

**United Way of the Ohio Valley** 

## Webster County Audubon Area RSVP Program

A fourth grade teacher noticed that her previous student was reading so well. He had had a difficult time before and she asked him, "Abe, you are reading so well. How did you do it?" He replied, "You know that old lady with grey hair that sits in the library; she showed me how to take the words apart and put them back together the right way." The old lady he was referring to is Ms. Lacey, who has put in 3,575 hours with RSVP. She began volunteering when her husband had Alzheimer's which she said "allowed me to forget about his situation for a short while, which was healthy for me and it also helped with the grief" of losing him when he passed. She continues to volunteer saying, "It gives me energy, keeps me feeling useful, gets me out of the house to interact with others, and is very rewarding." Ms. Lacey was a teacher herself and remembered thinking that if only she could have individual time with her students to read with them, it would help tremendously. After being employed by the school for so long she knew that someday she would give back to them and so she does. Twice a week Ms. Lacey goes to Sebree Elementary to spend about 2 hours with children that need her help, as she does theirs.

## **How Dollars Help Our Clients**



**\$100** 

The RSVP can utilize \$100 to provide one RSVP member one meal per day for 25 service days while in the course of their service.

## \$500 The RSVP can utilize \$500 to provide 2.5 months of transportation costs for one RSVP member to and from their volunteer assignment.

**\$1,000** The RSVP can utilize \$1,000 to purchase meals and tokens of appreciation for 40 RSVP members attending the annual volunteer recognition event.