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Future Builders' AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP

October–December 2023

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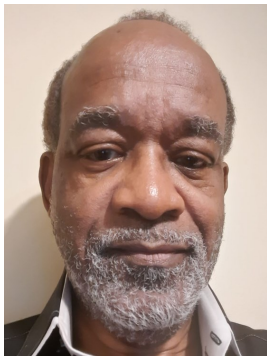
4 PILLARS—from EHE

2021-2024 Future Builders' AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Advisory Council Members: Evelyn Tenpenny, Melvin Jones, Judy Ramer, Jack Perciful, Kenyann Lucas, Columbus and Edith Brown, Walter and Dorothy Jones, and consultant Linder Conley.

The Advisory Council received Assessment/Survey packets during our Q2 meeting in June. They will assist our staff with visiting our Stations. We are committed to excellence when endeavoring to align our Stations with the appropriate support by recruiting and matching volunteers.


We want to know what type of volunteers each Station needs. We want to design a plan that will benefit each site by assessing the specific volunteer training requirements and opportunities at each Station. We match volunteers to each Station based on the areas of interest that were check marked on the initial volunteer application. If you are not currently volunteering we will find a Station for you and get you started having fun!

... Please call our office for placement assistance at 501-897-0793.



#911/HIGHFIVE4HEROES - EVENTS

HighFive4Heroes
Garland County Sheriff's Office

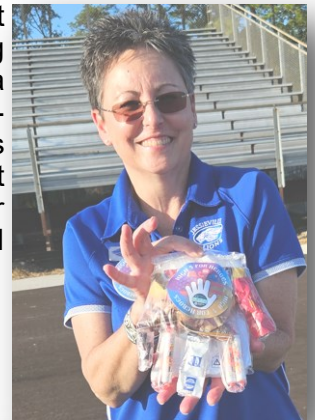


"Being a hero doesn't mean you're invincible. It just means that you're brave enough to stand up and do what is needed."

We thank you!!

We give a High Five to our real life Heroes at the Garland County Sheriff's office. This year we started off the 2023-2024 school year with a smile! We're thankful for your hard work in helping us put our school back together at the Jessieville School Complex.

We presented to 8 city government agencies in Garland County for being *First Responders* on the scene after a tornado ravaged through the Jessieville School district in January of this year. Melissa Speers, superintendent of the school district spearheaded our project at the Jessieville Lions football field adjacent to Hot Springs Village.



The Jessieville School complex started off this 2023-2024 school year with a smile due to the efforts of everyone *"Uniting in Service"*...

Our Garland County ACS RSVP volunteers helped with the presentations: Kenyann Lucas and Susie Sexon.



Pictured below: Denise Gregory, ACS RSVP volunteer. Denise made a special plaque presentation to Tabby Hughes, Director of the 9-1-1 Dispatch department in Jacksonville. The plaque has special poem entitled: "Hidden Heroes"

Jeff Elmore, Mayor of Jacksonville pictured here with *First Responders*.

A small token of appreciation in the shape of a hand filled with goodies was presented to over 100 responders individually at each event.

We were also featured in the Leader newspaper in Jacksonville on Oct 4th with the Mayor and other City officials.



Pictured below: Judi Minnicozi, ACS RSVP volunteer makes a HIGHFIVE4HEROES plaque presentation to Asst. Chief Thornton of the Jacksonville Fire Department.



Dolores Johnson, ACS RSVP volunteer presents the HIGHFIVE4HEROES plaque to Brett Hibbs, Chief of Police in Jacksonville.



News U Can Use!

- by Lisa Ware, ACS RSVP Project Coordinator

It's time to sign up for our new **ZOOM** classes! If you are interested in learning how to report your individual volunteer reporting every month send us an email to americorpsrspv@futurebuildersinc.org and we will get you added to the list!

For all of the Kindle winners... We will also offer step-by-step instructions on how to set up your new Kindle.

We will start sometime in January 2024. Please call if you would like to **ZOOM** with us at **501-897-0793**.



**Make Giving
Back Your
Second
Act...
Volunteer
Today!!**



Fall Back & Spring Forward—Reflections

— from the Project Director's desk

Looking back we have experienced a wonderful year of volunteering opportunities! We have added new partners and many new volunteers! We have enjoyed working in our communities and building new relationships. We are bragging on our volunteers who have cumulatively contributed over 57,000 hours of service during our reporting year in Garland, Lonoke, Saline, and Pulaski counties! You our Future Builders' AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers absolutely deserve a standing ovation!

We enjoyed our annual volunteer appreciation event in October 'VI2023', our photographer took so many photos there is not enough room in this issue to publish them all... if you would like to receive your individual photo's please send us an email request to our general mail box americorpsrspv@futurebuildersinc.org

Moving forward we look forward to our next annual event... with that being said we are entering an election year and we are planning to host a *Presidential* banquet to honor our volunteers for all of their years of service to the Future Builders' AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP. Together you have made a difference in our communities and we want to celebrate and recognize YOU!

We will be making announcements throughout 2024 in preparation for this fabulous event!

Enjoy the rest of 2023 and keep reporting your hours... if we don't report it.. it didn't happen!



Fraud & Scam Free in 2023

Magnolia Room at Garvan Gardens



We had 30 participants present at our Lunch-N-Learn in August.

Kathleen Pursell, Program Director of the SMP gave a presentation on ways to prevent becoming a victim of fraud and scams!

The Garvan Woodland Gardens volunteers & friends enjoyed lunch and received literature and a gift for attending... Thank you!!



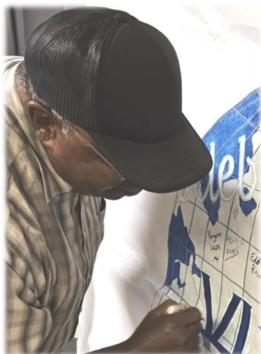
Kathleen, had everyone on the edge of their seat!



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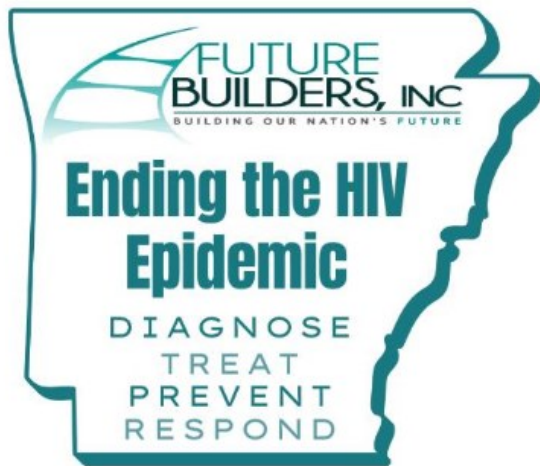
Annual Event - VI2023

Celebrating Volunteers International



Can you find your photo? Your smiles captured the moment!!





is in the fight to ensure a 75% reduction in NEW HIV infections by 2025 and at least 90% reduction by 2030 as a part of the EHE plan. .

4 PILLARS TO End the HIV Epidemic

DIAGNOSE

all people with HIV as quickly as possible through testing at all office locations and community events.



TREAT

people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression.

PREVENT/PROTECT

new HIV transmissions and protect people at risk by using proven interventions such as condoms, PREP, etc.



RESPOND

quickly to potential HIV outbreaks.

FOR FREE TESTING CONTACT THE OFFICE NEAR YOU!
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OUR MISSION

We serve to empower disparate and marginalized populations by providing the knowledge and skills necessary for improving their lives and the lives of their communities.

2 TYPES OF TESTS for sexual health screenings

ORAL SWAB:

Rapid HIV Screening

- Tests for HIV antibodies in oral fluid found by swabbing the gum line
- Easy & painless
- No needles required
- Results in 20 minutes



FINGER STICK:

Finger Stick Screening
 Tests for HIV antibodies/antigens
 A tiny sample of blood from finger detects antibodies faster & more accurately than an oral screening.
 -Also used to test for Hepatitis C

RESULTS:

Results for both an HIV and Hepatitis C test can be received with a single prick of the finger.



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OUR OFFICE LOCATIONS

Headquarters:
 Wrightsville, AR, Pulaski County, Central Region

Satellite Offices:
 Jonesboro, AR, Craighead County, Northeast Region
 Pine Bluff, AR, Jefferson County, Southeast Region
 Camden, AR, Ouachita County, Southwest Region

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Free HIV & Hepatitis C Testing (by appointment) Sexual Health Group Meetings
 Linkage to Care Services Transportation & Food Support to PLWHA
 Health Education/Outreach Health Fair Education Tables & Event/School Presentations

4 Pillars Flyer Submitted by:

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