Showcases

**Do you enjoy traveling and seeing new sights? DON'T MISS the travel showcase coming to your area. Come one, come all! Your destination awaits you in 2016!**



**Abilene Travel Show  
Saturday, January 9, 2016  
1:00 pm**

**Southern Hills Church of Christ  
3666 Buffalo Gap Road  
Abilene, Texas**

**Concho Valley Travel Show  
Wednesday, January 6, 2016  
2:00 pm**

**Senior Annex Station 618  
618 South Chadbourne  
San Angelo, Texas**

**Call the numbers below to receive more information on the following tours leaving from San Angelo and Abilene benefitting the West Texas RSVP program through Bilbrey Tours.**

**New Orleans & Mississippi Gulf Coast - Mar. 7-13, 2016**

**Big Bend National Park - Mar. 21-24, 2016**

**Best of Florida (Includes Key West) - Apr. 5-18, 2016**

**Branson Music Fest - Apr. 25-30, 2016**

In San Angelo, call RSVP at (325) 223-6387 or email [tcovey@wtrc.com](mailto:tcovey@wtrc.com).  
In Abilene, call RSVP at (325) 793-3520 or email [mabowlin@wtrc.com](mailto:mabowlin@wtrc.com).

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### **HOLIDAY REMINDERS:**

The RSVP offices in San Angelo and Abilene will be closed December 24-31 for Christmas holidays and vacation.

Offices will be closed on January 1, 2016 for the New Year's holiday.



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