

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Make Independence A Reality

Rae Mudgett spends her time helping seniors create works of art. Instead of a computer and cubicle, Rae's "office" is surrounded by paintings, pottery, and all sorts of colorful and resourceful crafts. As a Senior Companion at Nevada Senior Services, Inc. for the last 4 years, Rae's duties include talking with clients, cleaning up and assisting with minor tasks, but mostly, just being a friend to them.



Rae Mudgett, Senior Companion Program volunteer with Catholic Charities for four years.

"I volunteer here 40 hours a week and enjoy every moment of it," she said. Rae got her start as a Senior Companion after she had hip surgery and had to stay in an assisted living facility. While recovering Rae decided she had to "do something" and later ended up assisting people at the very facility she once stayed at.



"I feel that Catholic Charities saved my life. I was depressed and doing this gets me out of it. I have a purpose. Without them, I don't know what I would do," she said.

Besides volunteering at Nevada Senior Services, Rae also lives there. She lost her eye a few years back and cannot drive now. Being so close to the friends she volunteers with makes Rae feel like, in her words, "part of one big happy family."

Rae assists Dorothy with painting. After suffering a stroke Dorothy lost the use of one arm.

The proof is evident that Jeffrey Klein, President & CEO and Dee Dee Woodberry, Activity Director of Nevada Senior Services, Inc. truly care for their clients.

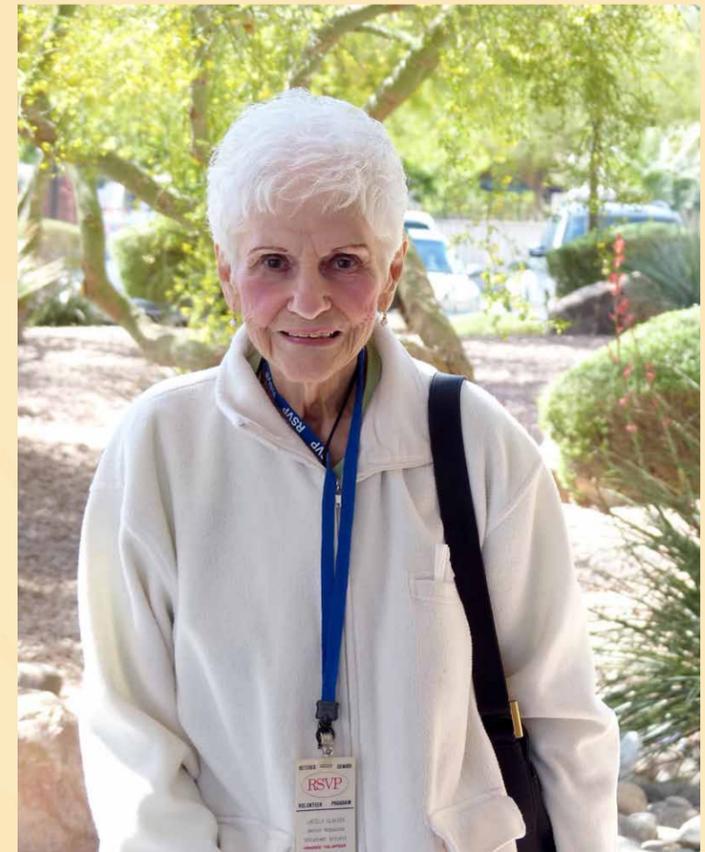
"Catholic Charities has been with us since the beginning and this is a mission we share. It's always been a very special partnership that allows us to take that journey together. Senior Companions do an excellent job at providing a connection. They make a real impact," Jeffrey said.



RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Lead With Experience

Lucille R. Clavier has spent the last 27 years of her life giving back to the community by volunteering at Catholic Charities. Now a member of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and member of the Senior Advisory Council, Lucille is grateful to help people from all walks of life. She volunteers her time because, "It makes you realize that people need you and you can help in your community. It feels good helping someone else and you feel you have accomplished something."



Lucille Clavier, RSVP volunteer.

Catholic Charities RSVP volunteers serve at a variety of volunteer sites throughout southern Nevada. These volunteers provide much-needed support to places such as senior centers, hospitals, museums, and schools. It enables them to bring their skills, talents and experience to dozens of agencies in Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Overton. The RSVP program is an effective way for agencies to solve critical staff shortages.

The extra care and attention they provide make a world of difference in people's lives. By giving their time, sharing their expertise, and showing kindness to all they serve, Retired & Senior Volunteers help restore hope to our community.



Recently Wade, Lucille, Clem and Bill assisted us in folding all 1,500 T-Shirts given out at our Feast of Hope meal at the St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility at the end of April.

If you or someone you know might benefit by becoming a volunteer please contact Senior Services at 702-382-0721 or visit CatholicCharities.com.

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