

## What is the RSVP?

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was established in 1971, and is now one of the largest volunteer organizations in the nation. RSVP engages nearly 500,000 people age 55 and older in a diverse range of volunteer activities. Volunteer opportunities in our four county region among our 200 volunteers include assisting in food pantries, providing information to veterans, recruiting volunteers for blood drives, working at a thrift shop, greeting students arriving to school, and helping at community events. There's an opportunity to meet everyone's needs, and we can find the right volunteer placement for you!

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**NEOSHO COUNTY  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**

**RSVP**

**Retired & Senior  
Volunteer  
Program**

Serving in Allen, Bourbon, Neosho and  
Woodson Counties in southeast Kansas



## What are the benefits of joining RSVP?

Studies show that volunteering helps you live longer and promote a positive outlook on life. When you volunteer, you are not just helping others, you are helping yourself. Some benefits of RSVP membership include:

- Flexibility: dedicate as much or as little time as you choose
- Supplemental volunteer liability insurance
- Health benefits - research has proven that those who volunteer live longer!
- The opportunity to be a positive role model
- Give back to a cause that is important to you
- Annual recognition luncheon to honor your dedicated service
- Gain new skills and explore your interests
- Develop meaningful relationships
- Personalized, ongoing support from RSVP staff
- The ability to volunteer for a one-time opportunity or special events

## What is an RSVP station?

The place where RSVP members volunteer is called a volunteer station. All stations must be public agencies, private non-profit organizations or proprietary healthcare agencies or organizations.

## What is the purpose of RSVP?

RSVP engages older adults (55+) in volunteer service to help meet the needs of our communities in the four county region.

## Are there any requirements for RSVP volunteers?

Volunteers must be 55 years of age and older to benefit from the services of RSVP. There are no restrictions based on level of education, work history, income or experience.

All volunteers are required to report their hours to the RSVP on a monthly basis; however, this task is usually assumed by the volunteer station. Several volunteer stations mandate that the volunteers undergo site-specific training and/or a criminal background check prior to commencement of their volunteerism. Anyone 55 or older and who is otherwise qualified to be a RSVP volunteer can do so regardless of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, political affiliation, limited English proficiency, marital or parental status, status as a veteran, military service, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, or on the basis of disability.

## What type of commitment is involved?

### Can I make my own schedule?

A wonderful benefit about volunteering with RSVP is that the commitment is flexible and, allows members to volunteer at their convenience. RSVP volunteers choose how, where and how often they want to serve, and there is no minimum number of hours required. (unless the station you choose has specific time/commitment requirements). Volunteers are able to take time off as needed without affecting their status in the program. The RSVP staff will work with you to find a volunteer station that meets your needs and is most suitable for your schedule.

## Is there any compensation offered for my volunteerism or travel/ expenses?

At this time, volunteers do not receive any form of compensation for their volunteerism or travel; however several RSVP stations are able to offer the volunteers an in-kind meal during their volunteer service. The RSVP appreciates your volunteerism and dedication to the community, and all RSVP volunteers receive ongoing recognition for their volunteerism by the RSVP and their volunteer stations.

## Will I be offered any training?

Volunteers will receive orientation provided by the RSVP prior to placement in their volunteer station. Volunteers will also receive ongoing site-specific orientation and training from their stations as needed.

## Am I insured through the RSVP?

RSVP volunteers are eligible for no-cost personal liability, accident and excess automobile liability insurance. This insurance applies when you are performing your assignment as an RSVP volunteer, and while on your way to and from your volunteer station. To be covered under our insurance policy, you must provide RSVP with an emergency contact/beneficiary on the registration form.

## How do I become a RSVP volunteer?

Your time and talents are a valuable resource, and we thank you for your interest in sharing them in the community through RSVP. For more information on enrolling in the RSVP, please contact Sandy Haggard at 620-432-0422.

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