



Travis County RSVP

Quick Facts 2007

What We Do

Travis County RSVP meets community needs by recruiting and placing older adults in volunteer positions at local nonprofit and public agencies. We're a matchmaker between seniors who have skills to offer and the organizations that need their help.

Real Results

Last year, 1,128 Travis County adults aged 55 and over contributed 246,795 hours of volunteer service at 163 Austin-area nonprofit organizations and public agencies. This represents a savings to Travis County taxpayers of \$3,746,348!

A National Program

RSVP is part of the federal Senior Corps program and was founded locally in 1972. Today there are more than 750 RSVP programs across the country, with 450,000 RSVP volunteers serving at more than 60,000 public and non-profit agencies. Nationally, these volunteers contribute over 80 million hours of volunteer service.

Funding

Our primary sources of funding include Travis County, Corporation for National and Community Service, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, and corporate and private contributions. For more information on how you or your organization can help support the work of RSVP, please call us at 512-854-5872.

Meeting Basic Community Needs

During 2006, Travis County RSVP placed volunteers at 163 sites including hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, day care centers, disaster recovery agencies, economic development agencies, senior centers, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters and more. The ways in which RSVP volunteers serve include tutoring, tax preparation, immunization awareness, natural disaster relief, home repairs and weatherization, health education, crime prevention, caregiver services, nutrition programs, docent services, and delivering home-delivered meals.

Who We Serve

Those who benefit from the work performed by RSVP volunteers include the full spectrum of people from birth to old age, including homeless or isolated people with acute, chronic or terminal illnesses; frail homebound seniors; low-income families; teen mothers; disaster victims; at-risk youth; veterans; people with physical, mental or learning disabilities; and seniors in nutrition programs.

Why Join RSVP?

Help your community by offering your unique skills and talents. We'll recommend ongoing and short-term volunteer opportunities based on your skills and interests, but the choice of where you volunteer and what you do is entirely yours. The benefits of being an RSVP volunteer are numerous: travel reimbursement, on-duty accident and liability insurance, life-long learning opportunities, social engagement, recognition, and greetings throughout the year.

What's Expected Of Volunteers

Joining RSVP is absolutely free, but there are requirements. Members must be 55 years of age or older and report their volunteer hours each month. Mileage reimbursement is available. Members are expected to volunteer at least once per year and we ask that you contact us if you have an address or telephone change, or if you are no longer volunteering at a specific site.

Contact

Call **512-854-RSVP** (512-854-7787) to find out how you can participate. Or visit our website at www.RSVPaustin.org. Get involved!

