

National Volunteer Week

In April, we celebrated National Volunteer Week! Three RSVP volunteers shared their experiences volunteering:

"About a year ago I started volunteering at Glacier Hill Continuing Care Rehabilitation Building. My assignment is to give manicures to the residents there. It is not something I thought I'd ever do, but I just really love it."

– Colleen Vance, Tax Assistance Program & Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver (Respite) Program

"Volunteering is a two-way street. The volunteer gets something out of the experience as well as the person that you are visiting. I enjoy my home visits a lot."

– E., Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver (Respite) Program

"I have been there (S.O.S. Food Pantry) for a year and a half. I currently go in there 3 days a week, first day to help unload the truck, and the next two to help customers pick out their items and carry them out to their car. I would recommend volunteer work to anybody."

– Michael Morbitzer, S.O.S. Food Pantry

Please visit csswashtenaw.org/2016volunteerweek and check out the full interviews!



Senior Corps Pledge

I will get things done for America — to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

When faced with a pressing challenge, I will bring Americans of all generations together to strengthen our communities.

When faced with children at risk, I will help them stay in school and on track for a brighter future.

When faced with older adults in need, I will provide support and compassion so they may age with grace and dignity.

Working for the greatest good, I will use my lifetime of experiences to improve my country, my community, and myself through service.

I am a Senior Corps volunteer serving with RSVP Washtenaw, and I will get things done.



RSVP Mission

RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people ages 55 and over.

Join RSVP

and you join over 300,000 volunteers across the country who are tackling tough issues in their communities.

RSVP of Washtenaw County assists with placing volunteers aged 55 and better interested in contributing their time and talents to serve local non-profit organizations.

To ensure a mutually beneficial experience, the program considers the skills and interests of each volunteer when arranging placements.

Member Benefits

- Opportunity to share skills & talents
- Placement assistance
- Quarterly RSVP Newsletter
- Recognition for Service
- Free supplemental accident, excess auto liability & personal liability insurance

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GREAT JOB, RSVP VOLUNTEERS!

From October 2015-April 2016, 112 RSVP volunteers reported serving 24,194 hours! That equates to investing \$570,010.64 in the community (based on the Independent Sector rate of \$23.56/hour).

RSVP Volunteers Recognized on National Day of Service



Tuesday, April 5, 2016 was the Mayor and County Officials Recognition Day for National Service, a nationwide bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service in our counties, to thank those who serve and to encourage citizens to give back to their communities.

In honor of the National Day of Recognition, mayors of Ann Arbor, Chelsea, and Saline recognized volunteers from Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County's Retired and

Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Community Action Network's AmeriCorps VISTA program and Washtenaw County's Foster Grandparents program (FGP), with the presentation of a nationwide proclamation.

Congratulations on your achievement and recognition!

SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL **RSVP** LUNCHEON
SEPTEMBER 29



We look forward to celebrating YOU with lunch and the annual raffle, thanks to the donations of multiple community supporters. This year's theme is: "Everything RSVP: It's All About Us!" More details to come.

If you're interested in helping with the raffle this year, please contact RSVP at 734.712.4325. We welcome your assistance seeking/gathering donations and displaying them at the event.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

RSVP Washtenaw receives funds from federal, state and local sources. Recently, we were able to use some of those funds to recognize the outstanding service our volunteers provide to the community. We identified 111 RSVP Washtenaw volunteers who served 75+ hours from October 2015 through March 2016. Together, these volunteers served 18,062 hours during this period. In recognition of their service, we were able to provide \$20 Meijer gift cards to each of them, which they can use to purchase gas or other items. Thank you for your commitment to service through RSVP!

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET THE FIVE VOLUNTEERS WITH THE MOST HOURS:

DOUG BUCHANAN serves at the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center (VA) and is a long time resident of Washtenaw County. Although he is not a Veteran, Doug enjoys the VA because the hospital has so many volunteering opportunities. Doug says he is motivated to keep volunteering because he likes to get out of the house and help others in the community.

JOE McCADDEN serves through the CSSW Tax Assistance Program and has helped people with their taxes since 1995. In fact, Joe oversees 23 volunteers as they assist approximately 1,250 seniors annually. Joe continues serving because he likes seeing the "good outcomes" tax assistance produces in his clients' lives. He says that volunteering keeps his mind sharp. When tax clients complete a feedback form for Joe and his other volunteers, they emphasize two main things: they appreciate getting their taxes done, and they feel it was a positive experience in which they were treated with friendliness, respect, and patience. Joe commented, "Some people actually look forward to having their taxes done!"

BOBBIE SENIOR also serves at the VA. Originally from Philadelphia, he now calls Ann Arbor home. He began volunteering at the VA because he wanted to give back to the Veterans in appreciation of their service. Mr. Senior also received the Presidential Pin "Call of Service" award. He spends his time every Saturday and Sunday at the VA playing games (chess, cards, and pool) and offers encouragement and motivation to the Veterans.

Also in the top 5: **ELLIS BENTLEY** (who serves at the VA) and **FLORENCE ROBINSON** (who serves at The House by the Side of the Road). Unfortunately, we were not able to reach them for their special comments.

BRIDGE VETERANS FAMILY CELEBRATION



Join a community effort to recognize Veterans and their families!

July 4, 2016, 2:00 pm
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Grounds
7200 S Huron River Drive Ypsilanti, MI 48197

All Veterans, Soldiers and their families from all branches of military are welcome. Please bring your blankets and/or lawn chairs! Be ready to join in some good ol' fashioned Fourth of July fun, including an all star BBQ picnic!

If you are interested in volunteering at the celebration, please contact RSVP at 734.712.4325.

A SUMMER GARDEN

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