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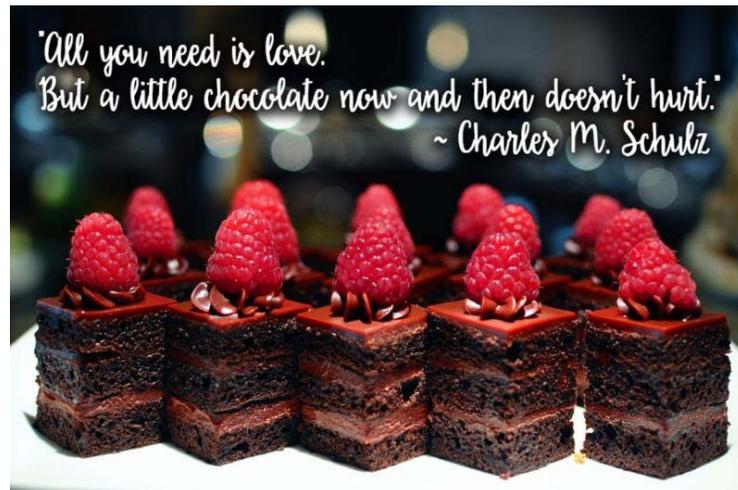
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Thank you for your  
on-going dedication and  
support of Kitchen  
Angels and the  
community of Santa Fe.



**VOLUNTEER  
MILESTONE**

Dear Lauren,



*"Without Valentine's Day, February would be . . . well . . . January."*

~Jim

Gaffigan

## Announcements

By now you've all heard about the upcoming **Winter Volunteer Appreciation Party**. The party will be at Kitchen Angels on **Thursday, February 11th from 6-8pm**. We'll have a talent show during dinner, so if you'd like to show off a bit, please

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Judy Allmon  
David Morton  
Andrea Balter  
Judy Ucincki  
Judith Nix  
JoAnn Ward  
Alan Bird

**5 Years**

Judy Lee  
Marge Louck

**10 Years**

Niall Clinton

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Celebrating the lives of our  
volunteers and clients*

Ellen T.  
Nancy K.

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contact [Teresa](#). We will be serving several varieties of soup, bread, and salad. We'll also have a dessert contest. Bring your most stellar sweet for all to share. Maybe yours will be the greatest! Prizes will be awarded.

Please [RSVP here](#) by **Monday, February 8th** if you plan to attend. This will be one party you don't want to miss!



3 lovelies at our last Valentines Party

Word is out that **Kitchenality** is one of the finest kitchen and entertaining re-sale stores in the area, and the only one that deals primarily in unique and delightfully affordable kitchen and cooking items. Since opening in mid-December, we've pulled in a fair amount of revenue that goes directly to supporting our meal delivery program. If you have new or gently used kitchen and entertaining items that you don't use anymore, please donate them to Kitchenality. We can always use more flatware, mixing bowls and family heirloom items that are no longer in use. Remember, one person's trash is another's treasure! You can donate items **Monday through Friday, 9:30 - 5:30**.



We're starting to recruit ambassadors for **Angels Night Out**. In case you don't yet know about this exciting event, here's some information . . .

**April 21st**, thirty restaurants in Santa Fe will donate 25% of their food sales to Kitchen Angels. Each restaurant will have a team of volunteer ambassadors who welcome diners, tell them about Kitchen Angels, and give out donation envelopes that double as entries into a drawing for a fabulous prize. Ambassadors typically bring in more money each year than the restaurants donate! If you'd like to get your foot in the door to be the ambassador of a particular restaurant, just email Lauren or sign up in the office. Some people have already signed up, so it's never too early! Thanks.



Save the Date: **APRIL 21st** is  
Angels Night Out this year!

## Tasty Tidbits



*A youngster's first foray into the world of fondue. He wants it everyday now.*

We often think that Valentine's Day "owns" February, but there's more to the month than just chocolate hearts! Little known fact: February is **National Fondue Month**. Yes, that's right, and there's more to fondue than bread and cheese! Read on . . .

Fondue has its origins in 18th century Switzerland but really came into fashion in the west during the 70's. Most fondue consists of two varieties of

cheese, wine, and cornstarch to keep the cheese from separating. Once melted, you can dip cooked

meat, bread, and vegetables. Click [here](#) for some amazing recipes. Of course dessert fondue is just as fabulous with melted chocolate as your dipping medium. [Pinterest](#) will supply you with all of the visual inspiration you need to throw a terrific fondue party. Kitchenality always has fondue pots on display- pick one up today and impress your friends!



To help with your dessert entries at the **Volunteer Appreciation Party** here are some ideas [Valentine's Day treats](#). You just can't go wrong with these.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We always welcome new volunteers! Here are our current opportunities:

- Monday Driver, Route 3 (S. Capital/Alto St.)
- Monday Driver, Route 6 (Miguel Chavez)
- Tuesday Driver, Route 7 (Rufina to Zafarano)
- Tuesday Driver, Route 9 (Alta Vista St.)
- Thursday Driver, Route 3 (S. Capital/Alto St.)
- Friday Driver, Route 6 (Miguel Chavez)
- Friday Driver, Route 8 (Mid Airport Rd.)
- Friday Driver, Route 10 (N. St. Francis Dr.)

### Upcoming Volunteer Orientations

**Wednesday, February 3rd from 11:00 - 1:00**

**Wednesday, February 17th from 11:00 - 1:00**



## Special Volunteer Opportunity...



Free George Winston concert for volunteers who work the shows!

This opportunity will go quickly! On **Friday and Saturday, February 5th & 6th**, pianist **George Winston** will be performing concerts at **The Center Stage CSL** located at 505 Camino de los Marquez.

We're looking for two volunteers for each evening's performance to sit at an information table and let people know about Kitchen Angels and sell George's merchandise. Proceeds from the sales will be donated to Kitchen Angels. We participated in this event last year and it was a beautiful show. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact [Lauren](#) ASAP so she can get you the information. Thanks!

## Continuing Education

Kitchen Angels is short on paper bags. Ever since grocery stores started charging for paper bags, Santa Feans have finally started to use their re-usable bags. While it's great for the environment, this means fewer bags for us to re-use. Here's an idea that can put an end to our shortage . . .

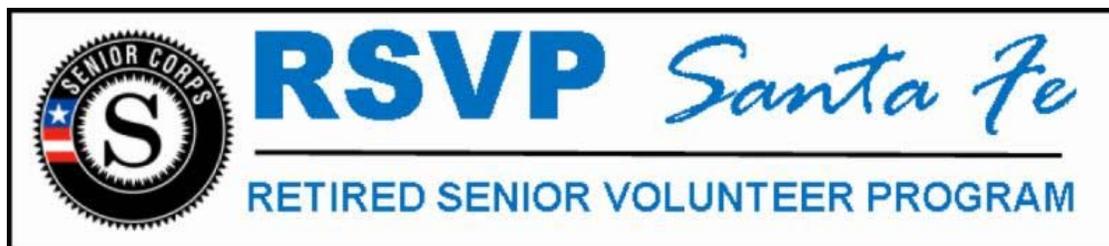


When you go to the grocery store, pay \$1 extra and ask for 10 paper bags. When you're done using them, flatten and bring them in to Kitchen Angels. If every one of our volunteers did this only once each month, we wouldn't have to purchase them ever again. One dollar is very little to spend compared to the \$900 a month it would cost Kitchen Angels to purchase them

outright! Please help us by chipping in a buck a month for bags. (Psst- ask your friends, too!)



\$1 a month will solve our paper bag crisis!



Are you 55 or older and already volunteering at Kitchen Angels? Chances are, if you're reading this, then both apply since the majority of our volunteers are over the age of 55. The city of Santa Fe has a special program that offers volunteers some fairly impressive perks. **RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer) Program** encourages people 55+ to volunteer in their communities. The program is currently focused on encouraging people to help end hunger in New Mexico.

By signing up with the RSVP Program, you can access such benefits as [supplemental automobile liability](#) and personal injury insurance during service hours and accidental loss of life coverage. If you get into an accident while delivering meals, the added insurance will fill in the gaps of your own insurance policy. RSVP also offers trainings and workshops throughout the year. They host an [AARP Safe Driving Course](#) free of charge. Many auto insurance companies give discounts to individuals who have completed such courses. They have been known to give

gas vouchers to members who drive as part of their volunteer job. RSVP is known to show a lot of gratitude to their participants in the form of gifts, banquets, and recognition. If you're interested in enrolling with the program, please contact **Triston Lovato at 955-4760** or email her at [trlovato@santafenm.gov](mailto:trlovato@santafenm.gov).

## A New Year and a New Board of Directors

Every January brings a new slate of officers to the Board of Directors. While **Stephanie Gonzales** will continue as President, **Jim Brack** is now First Vice President and **Elva Busch** is Second Vice President. **Haila Harvey** continues as Secretary. **Ginny Selvin**, our newest board member, was elected Treasurer. Ginny is no stranger to Kitchen Angels, having served as our bookkeeper back when we moved into the Angel Depot. Now that she's recently retired, Ginny wanted to come back to Kitchen Angels. Congratulations to each officer and thank you for your commitment.

If you know someone who would like to serve on our board, have them contact Tony McCarty at [tmccarty@kitchenangels.org](mailto:tmccarty@kitchenangels.org).

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We've said it at least a million times, but here goes one more . . . We are so deeply grateful for each of our volunteers. We couldn't serve so many people in need without your tireless service. Our community is healthier because of the meals you prepare and deliver each week. We'd like to take a moment to thank the 121+ new volunteers who started working at Kitchen Angels in 2015 and so far in 2016. It's a special kind of person who takes time out of his or her busy life to work on a cause for the betterment of humanity. Our volunteers are some of the kindest and most altruistic people around. Thank you for contributing your precious time to Kitchen Angels.



*Just a few angels who recently received their wings: Marilyn, Henrich, Chris & Ann. Thanks guys!*

Many people don't realize that volunteering gives back just as much, if not more, than the amount given. If you are aware of this phenomenon through your own volunteer service, then why not share your story with others? Over half of the new volunteers who started last year heard about us through existing volunteers and word of mouth. Please let your friends and family know how special volunteering at Kitchen Angels is. Click here to learn more about our [2015 Volunteer Statistics](#).