



#### 39th Annual Volunteer Awards

The Ashe County Board of Commissioners presents the thirty-ninth annual awards program to honor outstanding volunteers and organizations in the county. The Ashe County Annual Volunteer Awards ceremony will be announced at a later date.

The success of the awards program depends on the willingness of our community leaders and representatives to nominate deserving organizations and individuals. If you would like to nominate someone, you can do so by contacting Jennifer Richardson, Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator, at 336-246-4347. If you would like an electronic copy of the entry form, send your request to jennifer-richardson@ashecountygov.com or go to the Generations Ashe website. Entry forms must be returned to Generations Ashe c/o Jennifer Richardson no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, February 16, 2024 or may be emailed to jenniferrichardson@ashecountygov.com. The winners of the Volunteer of the Year Awards are determined by the essay written describing the volunteer services performed. Please attach no more than a one page, typed or legibly written essay. Please be as thorough as possible as this information is used to determine the volunteers of the year in the Individual, Family, Group/Team, Youth, Senior, Faith-Based, Corporate/Business, National Service, and Director of Volunteers with several other service categories.

Nominations will not be accepted after this date.

Ashe County owes a great deal to the hundreds of individuals who volunteer their time in so many ways to make our county a better place to live and work. We welcome this opportunity to honor those volunteers and show our appreciation for the services they provide.

Ashe County Volunteer Program is in need of Volunteers!
Are you retired and tired of sitting at home and looking at the same four walls? Generations Senior Center along with the Ashe County Volunteer Initiative Program is in need of volunteers.

We have a need in our senior center gym for an exercise trainer a couple hours each day. This would be assisting clients with how the machines work, staying hydrated and the proper safety techniques.

We have a *need* for home delivered meal drivers, better known as meals on wheels. Volunteers transport meals from Generations Senior Center, where they are prepared, and then to the homes of qualified individuals within the county. Volunteers are taken on a route with a staff member or another volunteer until they learn the clients, routes, and rules. Volunteers donate about two or three hours per day. Individuals can volunteer one day a week and up to five days a week. You may deliver independently or team up with another volunteer. We are also seeking volunteers for our congregate meals program.

If you would like to volunteer with any of these programs or would like more information about this or any other programs please contact, Jennifer Richardson, Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator, at (336) 246-4347.

If you would like to receive this publication by email, please let us know by sending your email to seniorcenter@generationsashe.org. Or call 336-246-4347. Thank you!

We are on the Web!!





Glenda Luther, Senior Center Director

Senior News

#### -Generations Ashe-

# April Senior Center News 2024

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**Birthday List** 

Services, Parent to Parent Support Group, Support Groups, NC Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Exercise, Quilting & Sewing, Cards, Board Games, Faith Based Activities

39th Annual Volunteer
Awards, Volunteers Needed





The Senior Center is participating in the High Country Senior Senior Games

Games this year. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the front desk to pick up your registration form and return it to us. We can turn in for you. On April 12, 2024 we will have a Tai Chi demo and presentation and will hold a sign-up after lunch. Early registration deadline is May 4th with the cost of \$15.00. If you plan to register that day, please bring payment

with you. After May 15th, the cost will be \$20.00. You can also

register online at: torch.ncseniorgames.org. The Senior Games

Breakfast for Champions will be held on May 4th at Appalachian Brian Estates. There will be Corn hole and Horseshoe games that day as well.

Thank you there's

April is National Volunteer Month. Generations Ashe would like to "Thank" all of our volunteers. You have put in a lot of hours this past year. From our home-delivered meals drivers to our VITA Tax Aide volunteers and many others. Your caring, passion, and thoughtfulness has not gone unrecognized. Thank you for all that you do! National Volun-

teer week is April 15-19, 2024.



Medicare 101 Presentation with Billie Lister, Western Regional Manager SHIIP Division on Monday, April 22nd, 2024 at 11:45am.

This event is to educate those who are new to Medicare and anyone who might have questions regarding their Medicare Plans.

Medicare assistance is available on Monday - Friday at the Senior Center. Please call to make an appointment. 336-246-4347.

#### **Transportation Shuttle Services Available at Senior Center!**

If you are 60 or older and live within the Jefferson/West Jefferson City Limits. The Senior Center can provide tickets for you to ride the shuttle free of charge. If you would like more information on how to apply for this service please contact the senior center at 336-246-4347.

Note: Must apply in person at the Senior Center. You cannot apply over the phone and no one can apply for some one



National Volunteer Week is April 15th - 19th, 2024. Help us celebrate our Volunteers here at Generations Ashe.

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**Kathy Bower** 

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Drop in's 8:00-5:00 M-F			
Billiards	Horseshoes	Exercise Room	
Bingo	Shuffleboard	Walking Trail	
Rook	Book Exchange	Chair Volleyball	
Piano	Computer Lab		

Dates and times are subject to change at this time due to COVID-19 and social distancing regulations for all card games and exercise programs.

## SERVICES



For an appointment:

1-828-322-9323

**Or** 336-838-8886

Wednesday & Thursday 9-4

By appointment only

Now helping veterans with their hearing needs through Community Cares

#### **PARENT TO PARENT**



**Family Support Network High Country** 

**Ashe County Coffee Connection Caregiver Group** 

Child care provided Pizza and drinks for the kids.



Led by caregivers, Parent to Parent is a place to share experiences about raising children with a range of abilities and challenges.

Meetings are held at 180 Chattyrob Lane West Jefferson, 28694 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Hosted by Parent to Parent Family Support Network-High Country

Marilyn Miller, Facilitator 828-457-5813 or millerma17@appstate.edu

Norma Bouchard, Facilitator 828-457-5183 or bouchardnj@appstate.edu







Scheduled last Tuesday

of the month

February 27

March 26

April 30

#### **Support Groups**



Caregiver Support Group @ Assisted Living

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month @ 4:00

Helping Hands Grief Support at the Senior Center

2nd & Last Thursdays of the Month from 3-5:00

R.A.P.P. (Relatives as Parents Program) 3rd of Thursday's of the Month



A.S.H.E.

A Safe Home for Everyone

2nd Friday of the Month from 10-11:30

Supportive Journal Group for Survivors, Family Members, and Caregivers of Sexual Violence



with the North Carolina Deaf and Services for the Deaf



here at the Senior Center every 2nd Tuesday of

the month.

Iessica Sanders



## DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS about falling?



experience concerns about falling restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

#### This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

#### YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anvone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns



**180 Chattyrob Lane** West Jefferson, NC 28694

KICKS OFF March 19th through April 11th, 2024 **Tuesdays and Thursdays** 1:30 pm TILL 3:30 pm

Classes are held twice a week for 4 weeks for 2 hours each.

#### FREE

For more information or to register for the class stop by the Senior Center Desk or call **Generations Ashe Senior Center** At 336-246-4347

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls Volunteer Lay Leader Model @2006

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#### A Matter of Balance Lay Leader Model

Recognized for Innovation and Quality in Healthcare and Aging, 2006, American Society on Aging. A Matter of Balance Lay Leader Model was developed by a grant from the Administration on Aging (#90AM2780).

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Cardio Oroming

Cardio Drumming will start back on
Thursday, April 18th @ 5:30 pm
Cost: \$10.00 per month or
\$50.00 for 7 months
Bring your own drum sticks
or purchase them from us for \$5.00.
If you have any questions, please call the

senior center, 336-246-4347.





Ina's Travel Club 2024 trips.

June 10-14 Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Amish Country, \$769 pp dbl, Deadline is April 10th

July 31-August 6, Boston, \$925 pp dbl, Deadline June 7th

October 7-11, Savannah, \$735 pp dbl, Deadline is August 7th

If you are interested in going on any of these trips, please call the senior center to sign up. \$75 Deposit is required at the time of sign-up. 30 individuals are needed for these trips to go. If you need more information please contact Ina Barnes: 336-977-2256.

You can sign-up at the senior center front desk, packets for the trips will be available soon for pick up. 336-246-4347



Tai Chi helps to improve balance, increase muscular strength and improve mobility.

Evidence has shown that Tai Chi is an effective exercise to prevent falls.

BEGINING APRIL 24TH, 2024 WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

1:30-2:30 PM

#### SIGN UP TODAY

- 336-246-4347
- 🔰 180 Chattyrob Lane, WJ, NC 28694
- www.generationsashe.org

Generations Ashe Senior Center has lockers for rent on a monthly and 6 month bases. If you are interested in renting a locker, please see someone at the senior center front desk.

# April Birthdays

Marcella Benson Margie Roark **Beth Williamson James Herndon Barbara Foster Nancy Osborne Patsy Hardin Arlene Blasberg** Laura Green Phillip Park Laurie Wood **Susan Adams Richard Duncan David Coffey Walt Petersen Janet Rogers Lois Brantley** Raymond Cook **Donald Denig** Dale McNeill **Cheryl Monsees Carroll Ludwig** Trisha Angerer **Janice Grant** Catherine Mikkola **Kim Caudill** Rebecca Michael Ralph Padin **Charles Teague Cara Seagraves Charles Wilson Newton Goodman** Virgil Bonham **Marvin Miller** 

**Helen Houck** 

**Fred Houck** 

**Edith Wiest** 

Owen McGuire Linda Greene **Ronald Huber** Sarah Johnson **Wayne King Carol Peters** Marie Fama **Angela Taylor** Jim Ogburn Sara Moore **Brenda Osborne** William Henderson **Gayle Benton** Elizabeth Hart **Debra Post** Diana Cruickshank **Bill Gentry Doris Wishon Patti Pleasants Betty Houck Karin Kalmus Brenda Ellison Jacob Hartzog Eloise Garner Thomas Gore Pamela Norris James Eaker** Mary Royal Barbara Perzel Marie Burke **Betty Czarnecki** Jeannie Daubar **Cynthia Killian** Anna Ray **Peggy Greer** 

**Mary Sexton** 

**Ricky Caroll** 

**Trudy McCurry** Lucy Miller **Ruth James Beverley Lawry Darrell Brooks Ruth Short** Janet Ward **David Wilson Dorothy Jenson Dalene Hardison Judy Mullican Edie Newell** Susan Bradshaw **Vickie Sims** Julia Wilson **Devon Brown Mattie Grisham Carolyn Schurter Kim Hester** Ralph Sorell Patti Dillard Pam Pellegrino **Bettye Barwick** Lee Bartley **Neil Elam** Ella Baldwin **Leona Myers** Joseph Ashley **David Skalsky** Iulie McGunegle James Keener **Denise Hutchens** Nancy McInerney **Bonnie Carter** Anne Taylor **Robbin McNeill** Jerry Catt

Johnnie Brown **Carolyn Stacy Wendy Stanley Loraine Hunt** Laura Reece **John Yates** Lori Sloop **Janet Manchette** Jane Banks **Anita Dimon Beverly Cannon** Marilyanna Carmona **Pauline Bower Bill Wright Shirley Thacker Jill Lewis** Stephanie Topczewski **Nicholas Nocerino** Barbara Scibek **Jennifer Blevins** Warner Eller Lisa West **David Miller** Elmer Allen **Carol Mitchell Lois Sprinthall Grover Trivette** Louise Thompson **Amanda Rousey Peggy Exum Jeffery Blevins Judith Bowman** James Bumgarner Carole Landy Patricia Osborne

Donna Allen-Phillips

## Ways You Can Help Out At Your Senior Center

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

#### LEGACY GIFT PROGRAM

Generations Senior Center is committed to bring quality programs and services to older adults in Ashe County. It is also our mission to provide services, activities, socialization and intergenerational opportunities to older adults of Ashe County that enhance their dignity and help them maintain their independence at home. Most if not all of our services are provided to our older adults at no charge. We are also committed to planning ahead to meet future needs of our senior centers needs. To do this, donations are needed and appreciated. Legacy gifts are our term for these charitable contributions that help in both the long and short term. Individuals and organization can contribute in the following areas:

<u>Outright Gifts:</u> - donations of cash, property or certain securities

<u>Bequests</u> - name Generations Senior Center in your will as a beneficiary of cash, property, a percentage of the estate or the remainder of the estate

<u>Insurance Policy Beneficiary</u> - Name Generations Senior Center as beneficiary of death benefit

<u>Retirement Plan/IRA</u> - Name Generations Senior Center as beneficiary of death benefit

Endowment Fund - Make any of the above gifts through the Generations Senior Center or through our Foundation to provide permanent financial support from programs and services

Please contact us for more information about donating to Generations Senior Center. Legacy Gifts received will be recognized on our wall in the Senior Center on the Family Tree wall.

#### Donations are tax deductible.



## VOLUNTEERING

<u>SHIIP Program</u> - Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program

SHIIP Coordinator: Glenda Luther

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIIP) is a division of the NC Department of Insurance. They train coordinators and volunteers at partnering agencies across the state to provide free, unbiased counseling about Medicare in the community. Come join our team in helping others navigate through Medicare. Volunteers will need to complete an initial online training & attend quarterly trainings. Volunteers must perform at least 40 hours of service each year and stay current in Ship Talk.

#### <u>**Tax Aide Volunteers**</u> - VITA Tax Program

Coordinator - Glenda Luther

Volunteers help fill out taxes with IRS software from Feb. 1st—Apr. 15 each year. They are trained in the new tax laws each year. The training that VITA volunteers undergo helps prevent the IRS from performing additional verification and reduces the time taxpayers spend to get tax filing mistakes corrected. If you would like to volunteer, please come by the senior center and speak to Glenda Luther.

#### **Home Delivered Meals Volunteers** -

**Nutrition Supervisor - Amanda Shamblin** 

Our Home Delivered Meals Program is in need of drivers to volunteer to deliver meals to those that are homebound. You will ride with someone until you learn the route. You can volunteer 1 or 2 days a week or more, a couple of hours a day.

#### **Senior Center Volunteer Needs:**

Home Delivered Meal Drivers, Exercise Trainer, SHIIP Program, Arts & Crafts, Line Dancing, Jewelry Making, Couponing, Flower Arranging, Stained Glass, Journaling (Leaving your legacy).

## Available Programs at Your Senior Center

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Generations Senior Center is to provide services, activities, socialization and intergenerational opportunities to older adults of Ashe County that enhance their dignity and help them maintain their independence at home.

#### **Vision Statement**

To foster community power by mobilizing the strengths and resources of seniors and community leaders in a community empowered to welcome life's opportunities for seniors. It is believed that the needs of older adults can best be met by the efforts of interested public and private citizens working together toward this goal. Therefore, it shall be the philosophy of this organization that the needs of older adults, are to be found, recognized and reviewed and that every effort shall be made to promote health and well being within the means and abilities available thorough the senior center.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE

## **ACTA** - Transportation Shuttle Services Available at Senior Center!

If you are 60 or older and live within the Jefferson/West Jefferson City Limits. The Senior Center can provide tickets for you to ride the shuttle free of charge. If you would like more information on how to apply for this service please contact the senior center at 336-246-4347.

Note: Must apply in person at the Senior Center, cannot apply over the phone and no one can apply for some one else.

Meals on Wheels/Home Delivered Meals - Have trouble making your own meals? Call Generations Ashe and see if you qualify for our Home Delivered meals program and see if we can provide to your area. Call 336-246-4347.

#### Other Services

Medi-Home Health Promotions w/ Rachael Johnston—Blood Pressure Checks—2nd Monday's of the month

Center Well Home Health—Blood Pressure Checks—2nd Thursday's of the month

### SHIP INFORMATION

#### The Road to Medicare

It is very important for everyone becoming eligible for Medicare to get accurate information about coverage and delivery options, including supplemental health insurance, Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage. Attention to these issues will help you avoid serious and costly problems later.

The Senior's Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) provides FREE, unbiased information about Medicare and other insurance related issues, and the Senior Center has SHIIP volunteers to help you navigate the world of Medicare.

SHIIP has created a handout "The Road to Medicare: Planning Your Drive Toward 65." It outlines the decisions you'll need to make and what options are available through the Medicare System.

The Road to Medicare handout includes the following:

- \* Caution: Slippery Road Ahead Ways to Prepare for Medicare
- \* Green Light: Enrollment When and how you need to enroll in Medicare
- \* **Detour: Working Past 65** Information for beneficiaries who plan to work beyond age 65
- \* Which Way to Supplemental Coverage? Choices in health insurance to supplemental Medicare
- \* Stop: Get Help Resources for further information and assistance on the road to Medicare

Please don't wait to make your Medicare decisions. Please contact Generations Senior Center and speak with a certified SHIIP Volunteer Counselor to discuss your Medicare options. For those who are new to Medicare or if you have questions about Medicare, please call the senior center to arrange an appointment with a SHIIP Volunteer Counselor, contact the Senior Center at 336-246-4347.

8-4 Mon—Fri

Medicare Part D, Supplements & LIS Assistance





Monday	Tuesday	April 1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Baked Pork Patty Green Peas Carrots Devil's Food Cake Roll	2 Meatloaf Steamed Rice Steamed Broccoli Florets Yogurt Roll	3 Baked Chicken Tenders Lima Beans Roasted Squash w/onion Brownie Roll	4 Pinto Beans Stewed Tomatoes Cole Slaw Peach Cobbler Cornbread	5 Hamburger Patty Chips Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Cookie Bun
8 Baked Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Steamed Green Beans Brownie Roll	9 Pork Tenderloin w/gravy Roasted Potato Pickled Beets Fruit Cocktail Roll	10 Meatloaf w/gravy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Roll	11 Breaded Pollack Whole Kernel Corn Coleslaw Yellow Cake Cornbread	12 Chicken Salad Potato Salad Carrot Salad Grape Tomato Peaches Unsalted Crackers
15 Hamburger Steak w/gravy Steamed Rice Steamed Mixed Vegetables Peaches Roll	16 Baked Chicken Tender w/gravy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Green Beans Yellow Cake Roll	17 Pinto Beans Seared Cabbage Stewed Tomato Peach Cobbler Cornbread	18 Baked Pork Tenderloin w/gravy Baked Sweet Potato Steamed Crookneck Squash Applesauce Roll	19 BBQ Chicken Whole Kernel Corn Slaw Pears Baked Hushpuppy
22 Baked Chicken Breast Boiled Red Potato Steamed Green Beans Brownie Biscuit	23 BBQ Pork Whole Kernel Corn Mustard Greens Pineapple Roll	24 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Tossed Salad Salad Dressing Peaches Roll	25 Salisbury Steak w/gravy Mashed Potato Steamed Mixed Vegetables Berry Cobbler Roll	26 Ham Salad Macaroni Salad Tomato Slices Fruit Cocktail Roll
29 Baked Pork Patty Green Peas Carrots Devil's Food Cake Roll	30 Meatloaf Steamed Rice Steamed Broccoli Florets Yogurt Roll	Nutrition April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	We'C	our nteers

Dessert may be a choice of canned fruit, fresh fruit in season, cake, brownie, pudding or yogurt as available. Menu is subject to change due to availability of product.

## VITA TAX AID

#### IRS CERTIFIED PREPARERS

## WHAT TO BRING:

- GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO **IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU AND YOUR** SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)
- · SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, AND/OR ALL **DEPENDENTS**
- BIRTH DATES FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS **ON TAX RETURN**
- ALL FORMS W-2 AND 1099
- INSURANCE FORM 1095-A, B OR C
- INFORMATION FOR OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES
- INFORMATION FOR ALL DEDUCTIONS (INCLUDING CHARITABLE **DEDUCTIONS)/CREDITS**
- FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT OF REFUND, PROOF OF ACCOUNT AND BANK'S ROUTING NUMBER.
- LAST YEARS TAXES (2022)

Starting January 8th - April 8th, 2024 Monday's and Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

By appointment only, no drop-ins. The site will be drop-off and pick up. If you need to see a preparer face-to-face, those appointments are made separately. If you do not have all documentation needed to complete your return, we will have to reschedule your appointment.



Call for appointment 336-246-4347





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