

# Green Mountain RSVP

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## Upcoming Events

### Stuff the Bus

On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> we held our annual “Stuff the Bus” food drive at Price Chopper in Bennington. Our previous event that was scheduled for 1/13/18 was cancelled due to the weather. Thankfully the weather cooperated this time around- warmer temperatures and even some beautiful sunshine over the course of the day.



With the help of 15 volunteers throughout the day, donation wish list flyers were handed out to customers coming in the doors of Price Chopper. The first 100 donors received a free Green Mountain RSVP mini tote bag. By the end of the day we received 1,400 pounds of food! All items were organized within 35 banana boxes, each banana box weighed an average of 40 pounds. The banana boxes were distributed amongst 7 different food pantries within Bennington County- each pantry received 5 banana boxes full of donations. The list of pantries that benefited from this event include: Arlington Food Shelf, BROCC Food Shelf, Carpenter Shop-Shaftsbury, Green Mountain Christian Ministries, HIS Food Pantry, the Kitchen Cupboard, and Pownal Food Pantry.

We are thankful for the collaboration we had with the following organizations: *Green Mountain Community Network* who provided the bus for this event; *Price Chopper, Bennington* who allowed us to hold our event in their parking lot, saved banana boxes for us, and allowed us to have volunteers stationed within their entryway; *Bennington Rotary* and *MAUHS Interact Club*, both helped to gather volunteers who assisted throughout the day. Volunteers from *Green Mountain Christian Ministries* and *HIS Food Pantry* also donated their time throughout the day which was very much appreciated!

Last, but certainly not least, a special THANK YOU to our Senior Corps Volunteers for donating their time on this day. Each of you helped to make this event run as smooth as possible- we are grateful for you and your generous gift of time!



\*RSVP Senior Corps Volunteers pictured: Emma & Larry Roberson; Nancy Balconis & Elsie Dutcher\*



Now through March 30, 2018!

SPREAD THE WORD

Learn More:

[www.unitedwaysvtbennington.org/pbjslam](http://www.unitedwaysvtbennington.org/pbjslam)

Donations benefit:

BROC, Kitchen Cupboard, HIS Pantry, Arlington Food Shelf, Community Kitchen Cupboard in Manchester

Bring in your PB & J- we are a collection site for the 2nd Annual PB & Jam Slam!



American Red Cross

**Bennington Blood Drives:**  
**11:30am-5pm**

- **March 29- SVMC**
- **April 25- First Baptist Church**

Donating blood makes a big difference in the lives of others! Visit [Redcross.org](http://Redcross.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule a donation.



## Driver Safety

Bennington Senior Center  
124 Pleasant Street

Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am-3:00 pm

Please call 442-1052 to register

## National Service Recognition

National Service Recognition Day is on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. One this day, Senior Corps Volunteers from all over Vermont will be spending the morning at the State House in Montpelier where a tour and an official proclamation will be given.

We thank each of you for the time and hardwork you put into serving our community. The gift of sharing your time and talents is priceless! Thank you for doing your part and being included in these numbers provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).



GMRSVP will be closed, Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.



Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

## MEMORY CAFÉ

Brookdale at Fillmore Pond  
10:00am-11:30am  
No registration required

March 24<sup>th</sup>  
April 28<sup>th</sup>



• **American Red Cross**- volunteers needed to assist making sandwiches for blood drives, handing out snacks/water to donors, blood services.

- **Bennington County Meals on Wheels**- seeking meals drivers & café host/hostess.
- **Green Mountain Community Network**- drivers needed.
- **Green Mountain RSVP**- seeking Bone Builders Leaders for Tuesday & Thursday mornings at the Senior Center (certification course is being offered Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-3pm)
- **HIS Food Pantry**- prep assistance, picking up donations, helping guests.
- **Mount Anthony Union Middle School**- mentors needed for as little as 1hr/week- working with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in a “maker lab” environment and/or assisting with projects/homework.
- **One World Conservation Center**- many different opportunities available.
- **Seedlings**- seeking volunteers Tuesdays 3pm-4:30pm @ Molly Stark Elementary School.
- **Sunrise Family Resource Center**- playing with children ages 0-3.

**Please contact Lenora for more information!**

Green Mountain RSVP is sponsored by The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging. RSVP is a member of Senior Corps, a nationwide volunteer program for people 55+ who want to give their time and experience to strengthen their communities. Thank you for your commitment to the non-profit organizations and people of Bennington County.



Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

**If you have questions or need more information:**

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