National Senior Corps Week scheduled

This month, more than 75 volunteers in Coconino County will be recognized for their service. The second annual National Senior Corps Week, Sept. 19-23, celebrates the positive impact seniors have in their communities. Senior Corps programs draw on the unique ability that Americans 55 years of age and older possess to use their wisdom, professional skills and experience to cultivate and nurture the kind of positive change that makes a lasting generational impact.

Senior Corps consists of three programs: the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), the Senior Companion Program and the Foster Grandparent Program. These Senior Corps programs in Coconino County are sponsored by the Civic Service Institute at Northern Arizona University.

In Coconino County last year, 44 RSVP volunteers serving at 19 nonprofit organizations provided 5,840 hours of service to help feed the hungry, keep community libraries running smoothly, assist at senior centers, and help local police and fire services with public safety programs. Eighteen Senior Compan-

ion volunteers gave 11,989 hours to help homebound elderly maintain independence, provide them with assistance/transportation to doctor and other appointments, and meet their social needs. Fourteen Foster Grandparents volunteered 9,013 hours in schools and Head Start Centers to help children with special needs improve in their academic, social/emotional, language development and other skills.

During Senior Corps Week, the Civic Service Institute would like to send a special thank you to all RSVP volunteers, Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents, partner organizations and community members for making a difference in their communities.

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