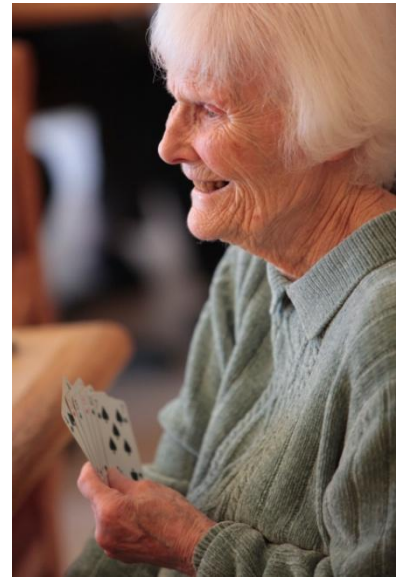


RSVP FRIENDSHIP CORPS

The Friendship Corps recruits compassionate and caring volunteers with a sincere interest in seniors. The volunteers conduct friendly visits and provide independent living support for home bound seniors and their families. All volunteers are trained to provide objective information that will help keep seniors (60+) in their homes.

Through engagement of the volunteers, and partnering with community organizations, the volunteers effectively assist homebound consumers to identify and access a wide range of home and community outreach based resources. The work of these volunteers is to provide objective information, advice, assistance, and to empower seniors to make informed decisions. They also form wonderful friendships.



Volunteer Criteria: Any adult over 55 is eligible to volunteer for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Friendship Corps. All potential volunteers receive approximately 12 hours of training and are Criminal History Background Checked. Training includes a variety of important topics, such as, consumer fraud, advanced directives, disaster preparedness, Medicare, Medicaid and other community based resources. Upon completion of the initial training, volunteers are matched up with homebound seniors for a friendly visit spending a few hours a month for companionship and to help them access needed community services.

Why volunteer? Volunteering can help individuals keep active, to give something back to the community, to help people, a belief in the organization's cause, to meet new people, and to use skills and to keep learning by doing. The biggest reward comes from helping others!

For further information, please contact our VISTA-RSVP Friendship Corps Volunteer Specialist at 208-667-3179 or 800-786-5536, or e-mail rsvp@aaani.org.