



"After retiring, volunteering through RSVP has given me new direction for my life"

Caroline Reed

"I am grateful I can share my talents. It makes me feel good physically, mentally and emotionally."

Angie Fellows



"Making a difference and being a role model gives me satisfaction."

Terry White



The Experience of a Lifetime!

Become a Lifescape Community Services RSVP Volunteer today!

Call **815-963-1609** or visit our website at www.lifescapeservices.com

A Community of Talents Serving Others in Northern Illinois

What is RSVP?

Lifescape Community Services Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) invites adults age 55 and over to use their life experiences and skills to answer the call of their neighbors in need.

Giving anywhere from four to 40 hours per week, RSVP volunteers help solve serious problems in northern Illinois and across the country.

Do You Have What it Takes?

RSVP volunteers:

Are over 55 years of age;

Reside in Winnebago or Boone Counties;

Complete a one-time RSVP application form;

Fill out monthly time sheets of hours volunteered each day;

Can volunteer at least a few hours every week; and

Enjoy working with others to fill a community need and solve problems.



YOU BENEFIT: As an RSVP volunteer, you'll receive:

Membership in a national organization that supports senior volunteerism;

Free volunteer placement;

The opportunity to use your experience and skills;

The chance to learn something new everyday;

The satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference;

Extra benefits... recognition, insurance, newsletter and reimbursement for meals and travel.

BABES Program

Beginning Alcohol and Addictions Basic Education Studies (BABES) is a primary prevention program designed to give children (K-2) a lifetime of protection from substance abuse. BABES accomplishes this by assisting young people in developing positive living skills.



The program provides children with accurate, non-judgmental information about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

BABES also gives children a better understanding on how they can protect themselves from alcohol and chemical dependency situations among their peers and within a family structure.



BABES presentations include brightly colored, believable and lovable puppets. The puppets "come alive" through interesting, understandable stories and music.

Now in Spanish!

Tutoring and Mentoring

RSVP is directly answering President Bush's challenge to all of us after "9/11" to give of ourselves and help our neighbors so that "We can overcome evil with greater good".

The Tutoring and Mentoring Program does just that working in area schools and also with many who need a point in the right direction in our prison system.

Tap into your life experiences and share what you know with groups of inmates at the Winnebago Satellite Jail.

Help by presenting talks on resume writing, stress management, anger management, goal setting and conflict resolution. Inmates are not required to attend these "talks", so participants are eager to learn what you have to share.

Our prison system needs more than remodeling from the outside. It needs your civic commitment, your passion and your compassion to work.



Community Disasters Education

Community Disasters Education volunteers help area businesses, seniors, and families develop disaster plans.

Businesses are taught how to prepare for a disaster that may affect the company and its employees. Families are taught how to plan for a disaster, help their children cope with disaster situations, and deal with the needs of the elderly and those with special medical concerns during disasters.

Through Community Disasters Education you can also impact and influence the lives of area Kindergartners in fire prevention and safety.



The wonderfully crafted program features hand puppets who educate children about smoke detectors, exit plans and much more. You'll never have so much fun teaching, laughing and protecting!

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RSVP Facts

I already volunteer, why should I join RSVP?

By taking the time to report your hours to RSVP, you would be committing that time value to ALL of our local community not-for-profits who use **YOUR** time contributions in their grant writing efforts.

YOUR hours have the potential to translate into grant dollars coming back to our community, our county, and our citizens! **YOUR** reported volunteer hours help provide these service agencies, museums and people-in-need with greater possibilities!

STUDIES SHOW THAT AMERICANS WHO VOLUNTEER ARE HEALTHIER, FEEL GREATER PURPOSE IN THEIR LIVES, AND HAVE HIGHER SELF-ESTEEM.



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