

RSVP: Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

The Senior Source has been serving older adults in the greater Dallas area since 1961. The agency is a partner agency of The United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. RSVP is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Older adult volunteers reinvest in Dallas area communities through the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program. Individuals 55 years of age and older are recruited and placed as volunteers with a variety of community organizations. In Sachse, some of these programs include working at the Chamber of Commerce, assisting at the Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity Center, working at the Sachse Library, participating in the Friendly Visiting/Outreach program, and participating in the reading tutorial program at the elementary schools. The work is fulfilling for the volunteers and provides a valuable service to non-profit agencies. It also supplies volunteers with the opportunity to give back to the community by sharing their interests and skills obtained through a lifetime.

RSVP also lends support to each member while they are making their volunteer contribution. RSVP provides volunteers with free supplemental accident and liability insurance, recognition, and invitations to seminars, workshops, and forums with noted speakers.

RSVP volunteers are involved in a number of significant activities including mentoring and tutoring adults and youth, assisting individuals and families in crisis, teaching English as a second language, and preparing mailings for non-profit agencies, to name a few.

Special Projects include Professional Placement Network, where retired professionals volunteer in activities that utilize their professional skills and experience; Seniors for Immunization, where volunteers assist Immunize Kids! Dallas Area Infant Immunization Coalition with coordinating education and outreach activities in the Dallas area to improve the immunization rate of children two years and under; and Homeland Security, where Silver Guard leaders and other volunteers work with public safety and emergency assistance agencies to help insure the safety of our community.

In 2006, Sachse seniors volunteered over 4,000 hours at the Senior Center, the Sachse Library, the Chamber of Commerce, Visitation and Outreach, as reading tutors at the schools, and as transportation and volunteer coordinators for special events. We are very proud and thankful to our volunteers for the continued support of the community.