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**RSVP Volunteer Opportunities**  
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Grants Pass, OR □ The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program matches the talents and experience of people aged 55 and older and channels them into meaningful volunteer work that supports public and nonprofit agencies, as well as health care facilities throughout Josephine County. Their lifetime of experience is building our community

**The world always looks brighter from behind a smile. Free Mobile Dental Unit secured for 2011 year:** RSVP/UCAN and Pathways to Care Network is pleased to announce they will be partnering for this coming year to provide FREE dental services to Josephine County residents. MTI- Medical Teams International has been secured again to continue our dental clinics. RSVP/UCAN and Pathways to Care Network partnering with local dentists and assistants who volunteered their time one Saturday a month to bring services to our community was a success this year. We look forward to providing this vital service to our residents in the coming year. For more information on how to receive services, become a volunteer or donate, call RSVP 541-956-4472.

**Toys for Tots: Toy Giveaway is fast approaching.** Help make a child's Christmas with a new toy. RSVP will be a drop-off site for toy donations for our local Toys for Tots Giveaway. The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future. Drop off new toys at 133 NW D Street, Monday through Friday, 9am-noon & 1pm-4pm. All toys donated will be used for U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Giveaway on Saturday, Dec. 18, 8am-2:30 pm at the former Merlin Elementary School, 345 Merlin Hwy. in Merlin. For more information call 541-479-4794 or [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) website.

**Pay it forward** if you can by contributing to those who facing a fierce winter on the streets. Warm socks, gloves and sleeping bags can make a wintery night a little more bearable and many in our community are need of these basic items. If you have good condition sleeping bags, tents or tarps available for donation, the 2011 One Night Homeless Count Project would love to have your help. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, Josephine County will undergo a night of number-crunching to help quantify the number of individuals who are without homes and in desperate need of services. An accurate count raises awareness, as well as funding, and helps tell the story of many working families today who are experiencing homelessness. You may drop your donation off at 124 NW D St the UCAN Main Office. For further information on becoming a partner or donation site, please contact UCAN Chief Operating Officer at 956-4470.

**Medicare 101 Workshop:** If you would like to know what your Medicare choices are for 2011, come to our introductory seminar and learn all you need to know about Medicare, RSVP's SHIBA program and the Medicare website. Thursday, Dec. 16, 1:00-2:30pm at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River, Cave Junction. Workshop is free but space is limited, please call RSVP to register 541-956-4472.

**Our SHIBA volunteers** are prepared to help you review plan comparisons in Medicare Advantage plans and Prescription Part D coverage so you can make informed choices as an educated consumer. Appointments can be made now to review your options, as well as apply for extra help in paying for Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Premiums, through the Social Security Administration Low Income Subsidy (LIS). SHIBA volunteers are available by appointment to help you identify eligibility for the LIS, and if you qualify, you can get the extra help needed to pay Part D premiums as well as the benefit of very low cost medications. Contact our office at 541-956-4472 now to schedule your personalized time with a qualified SHIBA representative to see if you meet the guidelines that can help you stay healthy, even on a tight budget. **Beneficiaries have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to make their choices for 2011**, so don't delay and get the facts now. Our next Medicare Walk-in Saturday is scheduled for Dec. 11, 9am-2pm to meet your needs.