

New Volunteers and New Members - We Need You!

The SRC, like most other community groups (civic leagues, P.T.A.'s and churches), is struggling to find new, active volunteers. In the 12 years we've been in operation, we have lost far too many of our original "members" to death, age and illness, as harsh as that may sound. We have also faced the challenges of finding new volunteers who are active and available to help with the day- to- day operation of the center. A few of those who helped start the center in 2007 are still the very same people doing the majority of the planning and running of SRC currently, and we are wearing out!



We are very appreciative of the dependable volunteers who have stepped up to the plate in recent years, but we desperately need to find more willing helpers so we don't overuse those newer volunteers. We determined that we need

40 regular volunteers each month, if each person covers just one-half day shift, Monday – Friday. Those shifts run from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. In past months we have had only 23 volunteers—meaning too many of them are having to volunteer for multiple shifts. There have been occasional shifts that could not be covered, so the doors were locked. This is **not** how we envisioned things and we need your help to rectify this growing problem.

Covering a volunteer shift requires no special degree, no tech knowledge and no fancy clothes- you just need to be friendly and willing to lend a hand. Training is quick and easy, covering basic things like how to handle our phone system and unlock the door. The most important duties are simply answering the phone and greeting visitors.

If you have a friend or a spouse, you could sign up together to keep each other company, play cards or work on a jigsaw puzzle. Some volunteers bring a book to read or a puzzle book to work on if things are quiet. If you prefer volunteering when there is more action, sign up for slots when an activity is scheduled—or even join an activity like exercise, if you promise to keep an ear out for the phone. If you are a regular afternoon card player, we'd appreciate you signing up on the calendar for a shift in the afternoon, so we'll know that slot will be covered.

Two large monthly calendars are always displayed on the oval table to your right as you enter the center. Once you have been oriented as a volunteer, if you bring your own personal calendar with you, you can compare it to the SRC master calendar and choose which day/s and shift/s you want to cover. Once you add your name and phone number to the calendar, you will receive a reminder call the day before.