

Highland Community College
Freeport • 815-599-3491

Jane Addams Hull House Assoc.
Chicago • 312-922-2180 (Ext. 300)

John Wood Community College
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Joliet • 815-723-3405

Lake County Community Action
Project
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Neighborhood House, Inc.
East St. Louis • 618-874-0777

Lifescape Community Service, Inc.
Rockford • (815) 963-1609

Maple Lawn Homes, Inc.
Eureka • 309-467-9059

Peoria Friendship House of Christian
Services
Peoria • 309-682-8521

Retired and Senior Volunteer
Program of the Quad Cities
Rock Island • 309-793-6800

Senior Services of Central Illinois, Inc.
Springfield • 217-528-4035

Senior Services Associates
McHenry • 815-344-3555

Shawnee Development Council, Inc.
Karnak • 618-634-2201

Southwestern Illinois College -
District 522
Belleville • 618-234-4410 (Ext. 7029)

The Volunteer Center
of NW Suburban Chicago
Arlington Heights • 847-228-1006

Triton College
River Grove • 708-456-0300 (Ex. 3603)

Western Egyptian Economic
Opportunities Council
Steeleville • 618-965-9523

YWCA of McLean County
Normal • 309-454-1451

RSVP is part of the
National Senior Service Corp
www.seniorcorps.org

Illinois Department on Aging
421 E. Capitol Ave., #100
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1789

Senior HelpLine:
1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY)

Download this brochure at www.state.il.us/aging
in the "News and Publications" section.

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Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Senior volunteers meeting
critical community needs



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on Aging



What is the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?

For 25 years, RSVP has matched community needs with people willing to help. Volunteers receive a pre-service orientation, followed by on-the-job training from the agency or organization where they are placed. While on duty, volunteers also receive supplemental insurance. Individuals age 55 and older utilize their skills and experiences to help their communities. They can serve from a few hours a week to 40 hours a week in one or more efforts. Many continue the type of work they enjoyed earlier, while others try something different.

As an RSVP volunteer, you might...

- Tutor or mentor at-risk children
- Build homes for low income families
- Teach computer skills
- Make hospital visits
- Organize neighborhood watch programs
- Help communities recover from natural disasters
- Teach English to immigrants

More than 12,259 Illinois seniors provided over 1.7 million hours of service.

Nationally, RSVP volunteers contributed 91 million service hours, valued at 2.1 billion dollars.

Why do RSVP volunteers get involved?

- To learn new skills
- To feel productive
- To network
- To give something back to their community

RSVP volunteers get things done!

In Coles County, Illinois, RSVP volunteers started a recycling center. They raised the necessary funds, leased the building, bought the equipment and organized the volunteers needed to run the center, which generates more than \$2 million annually for the county and local not-for-profit organizations.

The benefits to individuals, families and communities are both immediate and long lasting.

The federal government and state of Illinois have partnered to provide funding for the 23 Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs in Illinois through the Corporation for National Service (*formerly known as ACTION*), and the Illinois Department on Aging.

How can I learn more about RSVP?

Call the Corporation for National Service, 1-800-424-8867, or

the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine, 1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY).

Or, contact one of the local sites listed below.

Illinois Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Sites

Carl Sandburg College
Carthage • 217-357-2804

CEFS Economic Opportunity Corp.
Effingham • 217-342-2193

Coles County Council on Aging
Charleston • 217-345-9530

DOVE, Inc.
Decatur • 217-428-6616

Family Service of Champaign Co.
Champaign • 217-359-6500

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