



Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Department of Senior Affairs

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Department of Senior Affairs Senior Companion Program Recognizes Volunteers

ALBUQUERQUE - The City of Albuquerque Department of Seniors Affairs will recognize close to 40 volunteers who serve our community through the Senior Companion Program. The recognition event will take place on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial Center (1100 Louisiana Blvd., SE). Senior Companions have provided more than 30,000 volunteer hours to homebound seniors in our community this fiscal year. Senior Companions volunteer with the frail elderly in their homes, one-on-one, in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County as well as the surrounding pueblos. Volunteers may prepare a meal or assist in running errands for their assigned senior. Monthly training is provided and Senior Companions volunteer a minimum of 20 hours a week. Income-eligible volunteers may receive a stipend. Mayor Berry said, "I am always inspired by the Senior Companion volunteers. They play an important role in the lives of many individuals in our community who would not be able to socialize with others on a regular basis."

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through programs such as Senior Corps and AmeriCorps. Senior Corps taps into the rich experience, skills, and talents of the 55+ population. Through grants and other resources, including the energy and efforts of citizens aged 55 and over, Senior Corps helps meet the needs and challenges of America's communities.

To learn more about the Senior Companion Program, call (505) 764-1612.

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