



RSVP

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Senior Volunteers Responding to Community Needs.

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Mission Statement

UMaine Center on Aging RSVP is dedicated to reinvesting the skills and experience of individuals aged 55 and older into community service through stimulating volunteer opportunities in the non-profit and public service agencies of their communities.

- **Current Number of Volunteers:** 500
- **Program Start Date:** August 1972 (Eastern Maine); January 2003 (Center on Aging)
- **Service Area:** Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington Counties

Benefits of Being an RSVP Station:

- We assist in the recruiting of volunteers
- We provide consultation on volunteer programming
- We provide information on the management of volunteers
- We provide an annual recognition program for volunteers and station supervisors
- We offer station supervisor training
- We provide supplemental accident/liability insurance to volunteers if an accident occurs at the volunteer site (as well as to and from the site)
- We collaborate with agencies to address the concerns of seniors and community needs
- RSVP volunteers are eligible to receive mileage reimbursement to and from the volunteer site
- We provide opportunities to meet and discuss volunteerism with other station supervisors

What We Expect of RVSP Stations:

- To provide orientation, training, supervision and recognition of volunteers
- To provide meaningful and appropriate volunteer experiences
- To report volunteer hours on a monthly basis via our timesheet
- To periodically complete surveys and evaluations of volunteers and/or services
- To review and sign the Memorandum of Understanding; may be amended by mutual agreement
- To keep the RSVP office informed of any problems or concerns with RSVP volunteers
- To provide precise volunteer position descriptions; inform RSVP of new volunteer needs
- To encourage new volunteer recruits age 55 and older to become members of RSVP.