



# CHARITIES Committee

Tom Meade, Chairman



The RISAA Charities Committee exists to lend a helping hand to others in need, and is a way of giving back to our community.

## THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTION

# Southern Rhode Island Volunteers

Based in the Charlestown Senior/Community Center Southern Rhode Island Volunteers (SRIV) has more than 640 volunteers directly serving 350 to 375 clients. Even more receive indirect help as a result of the volunteers' 40,000 to 50,000 hours of volunteer time each year. The value of their time, talent, and energy equals \$1.8 million annually, according to the Federal Government.

Southern Rhode Island Volunteers was incorporated in 1981, after about a year in service, according to **Deb Tanner**, Executive Director.

The mission of SRIV "is to enhance lives by inspiring, creating and supporting a lifelong culture of service through our volunteer members and affiliates across Southern Rhode Island."

Its vision: "While creating a lifelong culture of volunteerism and service, Southern Rhode Island Volunteers will make a difference one volunteer at a time, ultimately creating a countywide corps of volunteers."

The group offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities from helping at a light-hearted hot-air balloon event at the University of Rhode Island to the life-sustaining Meals on Wheels program.



**Deb Tanner, SRIV Executive Director**



One of the many volunteer programs is delivering holiday meals and gifts to homebound seniors in the South Kingstown and Narragansett area.

Other responsibilities include:

- Managing the only comprehensive and free Washington County-based transportation service to medical appointments for adult populations who are dealing with chronic disease, temporary illness and injury.
- Providing free visitation/companionship for elders and/or respite support to caregivers to alleviate their burden and isolation.
- Supporting local emergency management with crisis/disaster preparedness. SRIV manages a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) that responds to emergencies in South Kingstown and Narragansett.

The program is the host site for the Washington County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP is a Seniors Corps Program of the Corporation for the National Community Service. The program is available to anyone 55 years of age and up, who wants to give their time and energy to create a positive impact in their community.

More information about volunteering and donating is available online at southernrivol.org or you can call them at 401-552-7661.

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