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I believe that every RSVP Director has at least one volunteer they would like to clone. Ours is Hattie Adams. Hattie has boundless energy, always happy with a smile on her face, and she has NEVER met a stranger. Hattie was recruited in June of 1996. By the end of 2009, she had served 38,120 hours, the most lifetime hours in our volunteer program. It's sort of difficult to tell people what Hattie does, because she is so active with so many different stations. Did I forget to mention that she drove about 50 to 60 miles at least once every two weeks to help take care of her mother? While there, she baked cookies and made candy for some local fund raisers. In Brooke and Hancock County Hattie assists with the following: 1) Assists the nurse at Brooke County Senior Center with taking weekly blood pressure. 2) Is involved in the BSC craft program, often teaching other how to crochet. 3) At Brightwood Genesis Elder Care (a volunteer station), Hattie helps the Activities Department by delivering mail one day per week. She also visits the residents and makes notes on their mental state of mind. This is reported to the nurse in charge of those patients. 4) Assists RSVP with EVERY fund raising event. Hattie will make cookies and fudge for our bake sales, help us price and pack all items, help us transport the goods to the fund raiser, help unpack and arrange baked goods, AND work the bake sale the entire day. 5) At Wyngate, a personal care facility, Hattie assists the activity director with providing activities for the residents. 6) Makes approximately 60 lap robes for our nursing home Christmas program. 7) Works health fairs and flu shot clinics at the Brooke County Senior Center by taking information from those attending. 8) Works Brooke County Red Cross blood drives. 9) Assists the Nutrition Program with their congregate meals. 10) Hattie is a favorite at the Weirton Chamber of Commerce where she helps with monthly mailings. 11) Assists Weirton United Way with their fundraisers. 12) Makes about 4 huge pans of fudge that is sold at Greater Weirton Senior Center Bingo games every Friday night. She also works the kitchen at bingo and helps fix and serve food to those who participate in Bingo. Money from this fund raiser is going toward purchasing a sprinkler system and has assisted with the purchase of an elevator. 13) Assists with fundraisers for Brooke County Senior Center, Salvation Army, CHANGE Inc. 14) Assists RSVP with companionship/outreach by visiting neighbors and assisting when needed. 15) Helps with assembling the Brooke County Committee on Aging newsletter. 16) Assists with office help for the MDA Association. 17) Assist with Cookie Caper baking for Easter Seals. There well may be,

and probably are, many other places and where Hattie serves. I just haven't heard about them YET. Hattie has been awarded many plaques and certificates for her outstanding volunteer services at RSVP and other local facilities. We honored her for her outstanding hours of service as an RSVP volunteer. Hattie gives above and beyond the call of duty. She seems to always be available, if you want something done, get Hattie. Hattie has participated in the recruitment of 14 volunteers and now is a great asset to the RSVP Advisory Council. Hattie does have one condition, "She said, I'll volunteer anytime but you're not allowed to take my picture. If you take my picture, I won't volunteer anymore." We have, however, managed to get some pictures taken to recognize her accomplishments. When asked why she volunteers allot, Hattie responded. "My last name starts with an A and I'm called first." On a serious note when asked why she volunteers Hattie stated, "I love being with people and helping people. My life has improved, I'm happier doing things for people instead of staying home and being bored. The people I help don't have to pay for the service. They have a visitor that jokes and cuts up. It's my time to come here and make someone laugh. All the people I help are special. It's will be 14 years of service, and I love doing it." Hattie is the first volunteer you get to know. What a volunteer!!!! Now you can understand why I would love to clone Hattie.