



RSVP

Lead With Experience



RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

Established in 1973 under Title II, Part A of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act, is now one of the largest senior volunteer organizations in the nation, engaging more than a half million people age 55 and over who assist with local nonprofits, public agencies and faith-based organizations in carrying out their missions. Currently at the Volunteer Center Orange County, we have more than 1,400 volunteers enrolled in our program who serve their local communities through programs including neighborhood watch, mentoring youth, assisting with homebound elderly, meals on wheels as well as many other volunteer programs. RSVP volunteers choose where and how often they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours a month to 40 hours per week.



PROGRAM STATISTICS

NATIONAL (2008):

- **469,000** Volunteers
- **66 Million** Hours Served
- **60,000** Volunteer Stations
- **91,000** Children Mentored
- **509,000** Seniors Assisted
- **\$58.64 Million** Funding (2008-2010)

ORANGE COUNTY, CA (2009):

- **1,351** Volunteers
- **220,336** Hours Served
- **56** Volunteer Stations
- **163** Average Hours Served
- **181** Volunteers Ages 85+ (oldest 105)
- **\$4.8 Million** Value of Service
- **116,515** Hours served in Public Safety
- **37,838** Hours focused on Human Needs
- **36,081** Hours dedicated to At-Risk Hunger
- **10,078** Hours focused on Education
- **6,072** Hours helping the Environment
- **\$194,709** Funding (2009)

BECOME A LOCAL RSVP VOLUNTEER

A study as far back as 1991 (funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health), found that volunteering can reduce blood pressure, stress, improve self-esteem, combat social isolation, and even augment the body's immune system. Orange County RSVP volunteers reported that their service has improved their own personal knowledge, health and social connectedness. *You are just an application away!*

ELIGIBILITY & BENEFITS

RSVP is open to all people ages **55 and over**, who are willing to serve at a qualified partner agency (volunteer station) with-in Orange County. Volunteers do not receive stipends, but benefits include personalized matching services to locate your ideal volunteer location and position, transportation reimbursement, quarterly newsletters, on-going training opportunities, as well as local and national recognition through the *"President's Service Awards"*, special events & more!

VOLUNTEER CENTER ORANGE COUNTY (VCOC)

VCOC is the certified sponsoring agency for the RSVP program in Orange County.

*Our mission is to strengthen our communities
by mobilizing volunteer action and accelerating nonprofit success.*

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Call (714) 953-5757 or visit www.volunteercenter.org and click "RSVP."