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## Partnership to Honor Retired and Senior Volunteers at Appreciation Luncheon

**CHATTANOOGA, TN** – Partnership for Families, Children and Adults will honor over 100 retired and senior volunteers at an RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. at the Chattanooga Marriott**. One volunteer alone, Faye Blevins, served 823 hours at the Ladies of Charity Greater Good Thrift Store. In total for 2017, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program had 230 volunteers who served a total of 25,908 hours. The total value of their wage for hours served was \$521,602.

A growing body of research says that volunteering improves both mental and physical health. There is also evidence that volunteering improves physical strength. In observance of Volunteer Appreciation Week, there is no better time than now to thank our community's older adults who spend their time giving back to our city and improving their own health at the same time.

The Partnership will be represented by CEO Pam Ladd, COO Regina McDevitt, Director of grants and Publications Karen Murphy, Director of Elder Services Christina St. Germaine, Elder Services Office Manager Margie Schleenbaker and RSVP Program Director Joyce Lloyd.

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