



RSVP FACT SHEET

What is RSVP?

RSVP—the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program invites adults age 55 and over to use their life experience and skills to make a difference in the community. Volunteers make meaningful contributions through assisting not-for-profit organizations and health care institutions with special projects and ongoing opportunities.

Locally RSVP serves Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson and Scott counties in southern Indiana. About 1,000 volunteers are serving in over 140 organizations and institutions providing over 165,000 hours of volunteer time per year. There are other RSVPs all over the United States that cover various locations.

What kind of volunteer opportunities are there?

We have volunteers working in a wide variety of positions. Our volunteer jobs include: clerical work, preparing bulk mailing, building ramps for shut-ins, sewing, knitting, crocheting (some done at home, some done in groups). We have volunteers in the hospitals, libraries, food pantries, soup kitchens, non-profits, and schools-- just to name a few. Some of our volunteer positions are very active, others are sedentary and some (like telephoning shut-ins) can be done at home.

Who may join RSVP?

Anyone 55 years or older may join. The only requirements are that you fill out an enrollment form and submit a monthly hour sheet reflecting your volunteer service.

How may I join?

If you are interested and willing to share your skills and experience in service or would like more information, please email us at rsvp@hopesi.org or call 812-948-1815. An RSVP staff person will contact you to answer any questions and/or begin your exciting adventure of being a RSVP volunteer.

What are the benefits of RSVP membership?

- Opportunity to utilize your experience and skills to make a meaningful difference for others
- Free supplemental personal accident and liability insurance while volunteering
- Recognition in the community—at special events and in local newspapers
- Bi-monthly newsletter with information of interest to volunteers and retirees
- Opportunity to learn new skills, if interested
- Sense of worth, knowing that you are helping your community

How is RSVP supported?

- The South Central Indiana RSVP that covers our five county area is sponsored by [Hope Southern Indiana](#).
- Our RSVP is a Metro United Way agency and receives support from the Corporation for National Service, Senior Corps as well as a private donors and area businesses.