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What is RSVP/ Volunteer Connect?

RSVP/Volunteer Connect is a volunteer program that provides opportunities for individuals of all ages to volunteer their time, experience and skills to assist non-profit agencies throughout the Coachella Valley.

What do volunteers do?

RSVP/Volunteer Connect offers individuals opportunities to provide valuable services to their communities. Host agencies range from senior centers, food banks and food pantries, to cultural museums, “Citizens on Patrol”, recreation centers, and sites that help preserve our environment, wildlife and natural habitat. Volunteers’ provide office supportive services, facilitate workshops, interact with the public, support short term agency projects, assist at special events, and implement social media capacities and much, much more!

What kinds of skills do the volunteers have?

RSVP/Volunteer Connect volunteers come from a wide variety of backgrounds, from high school students to retired seniors with a wide variety of skill sets: including teaching, administration, homemaking, technical, clerical, medical, legal, and small business ownership.

How does RSVP/ Volunteer Connect operate?

RSVP/Volunteer Connect is sponsored by the Riverside County Office on Aging in partnership with the Regional Access Project foundation. RSVP/Volunteer Connect also depends on local support from cities within the Coachella Valley, as well as business and private donations.

How do you become a volunteer?

Interested individuals are invited to contact the Office on Aging – La Quinta Office at (760) 771-0501. A staff member will be pleased to discuss your interests and help find a volunteer position suited to your interests and skills.

Are there any special benefits for RSVP/ Volunteer Connect volunteers?

Besides the satisfaction of helping others, learning new skills and benefiting the community, benefits particular to the RSVP/Volunteer Connect Program include: (1) placement assistance, (2) secondary supplemental accident insurance, (3) volunteer support services. Volunteering provides volunteers with networking opportunities, resume enhancement and real world job skills.

How does an agency become a volunteer site?

That’s easy. The agency coordinator just calls the Office on Aging – La Quinta office at (760) 771-0501 and we will gladly set up a meeting or presentation with the agency – regarding the benefits RSVP/Volunteer Connect provides for volunteer sites: such as recruitment, vetting, placement, retention and recognition of RSVP/Volunteer Connect volunteers for their agency.

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