

# RSVP



## Lead With Experience

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### RSVP-An Invitation to Serve

- ⇒ Being a part of RSVP allows us to tell the story of today's 55 + individuals in a way that clearly shows their contribution to the health and welfare of their communities. RSVP, as a national network of over 500,000 volunteers and 750 projects, is positioned and viewed as an expert on and advocate for volunteerism in our country. The more we can track, on a local level and, by extension, a national level, the reality of the contributions of today's volunteers, the more we dispel the myths surrounding aging.
- ⇒ Volunteering through a volunteer organization such as RSVP validates the work of RSVP in being a catalyst for positive change through the utilization of volunteers to effect and impact on issues of local concern.
- ⇒ It affords us the opportunity to honor the work of community volunteers.
- ⇒ We are able to offer additional volunteer opportunities to new volunteers who, although already volunteering, may be willing to explore some additional placements.
- ⇒ The obvious benefits we have always mentioned, i.e., the newsletter, the insurance, the recognition events.
- ⇒ The chance to share and interact with other volunteers.
- ⇒ The opportunity to work with professional RSVP staff who will explore, with the volunteer, various opportunities, provide follow up and support as needed.
- ⇒ RSVP provides members with opportunities to learn new skills or to more fully develop their abilities.
- ⇒ Tracking volunteer data is a valuable tool in detailing and highlighting how volunteers impact a community, what they actually accomplish, and just how valuable they are to the operation of hundreds of non-profit organizations, schools, and health care facilities in our towns, villages, and cities. Without the tracking done by RSVP, the efforts of volunteers remain unidentified in any comprehensive way. This leads to a total lack of knowledge as to the true impact of today's volunteers. In addition, the data collected is shared with legislators who then use the information to help determine how to allocate funds for volunteer efforts such as RSVP.