The Kindness Movement

Annual Report
2018 - 2019

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RSVP
Responding to Community Needs Through Volunteerism!
About RSVP
Forty-six years ago, RSVP, Inc. began placing volunteers aged 55+ in local communities. Today, nearly 1,200 adult volunteers of all ages respond to the unmet needs of more than 11,000 vulnerable community members throughout the Greater Delaware Valley.

RSVP’s varied programs allow volunteers to utilize their managerial skills to help a growing nonprofit or provide occasional rides for seniors to medical appointments. Several literacy programs assist youth in classrooms by improving their reading and comprehension skills and pre-school children with reading readiness, or an adult literacy program helps foreign-born citizens become literate in English and improve their employment opportunities.

A mentoring program enables volunteers to have a profound impact on the life of an at-risk youth, and a Medicare counseling program helps inform and advise seniors on their best health coverage options.

A virtual tutoring program assists disadvantaged youth and veterans returning to college with difficult math concepts and provides volunteers with an off-site opportunity.

Corporate partnerships provide companies with fun and rewarding projects to unify and engage employees while enhancing the social profile of corporations.

Empowering volunteers to improve the education and wellness of vulnerable populations.

Our Mission
RSVP improves the lives of vulnerable populations in local communities by focusing on education and wellness and by supporting nonprofits through skilled-based volunteer programs.

Our Vision
Matching Gifts
UBS The Philadelphia Contribuship GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Exelon Foundation

We Thank our Corporate Partners who are committed to the same causes our volunteers work so hard to alleviate...
Dear Friends:

Every day our volunteers embrace opportunities to improve the lives of community members. Each moment of donated time positively influences a child’s life, dissipates the loneliness felt by a senior, lifts a veteran to a new level of hope or alleviates hunger and isolation experienced by our homebound neighbors.

We sometimes wonder what motivates people to Join the Kindness Movement and take on such important roles. From our recent surveys, we know that our volunteers are propelled into action because of a desire to give something back to the communities they’re from. They are rewarded by their good deeds as much as those receiving the gift of their time. We are always in admiration of our volunteer’s dedication, their countless hours of effort and resolve to unlock the potential and aspirations of the peoples we serve. We are committed to expanding our work to address the growing and significant needs in communities.

Research shows that students are lagging behind in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Those same studies show that children benefit from exposure to STEM concepts as early as preschool. In collaboration with Head Start and Children’s Village we have an innovative opportunity to further enhance the early education of disadvantaged preschoolers by integrating STEM into all facets of our work. Evidence from research shows that those who participate in STEM activities while in preschool experience a “jumpstart” into advanced school work.

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With deep gratitude and resolve,

Michele Moll
Executive Director

Robert Leib
Board President

Letter from the Executive Director and Board President
RSVP Programs Reach our Community’s most Vulnerable Residents through Targeted Programs

Mentored students improved their school engagement while enjoying their mentor’s company.

of students made positive changes in their lives

Tutoring struggling students and veterans via an online math program.

improved their math grade

Providing preschool students with excitement, books and a love for reading.

80% of parents are reading more often to their children

Exposing students to the great & varied possibilities of STEM careers.

75% of students increased their excitement about the field presented

Your Support Really Matters -- We are Deeply Grateful!

For Period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019

Your generous donations, grants, partnerships and sponsorships – big and small – created brighter futures for community residents one gesture at a time.

If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, please let us know and we will acknowledge you in a future report.

Leadership Circle
Annual Funding of $100,000+
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Investment in Program Services

- Medicare Counseling: 15%
- Adult Literacy: 1%
- America Reads: 21%
- Family Literacy: 14%
- Help on Call (Seniors): 8%
- My Free Tutor / STEM: 22%
- Protege Mentoring: 10%
- Volunteer Executive Consulting: 9%

**2018 At-a-Glance**

1,200 volunteers provided **83,152** hours of their time to assist
11,000+ community members: **16,065** hours supported students in classrooms,
19,880 supported seniors, 8,547 supported veterans,
4,986 supported food pantries and 33,674 supported area nonprofits.
The typical volunteer donated **98.75** hours over the course of the year.
Saving the community **$2,052,998**

**Wellness**

Counseling Medicare recipients on health care options and helping low income seniors secure groceries.

4,900 seniors received free counseling & information

Volunteers provided hours to assist seniors with simple tasks

**Community**

Ensuring food pantries are well stocked and ready to alleviate hunger.

1 in 5 local residents battle with hunger daily

Clipping coupons for deployed service-members to help defray food costs.

$500,000+ in savings sent to military service-members

Consultations and Workshops help nonprofit staff hone their leadership skills to better serve their constituents.

77% of nonprofits improved their operational capacity
Improving the literacy and life skills of our youngest community members

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to succeed. Our unique programs tackle one of the most challenging barriers children face: educational inequity. We match children with volunteer reading coaches, mentors, motivators and tutors who help students excel and gain confidence in their skills. Next year we plan to enhance our Family Literacy program by introducing preschoolers to STEM concepts through targeted books, activities and exploration expanding their knowledge and enabling them to have access and opportunity to pursue their dreams.

Children’s Programs

Family Literacy
Enthusiastic readers visit Head Start classrooms to help students prepare to enter Kindergarten as ready learners. Workshops provide parents with tips and tools to engage children in reading at home.

America Reads
Volunteers work individually with elementary school students who are struggling with reading and comprehension.

Protégé Mentoring
Mentors provide guidance, friendship, academic assistance and enrichment to at-risk students who would not receive this kind of focused adult attention otherwise.

STEM Career Presenters
Dynamic volunteers present their career journeys to excite students about their occupation choices.

My Free Tutor
Volunteers provide online math tutoring for disadvantaged high school students and first generation, college-bound veterans by utilizing an interactive whiteboard function.

95% of mentored students graduated and went on to college or secured employment

82% of tutored students improved their reading comprehension

Improving the outreach capacity and efficiency of local nonprofit agencies.

Community Programs

Volunteer Executive Consultants (VEC)
Volunteers are business professionals who utilize their skills to offer management, technical and professional help for growing nonprofits. VEC workshops and seminars educated 300 individuals.

Community Links
Volunteers directly support community-based nonprofits, including Meals on Wheels, Libraries, Food Pantries, Thrift Shops, Senior Centers, Museums and more.