

# Celebrate National Senior Corps Week May 15 – 19, 2017

**Thank you** for being one of the **270,000 volunteers** serving through Senior Corps' three programs.



**FOSTER  
GRANDPARENTS**

Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.



**RSVP**

Lead with Experience



**SENIOR  
COMPANIONS**

Make Independence a Reality

**Senior Corps Week** is a time to highlight the impact of the Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, and Senior Companion Program and recognize volunteers, community sponsors and partners. The theme for Senior Corps Week is #SeniorCorpsWorks.

Senior Corps works in countless ways to make communities stronger. Throughout the country, Foster Grandparents are mentoring and tutoring students, Senior Companions are helping frail elderly remain in their own homes, and RSVP program volunteers are providing a wide array of services.

In our area there is one Senior Corps program, an RSVP that covers Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon Counties. RSVP members are providing services that benefit dozens of local non-profit agencies. They are assisting with disaster relief, caring for the environment, supporting veterans and military families, and helping in area food pantries and soup kitchens.

The beauty of RSVP programs is its flexibility. Our members are not limited in scope or focus to what they can do. So while we don't have a Foster Grandparent Program in our area we DO have RSVP members tutoring and mentoring young students both in school and in after-school programs. We may not have a Senior Companion Program that serves the frail elderly in our area but we DO have over 100 RSVP volunteers helping seniors stay living safely at home by delivering meals, providing transportation to appointments, assisting with grocery shopping and being Friendly Visitors.

**Students learn to read. The hungry are fed. Seniors are able to stay living safely at home. Veterans are assisted. The Community Benefits. Because of you #SeniorCorpsWorks!**

## SAVE THE DATE

**RSVP's 2017 Annual Volunteer Recognition  
is planned for Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
at the Northampton Memorial Community Center  
from Noon until 3 PM.**

**e sent out in late August to volunteers that have reported service hours.**

**Be sure you report your hours and add this event to your calendar so you can be there!**





# SENIOR CORPS

Making a Difference  
for Generations

[NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov)

**245,000**

*Senior Corps volunteers*

**28,100**

*Senior Corps locations*

**74.6 MILLION**

*Hours served*

**840,000**

*Frail elderly receiving  
independent living services*

**267,000**

*Children tutored  
and mentored*

*All figures from 2015*

**Our RSVP members are among the 245,000 Senior Corps volunteers. Many of the numbers below are part of the national statistics shown in the picture. What follows are some of the ways our 470 RSVP members who volunteer in Lehigh, Northampton & Carbon Counties Make a Difference.** ...over 230 individuals are routinely served in the Ecumenical Soup Kitchen and at a Community Meals program... nearly 3,000 persons are being served at area Food Pantries each month... over \$294,000 was raised by area non-profits with the assistance of Special Events volunteers and some of the money raised will help fight cancer and some helped Second Harvest Food Bank purchase a refrigerated truck ... over 2,500 individuals received information about health insurance, access to benefits and information about Medicare fraud... 60 students are being tutored in area schools and in after-school programs... nearly 200 seniors are receiving transportation and/or grocery shopping services... 500 homebound individuals have nutritious meals delivered to their homes... almost \$38,000 was raised by Thrift Shop volunteers to support their community Food Pantry... nearly \$58,000 worth of coupons were sent for use by military families in commissaries ...the Knotters have made 138 quilts to be provided to victims of disasters... 297 smoke detectors have been installed as part of the Red Cross Home Fire Safety Campaigns... over 8,199 pounds of canned goods, equal to 6,832 meals, were collected at the gates of the Allentown Fair...over 300 individuals in long-term care receive support from a volunteer Ombudsmen each month... a FREE community Resource Room that serves veterans as well as individuals that are homeless or are victims of a fire was set up and in the first six months of operation 106 persons were served. RSVP members also help in hospitals, libraries and senior centers, assist with blood drives, monitor the Bushkill watershed and collect data every month, help pack SUNShine boxes for over 2,000 seniors and backpacks of food for 300 students, and help non-profit agencies in a variety of ways.

**We celebrate National Senior Corps Week and acknowledge your service!**