

WHAT IS THE RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)?

RSVP is a national program created in 1993 with the support of Congress, the President, and community groups nationwide, through The Corporation for National Service. The goal of the the Corporation for National Service is to provide a public-private partnership that administers three national service initiatives:

- Tapping the experience, skills, talents, interests and creativity of seniors age 55 and over with the Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs.
- AmeriCorps includes more than 400 local and national sponsors, as well as AmeriCorps*VISTA and AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps.
- Learn and Serve America provides models and resources for teachers integrating service into classrooms from kindergarten through college.

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The program is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging of North Idaho and is a United Way Agency in Kootenai County.