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**The staff at RSVP of Burlington County wishes you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!**



## RSVP

Improve Lives \* Strengthen Communities \* Foster Civic Engagement

### Station Spotlight

### MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Burlington County offers a FREE, confidential and secure service for low income individuals, either elderly or disabled.

#### Volunteers:

- Help clients continue to live independently by providing help with financial matters.
- Assist low-income elderly or vulnerable persons with budgeting and making sure their bills get paid.
- Volunteering may be done on a flexible schedule
- Free Training provided

#### Know people that need:

- Setting up budgets?
- Paying bills?
- Sorting Mail?
- Reconciling their bank statement?

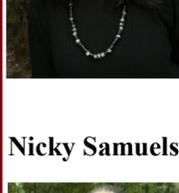
For more information, call (609) 894- 9311 ext. 1358

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“one stop shopping” for anyone aged 55 and over who wants to find challenging, rewarding and significant service opportunities in Burlington County

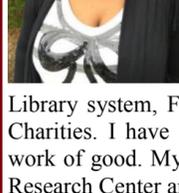
### Meet the New Staff:

#### Rebecca Schwartz



Rebecca Schwartz, LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone) secretary, was born in Connecticut but grew up in Woodbridge, NJ. She has a Masters Degree in Social Work and has over twenty years of experience working with emotionally-disturbed children in New York City. For the past several years, she has been focusing on raising her daughter. Rebecca enjoys reading and knitting and is looking forward to overseeing the LIFE program.

#### Nicky Samuels



My name is Nicky Samuels and I am the new RSVP and Money Management Coordinator. I am very happy to be on board with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. I have a B. A. in Communication from Rider University. I have fourteen years of experience working in the nonprofit sector along with six years of volunteer management experience. I have worked for organizations including the Ocean County Public Library system, Foster and Adoptive Family Services and Catholic Charities. I have a passion for helping others and enjoy doing the work of good. My favorite charity is St. Jude’s Hospital and Cancer Research Center and I volunteer regularly for Autism Speaks.



### Volunteer View



### MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM VOLUNTEER LOVES WHAT SHE DOES

When Margaret Jackson talks about her volunteer work in the RSVP Money Management Program, you can feel her enthusiasm and the joy she derives from giving her time.

“I just love what I do!” she said in her bright, cheery voice.

Margaret helps individuals pay their bills, balance their checkbook, and assists clients with their day-to-day budgeting.

That doesn’t sound very exciting by itself, but Margaret points out that it’s easy – “just adding and subtracting” – and she makes a friend in the process.

“I like having something to do to help someone else,” Margaret explained. “They need the service, and they’re so appreciative. You get to be good friends, almost like family.”

Margaret currently assists a senior who is legally blind. For her, helping the client with money matters is just the beginning.

“You take on an added responsibility when you care about someone,” Margaret said.

Before arriving at the woman’s home, Margaret calls to see if she needs anything. Margaret may take her client out to dinner or bring the client a meal from a local soup kitchen where she also volunteers.

About her client, Margaret said, “This lady is probably one of the oldest” of the seniors she has helped, “but she’s able to get around - her mental abilities are amazing.”

In contrast, a previous client apparently had Alzheimer’s disease. This client lost track of their financial accounts and ultimately Margaret had to help them open a new checking account.

Margaret has assisted about seven seniors – one at a time – since she joined the Money Management Program in the 1990s, upon retiring from her job planning activities for developmentally disabled adults.

Originally volunteering for the Burlington County Office of the Aging, Margaret eventually transitioned into her involvement with RSVP and the Money Management Program.

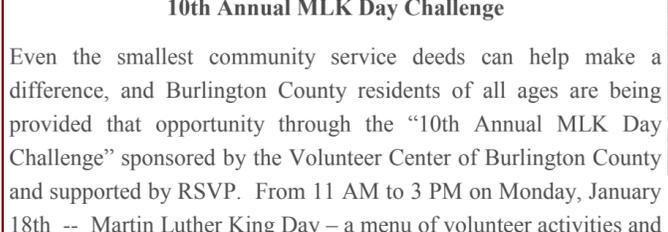
The needs of the Money Management Program fit perfectly into Margaret’s schedule. “I don’t have family in this area, so I travel a lot,” she explains. Scheduling time with a client can be done on a mutually agreeable basis that works with her travel plans: “You just fit [volunteering] in your life and you make it work for them and for you.”

“It’s always rewarding and she’s so appreciative,” Margaret says of her client. “She tells me all the time how much she loves me – and I love her back!”

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offers maximum flexibility and a choice for service opportunities anywhere from a few hours to as often as you would like

### Upcoming Event!



#### 10th Annual MLK Day Challenge

Even the smallest community service deeds can help make a difference, and Burlington County residents of all ages are being provided that opportunity through the “10th Annual MLK Day Challenge” sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Burlington County and supported by RSVP. From 11 AM to 3 PM on Monday, January 18th -- Martin Luther King Day – a menu of volunteer activities and opportunities will be offered at the Main Branch of Burlington County Library, 5 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, NJ.

The following items are needed for the Burlington County Animal Shelter and Oaks Integrated Services and can be dropped off that day at the Library:

#### Burlington County Animal Shelter

Frontline, canned dog food, HE laundry detergent, dry dog food, towels, blankets, sheets, dog treats, pillow cases, wash rags, dog toys (especially plastic/rubber), antibacterial hand soap/hand sanitizer, canned cat food, paper towels, dry cat food, brooms, scrub brushes, cat toys (plastic), fabric softener sheets, cat litter (non-clumping), bleach and plug in room freshener.

#### Oaks Integrated Services

Food donations may include peanut butter and jelly, breakfast items such as oatmeal and cereal, kid friendly snacks such as granola bars, canned meat/fish, microwaveable foods such as Easy Mac or Chef Boyardee, and canned fruits and vegetables.



**RSVP office closed from Dec 24th - Jan 1st**

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Needs people to fill a variety of volunteer opportunities. Please share our program with friends and relatives! Let them know that we can match their experience, interests, and talents to provide them with rewarding experiences!

For more information and to volunteer:

[www.bcc.edu/rsvp](http://www.bcc.edu/rsvp)

Email: [rsvpoff@bcc.edu](mailto:rsvpoff@bcc.edu)



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