



**Responding to Community Needs  
Through Volunteerism!**

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## **RSVP Announces New Partnerships to meet Grocery Shopping Needs**

RSVP is happy to announce new partnerships with two groups: Covaid and Shopping Angels. These partnerships will help meet the high demand for grocery shopping assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Together we are mobilizing volunteers to provide grocery shopping services to seniors and adults who are immuno-compromised, residing in Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties, PA.

### **RSVP's Role**

RSVP is actively recruiting and screening new volunteers. Screening consists of completing an enrollment form, reviewing government issued ID, conducting a criminal background check, checking the National Sex Offenders Public Website and a phone interview with RSVP staff. After volunteers have been screened, they're registered with Covaid and Shopping Angels who will match them with clients.

### **A Little about Covaid & Shopping Angels**

Both groups have online matching tools, protocols for safe food handling, personal protection and money exchange procedures to facilitate payments for groceries.

**Shopping Angels, Inc.** is a nationwide network of volunteers and in Pennsylvania they require volunteers to provide their own criminal history record. Learn more about Shopping Angels at <https://shoppingangelsglobal.org/>

**Covaid** is a nationwide mutual aid platform Covaid volunteers create an online profile but there is no screening process unless they also enroll with RSVP. If the volunteer has been screened by RSVP (RSVP) appears after the volunteer's address. Learn more about Covaid at <https://www.covaid.co/>

*For example, if the volunteer is screened,  
the client would see:*

Lois  
Harleysville, (RSVP)

*If the volunteer has not been screened,  
the client will see:*

Lois  
Harleysville

### **Requesting Shopping Assistance**

Your staff or constituents should email RSVP at [ShoppingRequests@rsvpmc.org](mailto:ShoppingRequests@rsvpmc.org) or call the Community Helpline 610.834.1040 x 208.

RSVP staff will 'intake and track' client requests for the next few weeks to ensure their urgent shopping needs are met through our new partnerships.

**For the protection of clients, we strongly recommend they only request assistance  
through RSVP's Community Helpline 610.834.1040 x 208**