



RSVP
Northern Virginia
VOLUNTEERS 55+ IMPACTING
THEIR COMMUNITIES

IMPACT REPORT **G4 Y3**



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.



**AmeriCorps
Seniors**

**Volunteer
Fairfax**



**AmeriCorps
Seniors Mission**

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



40

Nonprofit partners



193

Active volunteers



10,000

Hours



- 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.



"I'm so glad I found RSVP! They've not only helped me achieve my volunteering goals, but they've also connected me to organizations in my community that I wouldn't have known about otherwise and have been a reliable source of support and encouragement as I continue to explore this phase of my life and ways to give back."

– 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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