
RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS AN RSVP VOLUNTEER.

What is RSVP?

Started in 1966 by the Community Service Society, a 160 year old nonprofit agency, RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) matches the skills and interests of adults 55+ with volunteer opportunities at New York City nonprofit organizations and licensed health care facilities. With more than 7,000 volunteers, RSVP in New York City is one of the largest senior volunteer programs in the nation. CSS/RSVP is the first and largest RSVP. There are 750 RSVPs nationally and 20 sites in 17 countries internationally.

What are the requirements for becoming an RSVP volunteer?

You need to be at least 55 years of age and be willing to volunteer in one of the five boroughs of New York City.

What if I want to volunteer outside of New York City?

RSVP is a national program. While RSVP New York City is the largest one, there are hundreds across the country and internationally. Please visit www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/rsvp.asp to find the RSVP nearest you.

What are the benefits of being an RSVP volunteer?

First and foremost, you will be making a big difference in the lives of others. Second, you will be working with dedicated staff and volunteers to improve the lives of fellow New Yorkers. All RSVP volunteers receive supplemental accident insurance coverage and most are also eligible for partial travel reimbursement. We are in the process of growing our volunteer perks so stay tuned!

What do RSVP volunteers do at nonprofit agencies and licensed health care facilities?

RSVP has more than 7,000 members who volunteer in many different capacities. Our motto is no matter what your skills and interests, we have something for everyone. They are involved in volunteer activities such as mentoring a troubled child, assisting organizations with special events and fundraising, conducting tours at museums, helping organizations with program development, providing counsel to new business owners, tutoring children in after-school programs, conducting friendly visits to homebound senior citizens, providing administrative assistance, and so much more!

How do I become an RSVP volunteer?

Prospective volunteers go through a comprehensive one-on-one interview and are matched with volunteer opportunities that suit their skills and interests. E-mail us at gsimonovski@cssny.org or call (212) 614-5394 to schedule an interview. For more information, please visit our website at cssny.org.

What if I am under age 55?

We recommend you go to www.volunteermatch.org for volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.

The Community Service Society of New York (CSS) draws on a 160-year history of excellence in addressing the root causes of economic disparity. We respond to urgent, contemporary challenges by pioneering programs for a more prosperous city.