

# RSVP

## Lead With Experience

### Chautauqua County RSVP

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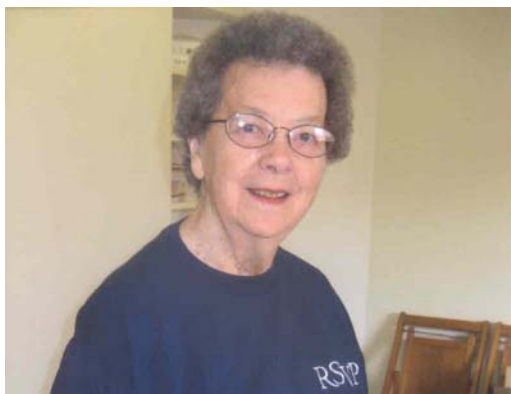
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#### ***Purpose and Goals of RSVP***

- (1) Meet the unmet human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs of the United States without displacing existing vendors;
- (2) Renew the ethic of civic responsibility and the spirit of community throughout the United States
- (3) Expand and strengthen existing service programs with demonstrated experience in providing structured service opportunities with visible benefits to the participants and the community; and
- (4) Provide tangible benefits to the community in which national service is performed.

*“I volunteer for myself – I need to keep busy and doing something fun – I enjoy it! My children say it keeps me off the streets.”*

***Marion Mittlefehldt  
RSVP Volunteer  
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## Get Involved!

RSVP began in Chautauqua County in 1973 and was administered by the Chautauqua County Office for the Aging. In 1975, Lutheran Social Services became our local sponsor and has graciously continued in this role supporting all the good work done within our community.

### **Who can be a RSVP Volunteer?**

Men and women 55 years of age and older who want to be productive, active, and assist in their local community to help make it a better place to live, work, and play.

### **What does a RSVP volunteer do?**

Volunteers work in faith based, non-profit, educational, or governmental agencies lending their support. Tapping the volunteer's lifetime of experience and skills, they are matched to assignments that are beneficial to the agencies in which they serve and meet their individual expectations of community service. RSVP volunteers can be found serving at Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens, Thrift Stores, providing Medical Transportation, working at libraries or a whole host of volunteer opportunities.

### **When does a RSVP volunteer work?**

RSVP volunteers fit their service to meet their schedules, some work daily, some work weekly, and some are episodic volunteers who serve with special projects – always accommodating the volunteer's schedule and preferences.

**During 7/1/2008 – 6/30/2009  
775 RSVP volunteers served a  
total of 113,186 hours at over 100  
sites around Chautauqua County.**

## **Corporation for National and Community Service**

RSVP is a part of Senior Corps, along with Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions. Senior Corps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that supports service and volunteering programs to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement. For more information on the Corporation, visit [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov).



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