



# Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Department of Senior Affairs

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**Friday, May 22, 2015 ❖ 8:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m. (Breakfast & Recognition Event begins at 9:00 a.m.)**

## **The City of Albuquerque’s Department of Senior Affairs Honors the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Volunteers at a Recognition Breakfast!**

**ALBUQUERQUE**—Mayor Richard J. Berry and Department of Senior Affairs Director Jorja Armijo-Brasher will honor hundreds of senior volunteers this morning at the department’s annual volunteer recognition breakfast, sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico and Presbyterian at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town at 9:00 a.m. The City of Albuquerque’s Department of Senior Affairs relies heavily on volunteers to ensure that seniors in our community have access to a variety of programs, activities, and services offered by their department.

“This is the sixth year that I have the privilege of honoring and recognizing the seniors who give back to our community through volunteer service,” said Mayor Richard J. Berry. “The impact of their collective service and how that translates into a better quality of life for so many of us in Albuquerque is truly remarkable.”

The Department of Senior Affairs receives a tremendous amount of assistance from their volunteers. This fiscal year, approximately 800 volunteers with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program have recorded approximately 136,257 hours of service to the Albuquerque community. These hours translate to more than \$2.7 million dollars! In addition to the RSVP volunteers, Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) volunteers and Senior Companion Program (SCP) volunteers contributed an additional 96,212 hours of service to the Albuquerque community; this contribution of service is valued at \$1.9 million dollars.

The City of Albuquerque’s Department of Senior Affairs provides a wide array of volunteer opportunities for citizens in the community who are 55 years old and older. Seniors can volunteer at any senior or multigenerational center, in the classrooms at Albuquerque Public Schools, in the homes of other seniors who are homebound, etc. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities in the community, contact the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at (505) 767-5225, Monday – Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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