



RSVP VOLUNTEERS WORTH MILLIONS TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Montgomery County, Virginia – Montgomery County’s Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) recently honored their 200 plus volunteers during 2008.

“It’s never been a better time to volunteer,” said RSVP Director Angela Little. “U.S. Rep. George Miller stated recently that ‘history has shown that in times of crisis, Americans turn to service and volunteering for healing, for rebuilding and for hope. The spirit and generosity of the American people is one of our nation’s greatest assets.’”



Little told the room full of seniors that their volunteer hours totaled 47,917 for Montgomery County and Radford during 2008. That number increased by almost 4,000 from 2007. Volunteers performed 179 different jobs for 72 agencies, saving both public and private sector dollars.

“The Humane Society of Montgomery County stated that the amount saved by utilizing volunteers is nearly 30 percent of what they spent on their spay and neuter program in 2007,” Little said.

A “check” representing the monetary value of volunteer hours donated in Montgomery County and Radford was presented to Montgomery County Board of Supervisors Chair Annette Perkins.

“The ‘value wage,’ which is the amount an employer would incur if they had to pay someone for your volunteer work is \$19.72 per hour for the state of Virginia,” Little told the audience. “To represent the value of time given in service, RSVP would like to present a check to Annette Perkins, Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, in the amount of \$944,923.24, as a representation of our gift to the communities in Montgomery County and Radford. I applaud you.”

Perkins accepted the check and thanked the volunteers, saying it’s not every day the County receives a check for almost a million dollars.

“Because you give of your time and talents, residents in our area are able to enjoy greater quality of life,” Perkins said. “The volunteer work you donate is invaluable. Thank you for your contributions to our community and, once again, congratulations on a successful year!”

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Photo: Montgomery County Board of Supervisors Chair Annette Perkins received a “check” on behalf of the County in the amount of \$944,923.24 from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

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