

# RSVP Voluntimes

## January 2026



As the holiday season arrives, it brings with it a spirit of generosity, reflection, and connection.

This time of year reminds us how powerful simple acts of kindness can be, especially when shared within a caring community.

From bright lights and festive gatherings to quiet moments of gratitude, the holidays offer an opportunity to celebrate not just traditions, but the people who make our communities stronger every day.

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers embody the true meaning of service throughout the year, and the holidays shine an even brighter light on your dedication.

Whether you are delivering meals, mentoring a neighbor, offering companionship, or lending a helping hand where it's needed most, your commitment brings warmth and hope to countless individuals and families.

Your service is a gift that cannot be wrapped, yet it is deeply felt and profoundly appreciated.

As we look ahead to the new year, we do so with gratitude for your compassion and optimism for what lies ahead. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and hearts in service to others.

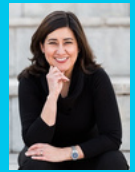
May this holiday season bring you joy, peace, and pride in the difference you continue to make. Together, we carry the spirit of service forward—today and always.

Stay Safe & Be Well,  
The RSVP Office

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# Updates & Reminders

## Important Dates

01/01: CLOSED - New Years Day  
01/16: Mobile Food Pantry @ MMMC  
01/19: CLOSED - MLK Jr. Day  
01/21: MLK Day of Service  
01/23: Senior Day @ the Roundhouse  
01/26: DSA Advisory Council Meeting  
@ BCSC

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

## **RSVP Advisory Council 2026 Winter Grant Announcement**

**COMING  
SOON**

## 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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## NHCC Volunteer

**National Hispanic Cultural Center**  
**1701 4th Street SW**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87102**  
**(505) 724-4771**

Thank you for considering joining the National Hispanic Cultural Center team as a Volunteer. Our volunteers serve as ushers, library volunteers, docents, and more and are a valuable and critical part of the NHCC.

- Learn about Hispanic/Latino/Chicano visual art, performing art, history, and literary arts from subject-matter experts;
- Meet and talk with artists, historians, performers, authors and curators;
- Learn educational activities to lead with children and adults;
- Enjoy curator-led tours of exhibitions;
- Free admission to performances for ushers;
- Attend our monthly breakfast meetings.
- Meeting the amazing and diverse community of people who visit and work at the NHCC.

### **NHCC Programs**

#### **Visual Arts and Art Museum**

The NHCC's Visual Arts Program collects, preserves, researches, exhibits and interprets Hispanic works of art from New Mexico and throughout the world, including through an 11,000 square-foot Art Museum. The galleries of the Museum feature artworks from the NHCC's permanent collection, the Community Art Gallery dedicated to highlighting New Mexico's artists, and rotating exhibitions.

#### **History and Literary Arts**

The History and Literary Arts Program (HLA) at the NHCC promotes and celebrates a deeper understanding of Hispanic/Latino history and literature of the U.S. and worldwide. We house a library, archives, special collections, genealogy center, present two to four exhibits a year, and present a wide range of history and literary arts programs serving children, youth, adults, elders, and families.

#### **Performing Arts**

The mission of the Performing Arts Program (PA) is to present and produce traditional and contemporary theatrical, musical, dance, and multidisciplinary performances and events that preserve and promote Hispanic cultures in New Mexico, the nation, and the world. Programming has included plays, concerts, dance performances, puppet shows, storytelling, fiestas and festivals, and films.

#### **Education**

The NHCC Education Program (EDU) supports programming across all of the disciplines of the Center, from large family events and artmaking for toddlers to virtual classroom visits and school-day concerts. The NHCC Volunteer Program Is part of the NHCC Education Program.

# Celebrations

## January Birthdays

1st Margaret Dubois  
Millie Martinez

Debra Cox  
5th Lupe Gutierrez  
Louise Milhollin

6th Charlene Gabaldon

Sam Caldwell  
7th Ellen Klein  
Wayne Webster

8th Sonyia Hartwell

10th Sylvia Maestas

12th Suzanne Shannon  
Carol Wolvington

Pablo Candelaria  
13th Anita Chavez  
Mercedes Mejia  
Josie Tennant

15th Grayson Stanford

16th Paul Nunez

17th Karen Jonak

18th Thomas Samuel

19th Donna Abbott  
William Gornall

20th Yolanda Espinoza de Herman  
Maria Sabatel

21st Carl Gervais  
Mara Kerkes

22nd Catherine Weidle

25th Brian Montoya  
Ramona Simmons

26th Catherine Lawrie

27th Joe Lopez

29th Joseph Chavez

30th Barbara Krier



# Save the Date

# SENIOR DAY



## JANUARY 23, 2026

*Join us at the Roundhouse*

**50's SOCK HOP PARTY**

*Rock n' Roll*

**All ages welcome!**

**January 7th**  
**3:30-5:00 pm**  
**North Domingo Baca**  
**7521 Carmel Ave**  
**(505)764-6475**

**ONE ALBUQUE ROQUE** senior affairs

Get ready to shake your hips and twist those feet in honor of Elvis' birthday!

# Opportunities

## Volunteer Stations

Albuquerque Bio Park Education  
Albuquerque Little Theater  
Albuquerque Museum  
Albuquerque Police Department  
Albuquerque Reads  
Anderson/Abruzzo International  
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 Advisory Council  
DSA Case Management  
DSA Home Services  
DSA Information & Assistance

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  
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational  
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  
Science

NM Aging & Long-Term Services  
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

### 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.

### DSA Senior Centers

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

### MLK Day of Service

We are looking for 8 volunteers to assist us in packing food boxes at Roadrunner Food Bank for our annual day of service.

**January 21, 2026  
10am - 1pm**




























# JANUARY 2026

**ONE  
ALBUQUE  
ROQUE**

As part of the New Mexico Grown state initiative, every Thursday, the Department of Senior Affairs will feature a vegetarian meal that incorporates locally sourced fruits, vegetables, beans, or chile into the menu.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>29</b>  Beef Enchilada 4oz Red Chile 1oz Pinto Beans 4oz Succotash 4oz Diced Pears 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	<b>30</b>  Asian Diced Pork 3oz Peppers 2oz Rice Pilaf 4oz Oriental Veggie Blend 4oz Fortune Cookie 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	<b>31</b>  Chicken Fajitas 3oz Fajita Veggie Blend 4oz Spinach w/ Mushrooms 4oz Ranch Beans 4oz Tortilla 2ea Pudding 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>1</b> <b>CLOSED</b> 	<b>2</b>  Beef Tips Over Pasta 3oz Gravy 2oz Peas & Carrots 4oz Diced Beets 4oz Brownies 4oz 1% Milk 8oz
<b>5</b>  Baked BBQ Chicken 3oz Sweet Potato Mash 4oz Brussel Sprouts 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Applesauce 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>6</b>  Meatloaf 3oz Tomato Sauce 1oz Pinto Beans 4oz Normandy Blend 4oz Yogurt 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>7</b>  Turkey Pot Pie 4oz Steamed Broccoli 4oz Breadstick 1ea Baked Pears 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>8</b>  Cheese Omelet 4oz Peppers & Red Chile 4oz Diced Potatoes 4oz Ranch Beans 4oz Peach 4oz 1% Milk 8oz 	<b>9</b>  Pork Chop 3oz Gravy 1oz Brown Rice 4oz Buttery Peas 4oz Mandarin Oranges 4oz 1% Milk 8oz
<b>12</b>  Salisbury Steak 4oz Mushrooms & Gravy 2oz Mashed Potatoes 4oz Green Beans with Diced Tomatoes 4oz Cupped Pears 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>13</b>  Chicken Alfredo 4oz Peas 1oz Steamed Carrots 4oz Steamed Broccoli 4oz Yogurt 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>14</b>  Green Chile Cheeseburger 1ea Normandy Blend 4oz Cauliflower w/ Red Peppers 4oz Jell-O 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>15</b>  Posole 4oz Diced Potatoes 4oz Calabacitas 4oz Pudding 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>16</b>  Sweet & Sour Pork Chop 4oz Brown Rice 4oz Stir Fry 4oz Peaches 4oz 1% Milk 8oz
<b>19</b> <b>CLOSED</b> 	<b>20</b>  Sloppy Joe 4oz Brussel Sprouts 4oz Diced Potatoes 4oz Applesauce 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>21</b>  Green Chile Chicken 4oz Posole 4oz Carrots 4oz Broccoli/Cauliflower 4oz Vanilla Pudding 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>22</b>  Baked Ziti 5oz Green Beans with Diced Tomatoes 4oz Breadstick 1ea Cupped Pineapple 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>23</b>  BBQ Pulled Pork with Baked Beans 4oz Broccoli 4oz Cornbread 1ea Mixed Fruit 4oz 1% Milk 8oz
<b>26</b>  Rotisserie Chicken 4oz Mashed Potatoes 4oz Stewed Tomatoes 4oz Brownie 1ea 1% Milk 8oz	<b>27</b>  Carne Adovada 3oz Red Chile 1oz Pinto Beans 4oz Spanish Rice 4oz Flour Tortilla 2ea Applesauce 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>28</b>  Lemon Baked Cod 3oz Tarter Sauce 1ea Normandy Blend 4oz Brown Rice 4oz Dinner Roll 1ea Margarine 1pc Mandarin Oranges 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>29</b>  Green Chile Mac & Cheese w/ Broccoli 5oz Sweet Potatoes 4oz Diced Beets 4oz Banana 4oz 1% Milk 8oz	<b>30</b>  Chicken Parmesan 4oz Brown Rice 4oz Steamed Carrots 4oz Jell-O 4oz 1% Milk 8oz