

# **RSVP Voluntimes**



December 2025



Hello Cold Weather!

Another year is almost over, and what a year 2025 has been! From celebrating Los Volcanes Senior Center's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to hosting another successful Barelas Senior Center Fiesta, the Department of Senior Affairs has stayed busy!

This year, Senior Affairs saw its' Foster Grandparent Program honored with the "Program of Merit" award from Generations United; partnered with AARP Tax Service to transmit almost 6,000 federal returns and nearly as many state returns; began several new renovation projects across the Senior and Multigenerational Centers; provided students enrolled in the City of Albuquerque's Job Mentor Program valuable hands-on experience supporting older adults in the community; and launched our new EngAGE campaign!

The year of 2026 has more in store for you to remain engaged and be on the lookout for our annual survey to gather your thoughts and suggestions on our programs and services.

Wishing you all love and comfort through the holidays to come.

Sincerely, Anna Sanchez, Director Department of Senior Affairs

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#### Office Hours

Monday -Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP promotes the engagement of older persons as community resources in planning for community improvement and in delivery of volunteer services.

## **Updates & Reminders**

#### **Important Dates**

12/01: Cyber Monday

12/15: First Day of Hanukkah

12/21: First Day of Winter

12/24: Christmas Eve

12/25: CLOSED – Christmas Day

12/26: First Day of Kwanzaa

12/31: New Year's Eve

01/01: CLOSED - New Year's Day



# Save the Date SENIOR DAY JANUARY 23, 2026 Join us at the Roundhouse

#### **Volunteer Badge Policy**

It is standard operating procedure of the Department of Senior Affairs that all volunteers shall wear a DSA approved identification badge while on City of Albuquerque Property. ID badges must be worn on the outer most layer of clothing above the waist at all times while volunteering.

#### Mileage Reimbursement

We've received a few questions regarding the mileage reimbursement policy. The mileage reimbursement policy is one round trip per day from your residence to your volunteer station returning home with a maximum of \$25.00 per month.

#### **New Volunteer Orientation**

If you are new to the program or need a refresher on how to enter your hours into the Web Assistant, training sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Barelas Senior Center – RSVP office. To register contact the RSVP office at (505) 767-5225.

#### **Advisory Council Members**

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### **Spotlight**

# New Mexico Railrunner

Presents Santa at the Station!

They are in need of 10 merry volunteers to assist members of our community with various activities.

Friday, December 12 5:00pm - 7:30pm Montaño Rail Runner Station

#### **Activities include:**

- Rio Metro Info Table
- Holiday Food Drive
- Holiday Gift & Book Distribution
- Meet & Greet With Santa
- Arts & Crafts Tables
- Games & Fun Zone







## Celebrations

Valerie Gabaldon

12th Patrick Turrieta James Varney

**December Birthdays** 

1st	Graciela Ramirez Gomez	13th	Mary Lucero	24th	Catherine Apodaca Penny Harris
2nd	Letha Allen	14th	Arnel Oczon		•
4th	Magdalena Barbour Clorinda Fisher Inez Richardson	15th	Richard Martinez Nancy Thompson	25th	Panee Diamond Donald Lubin Marlene Phillips
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5th	Dan Stougeer Richard Wittsell	18th	Diana Starustka		Jan Caron Viola Garcia
6th	Gary Day Janet London	20th	Irene Aragon Nancy Eakins Delores Munson	29th	Robert McCullough Patrick Sena
7th	Robert Henrion		Brenda Yager	30th	Lisa Verdi
8th	Harriet Berry Thomas Ware	21st	Miguel Baca	31st	Alla Kremer
9th	Lisa Pohl	22nd	Maria Casaus Ron Mansoldo Pauline Palmer-Green	+ 4	appu
11th	Barbara Pohl		†		4.1.9

Maria Castillo Debra Montoya

Carolyn Rigirozzi

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## **Opportunities**

Albuquerque Bio Park Education Albuguergue Little Theater Albuquerque Museum Albuquerque Police Department Albuquerque Reads Balloon Museum Animal Welfare Department ARC Thrift Store Aviation Department Barelas Senior Center Bear Canyon Senior Center BernCo Senior & Social Services Department Catholic Charities City of Albuquerque Greenhouse City of Albuquerque Open Space Compassus

DSA Information & Assistance

#### **Volunteer Stations**

DSA Nutrition DSA Satellite Meal Sites DSA Sports & Fitness DSA Transportation DSA Volunteers in Action Explora Science Center Friends of Valle de Oro Highland Senior Center Hospice De La Luz Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Los Volcanes Senior Center Lovelace Women's Hospital Center Maxwell Mus. of Anthropology Meals on Wheels Musical Theatre Southwest Nat. Hispanic Cultural Center New Mexico Kids Matter New Mexico Veterans Memorial NM Museum of Nat. Hist. and

NM Commision for the Blind
NM Long-Term Care Ombudsman
North Domingo Baca M.C.
North Valley Senior Center
Palo Duro Senior Center
Popejoy Hall
Presbyterian Healthcare Services
Presbyterian Northside
ProMedica Hospice
Read to Me Albuquerque Network
Roadrunner Food Bank
Ronald McDonald House Charities
RSVP
RSVP Advisory Council
Santa Barbara Martineztown M.C.
Storehouse
University Hospital
VA Center for Development and
Civic Engagement
Visit Albuquerque

# Special Projects

# North Domingo Baca <u>Multigenerational Center</u>

Looking for friendly volunteers to serve Holiday Lunch to local seniors.

> December 25, 2025 8am - 2pm & 10:30am - 2pm

#### Satellite Meal Sites

We are looking for caring & dependable volunteers to support our daily meal programs in providing nutritious lunches to older adults in our community.

# Annual Holiday Donation <a href="Bag Assembly">Bag Assembly</a>

In need of 6 volunteers to help us sort & pack the items generously donated for the Annual Holiday Donation Drive.

> December 10, 2025 8am - 4pm

#### **DSA Senior Centers**

Barelas and North Valley Senior Center's are in need of some kitchen support for various tasks throughout the week.



# As part of the New Mexico Grown state initiative, every Thursday, the Department of Senior Affairs will feature a vegetarian meal that



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