



NEWS FOR YOU

A News Brief for Senior Corps-RSVP Volunteers
of Northern Cook and Northern DuPage Counties



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Senior Corps-RSVP Annual Member Volunteer Survey

May 2017 marked my 1st anniversary as serving as Senior Corps-RSVP project director. It has been a pleasure to serve you. As I plan for the future, and assess what has been done over the last year, I would like to ask for your feedback about membership with Senior Corps-RSVP. Your response will help us to improve services to you and make us a program that best fits our members. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey enclosed. A self-addressed and stamped post card is provided to encourage your completion and return of the survey. As an incentive, all members that complete and submit the survey with your signature by September 15, 2017 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 VISA gift card.

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Volunteer Grant Programs for Retirees

Through corporate volunteer grant programs, companies provide funds to organizations where employees and, in some cases, retirees volunteer regularly. For HandsOn Suburban Chicago, our Senior Corp-RSVP sponsor, every dollar counts to help us meet our fundraising goals and supports all of our vital programs.

If you work for or have retired from any large corporation, such as the ones listed below,

please consider contacting your (former) HR manager to request grants in support of HandsOn Suburban Chicago. Our federal EIN number is 36-2692866. This simple action will maximize the impact of the time you donate. Your employer may also offer a matching gift program, which can double your donation amounts as well. It takes so little time to make a HUGE difference. So inquire today!





Secure a Bright Future for Area Youth

Research has shown that volunteer tutors can be an important part of student success. According to research from UCLA, volunteers can be significant resources in facilitating student performance. A study by the Office of the Deputy Secretary Planning and Evaluation Service of the U.S. Department of Education, shows that tutoring programs that incorporate adult-instructed, one-to-one reading interventions for elementary school students at risk of reading failure were highly effective. At-risk middle school students with limited-English-proficiency who were tutored showed improved reading scores, lower absentee rates and fewer disciplinary referrals. Additional research conducted in 2015 by Missouri State University suggests that factors beyond typical academic outcomes, like motivation, perseverance, and mindset, can be important components of tutoring for student success.

These are only a few examples of the positive outcomes that occur when students receive tutoring.

A new school year is just around the corner. HandsOn Suburban Chicago and Senior Corps-RSVP is seeking additional volunteer tutors or mentors to support low-income elementary school students and middle school students with developmental disabilities to help them to flourish in school and beyond.

Lunch Buddies Programs:



Educational Life Skills Mentoring will begin in early October and run through mid-March. The program will take place on Wednesdays from 12:40-1:20 pm at London Middle School (1001 W Dundee Rd, Wheeling, IL 60090).

Mentoring will begin in mid-to-late September and run until early June. The program will take place Mondays through Fridays from 11:50 am to 1:10 pm at Euclid Elementary School in Mount Prospect (1211 North Wheeling Rd, Mount Prospect, IL, 60056).

Tutoring will begin in mid-to-late September and go through mid-May. Volunteer tutors are needed on Mondays through Thursdays from 12 to 1 pm at Jane Addams Elementary School (1020 East Sayles Drive, Palatine, IL 60074).

Lunch Buddies will begin in late September and go through early May. Volunteer tutors are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:10-1:00 PM at Plainfield Elementary School (1850 Plainfield Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60018).

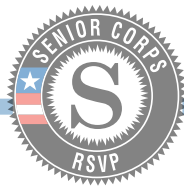
CHiL is the HOSC and Senior Corps-RSVP supported afterschool tutoring program at Community Consolidated District 21's middle schools—Cooper, Holmes, and London. Dedicated community members are needed at least once per week for two trimesters to assist students with homework. CHiL will begin in late September and go through late March.

Cooper: Volunteer tutors are needed from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at Cooper Middle School (1050 Plum Grove Circle, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089). Days are TBD.

Holmes: Volunteer tutors are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:15 pm at Holmes Middle School (221 S. Wolf Rd., Wheeling, IL 60090).

London: Volunteer tutors are needed on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:15 pm at Jack London Middle School (1001 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090).





Intergenerational Pen Pal Program



Senior Corps-RSVP's Pen Pal program is designed to help jump start students' enthusiasm for writing and expanding their comprehension and writing skills. Pen Pal volunteers meet twice a month, from 1:00-2:30 pm at the HandsOn Suburban Chicago offices at 2121 S. Goebbert Rd. in Arlington Heights. Volunteers meet to engage in handwritten communication with elementary school students in a classroom. You will exchange information and ideas with an assigned student based on their teacher's classroom curriculum. All correspondence is supervised by the classroom teacher and the Senior Corps-RSVP project coordinator. A few refreshments and writing materials are provided. Working with children is a fun and rewarding experience. Volunteers have consistently reported that their experiences have gained in the domain of well-being and socialization. Interacting with new people has given them an incredible sense of satisfaction in knowing their contributions have positively impacted the growth of their students.

No specific knowledge or education experience is required, a background check will be required for all tutor and Pen Pal programs. Mandatory orientation and training will take place in September for the all Lunch Buddies and CHiL program volunteers. To volunteer and make a difference in child's life. Apply at: <http://www.handsonsuburbanchicago.org/tutor.or> call Jess Park at 847-228-1320

Volunteer 101 –

October 17, 2017, Forest View Education Center, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Our Senior Corps-RSVP program, in partnership with High School District 214 Community Education Program, will present a class offering an overview of the many volunteer opportunities in the area. This class will explore the benefits of volunteering and illustrate how your efforts can make a positive impact on the community. Instructors will introduce you to HandsOn Connect, a tool to help you find new or additional volunteer opportunities. There is no fee, registration at ce.d214.org is recommended. Walk-ins are also welcome.



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