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COUNTY PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognizes 524,000 Hours of Service

Each year, the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Aging & Independence Services turns the spotlight on the 2,100 older adults who volunteer through the County's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, and recognizes their selfless efforts. This year, these special individuals will be honored at a brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Town and Country Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North in Mission Valley.

These volunteers reap their reward from the smiles of children they tutor in reading and from the hugs of elderly nursing home residents who count them as friends. They value the handshakes and pats on the back from people they help. These volunteers serve as docents, members of Senior Volunteer Patrols, aides at hospitals and libraries, meal deliverers, and so much more at the 179 public and nonprofit agencies where they assist.

In 2005, they donated more than 524,000 hours of community service.

The recognition festivities will include awards for volunteers, including Volunteer of the Year. Entertainment will be provided by the Parasol Strutters, Moonlight Serenade Orchestra, vocalist Bob Spencer and a group of youngsters from the Christian Community Theater. Sponsors are San Diego Gas & Electric, Arbor E and T, Barona Band of Mission Indians, Classic Residence by Hyatt and Viejas Enterprises.

Cost for the brunch is \$35; the public is invited to attend. For more information, contact RSVP at (858) 505-6399.

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