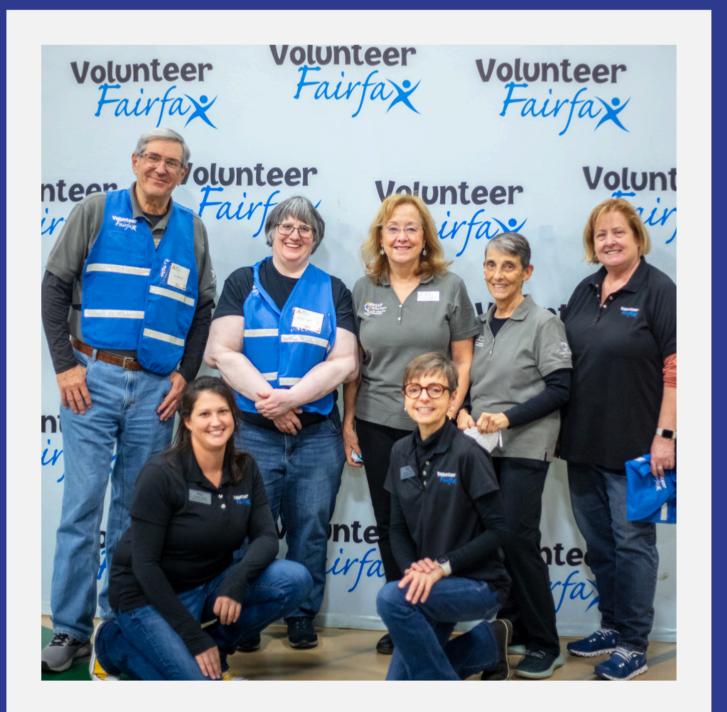


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ABOUT

RSVP-Northern Virginia, an AmeriCorps Seniors program, has been administered by Volunteer Fairfax since 2012. RSVP-Northern Virginia serves primarily Fairfax and Arlington Counties and the cities of Falls Church, Fairfax, and Alexandria, providing opportunities for our older residents to use their experience, expertise, and passion on behalf of the most vulnerable among their neighbors.

RSVP grants are funded for three years, with each year running from April 1 to March 31. This report highlights our achievements in the third (final) year of our fourth consecutive grant – G4Y3 – which ended on March 31, 2024.







Pair thousands of Americans aged 55 and older with organizations making change in communities across the country.

12 YEARS OF RSVP-NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S IMPACT



Dear Friends,

For over 12 years, RSVP-Northern Virginia (RSVP) has been integral in making public service a central part of the American experience for adults aged 55 and older in our community. RSVP serves as a gathering place for older adults to socialize, participate in group service projects, and work toward the common goal of making Northern Virginia stronger, more resilient, and empowered.

Every day, children, families, older adults, and those with disabilities are struggling and forced to make difficult decisions and choices. Their situations vary widely; they may be hungry, unemployed, single parents,

isolated, struggling in school, and so much more. Recognizing that these human struggles exist in our community, RSVP is proud to partner with local agencies that work tirelessly to respond to these critical community needs and provide services to support our neighbors and the challenges they face.

While formal volunteerism in America is declining, **RSVP has remained committed to and successful in recruiting and connecting volunteers to real needs**. During this past grant year, there was significant growth in the number of volunteers providing service, the level of volunteer engagement, and then ultimately the impact that these volunteers made.

Commitment through the RSVP program is unique and it's because of the collaborative efforts of all involved. Every day, volunteers roll up their sleeves and show up to lend a hand to support the diverse and impressive array of organizations and agencies that are doing great work. Thank you to all who are creating a compassionate and equitable community!

Sincerely, Stacey Iden RSVP-Northern Virginia Program Manager

GROWTH 7



Nonprofit partners



193 Active volunteers





- The number of RSVP volunteers increased by 60% - 96 individuals

 over the previous year. We now have 193 active volunteers.
- Hours served increased from 7,500 to 10,000, with an estimated value of **\$325,000** to the community.
- Official partner nonprofits

 increased to 40 and we entered
 into an agreement with Fairfax
 County whereby RSVP volunteers
 can now serve at any County
 agency or event, including all
 libraries and parks.

ENGAGEMENT

- 75 volunteers and partner nonprofit staff attended the **Bites & Bubbly end**of-year celebration, double the attendance of the previous year's event.
- Approximately **one-third of RSVP volunteers are men**, quite impressive in a traditionally female-dominated arena.
- An average of 14 volunteers participated in 19 Welcome Wednesday and group service events – some just once, others many times.





– volunteer Emily R.

IMPACT

- RSVP volunteers played a critical role in supporting Volunteer Fairfax community events, helping VF manage nearly 900 volunteers, including almost 250 children.
- RSVP volunteers **supported vulnerable community members** through food collection and processing, meal delivery, medical transportation, companionship, tutoring children, and providing financial literacy instruction.
- **5,000 care packages,** including food, hospital comfort, and STEP (Students for Emergency Preparedness) kits were packed during monthly group service projects.
- **1,000 holiday cards** were crafted and signed for lonely and isolated individuals.



TESTIMONIALS

"It is noteworthy and a great accomplishment to see the significant increase in volunteers across your services post-pandemic. It has been a pleasure working with you on your RSVP project and we look forward to learning more about your successes and impact."

– Elizabeth Caporelli, Portfolio Manager, Mid-Atlantic Region (AmeriCorps).





"We would like to take this opportunity to express our utmost appreciation for your organization's invaluable contributions to our mission. Your unwavering support in connecting us with exceptional volunteers has been a cornerstone of our success in empowering the youth of our community."

Kay Glad, Junior Achievement of Greater Washington.

CONNECT WITH US

RSVP-Northern Virginia is proud of our growth, our volunteer engagement, and the impact RSVP volunteers have had on our community over the past year. We look forward to continued service during the new grant cycle (2024-2027) and we invite our neighbors over the age of 55 to join us in this service.



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