

RSVP's Impact in Iowa

4,000+
volunteers

275,000+
hours served

With over four thousand active volunteers serving Iowa through RSVP, chances are you know someone or have been directly impacted by their service.

50,000+
Iowans in need served by RSVP

RSVP volunteers work to meet the needs of Iowans.

\$418,698

Dollar match from Iowa in 2025

The state of Iowa provided crucial matching funds that averaged over 2.7 million in federal funding directed to Iowa RSVP programs in 2025.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Disaster Response

Roughly 50% of RSVPs in Iowa are currently partnering with disaster and emergency preparedness/response providers serving local, county and multi-county coalitions.

Transportation

RSVP volunteers provided over 6,000 rides to vulnerable Iowans, including trips for needed medical appointments and other essential services.

Tax Assistance

RSVP's participation in tax assistance programs served 6,361 clients, saving a minimum of \$1,399,420 for the cost of preparing taxes (based on an average of \$220 per client).

This service is valued at

\$8.20M*

The state of Iowa values an hour of volunteer service at \$29.96. Volunteers put money back into Iowa communities through their service. *FY25

Key Areas of Service:



Financial Literacy



Health, Wellness & Independent Living



Education



Disaster Services & Environmental Stewardship



Capacity Building & Local Priorities

YOUR support helps our programs serve the needs of more Iowans

RSVP Focus Areas:



Financial Literacy

Provide support and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved financial security and well-being

- Income tax assistance/preparation
- Medicare counseling
- Fraud and scam prevention programs/presentations
- Bill payer and representative payee services
- Rent reimbursement and/or emergency assistance programs
- Assisting individuals to transition into or remain in safe, healthy, affordable housing



Disaster Services & Environ. Stewardship

Help prepare, respond, and recover from disasters/emergencies, increasing community resiliency & environmental stewardship

- Winter weatherization of homes
- Maintenance of arboretums, trails, gardens, and greenhouses
- Conservation and visitors center operations
- Disaster preparedness and environmental education (youth and adult)
- Staffing phone banks/hotlines
- Facilitating volunteer reception centers to process community volunteers
- Helping individuals recover from disasters
- Assisting public health (i.e. vaccination clinics)



Capacity Building & Local Priorities

Support diverse services that supplement and enhance the mission of public, nonprofit, and health care agencies in Iowa

- Administrative and technical support
- Library support
- Assistance at hospitals, nursing homes and senior centers
- Community events and cultural activities
- Veteran support services
- Donations management



Education

Help Iowa's children succeed academically (increased academic performance, attendance and graduation rates)

- School readiness for young children, like Head Start
- Literacy tutoring (i.e. Reading Buddies)
- STEM tutoring
- Mentoring at-risk youth
- Pen Pal writing partners projects
- Instruction in public speaking (Speak UP! curriculum for 5th grade students)
- After-school and summer learning programs



Health, Wellness & Independent Living

Help Iowan's control their well-being, access affordable, nutritious food, wellness programs and independent living services

- Assistance at food pantries, Iowa food banks, school backpack programs, and community gardens
- Food box, meal, and grocery delivery
- Respite care for caregivers
- Transportation services
- Companionship, friendly visits, phone reassurance
- Lead fitness and exercise classes
- Opioid abuse prevention programs

RSVPs in the State of Iowa



Program	
	RSVP of North Central Iowa
	RSVP of Buchanan County
	Volunteer Iowa RSVP
	Northwest Iowa RSVP
	RSVP of Lee County
	RSVP of Clinton County
	RSVP of Jasper County
	RSVP of Monroe, Wapello, and Jefferson Counties
	Henry County RSVP
	Northeast Iowa RSVP Volunteer Program
	Southern Iowa RSVP
	United Way of Central Iowa RSVP
	United Way of East Central Iowa 55+ Initiative
	Central Iowa RSVP
	HIRTA Helps
	RSVP of Black Hawk and Fayette Counties
	RSVP of Carroll County
	United Way Muscatine County RSVP

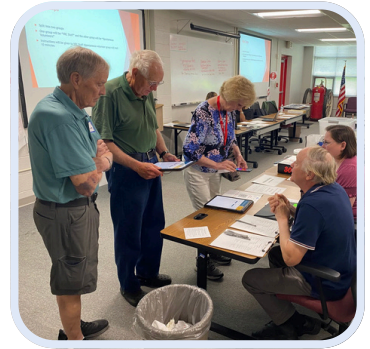
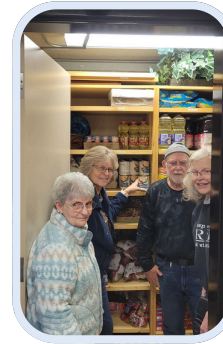
What Iowans are saying about RSVP:

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“Both volunteers are excellent read aloud readers and work well one on one with my students in the group room. I am deeply thankful for both of them!”

- Sarah Venem, Lincoln Elementary Teacher (Reading Buddies), Black Hawk County

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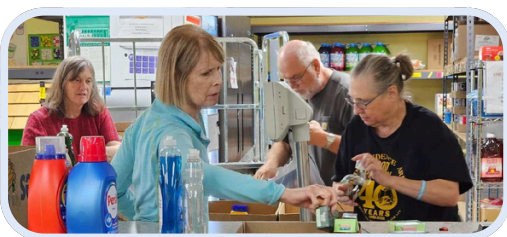


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The RSVP transportation program is Heaven! I don't know what I would do without it. I haven't met a driver that wasn't absolutely wonderful. They are so kind and I always look forward to the conversations (and laughs) I have with them.

- Transportation Program Client, Story County

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“I have 15 students and they all have shown improvement with their letter writing, friendship skills and engagement with others in letter correspondence. My students love when our Pen Pal letters arrive and can't wait to share with one another about what they read in their letters. Our students from past years still talk about their pen pals!”

- Lori Warkinten, Baxter 3rd Grade Teacher (Pen Pal), Jasper County

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RSVP Volunteers are up to a lot of GOOD!



"I can't put into words how grateful I am for all the wonderful help I have had from Jasper County RIDE. I don't know what I would have done without it."

- Transportation Program Client, Jasper County



"Kids are always very engaged to write to their pen pals. I never really have to ask them or get on them because they love corresponding with them. They also enjoy the relationships they make when they first meet them and put a face to who is writing."

- Megan Stanerson, Lou Henry Elementary Teacher (Pen Pal), Black Hawk County



"As a retired educator, I often relied on the RSVP volunteers in my own classroom. Each volunteer had unique ways of making their impact felt by the students and me, and I witnessed the growth of students' academic, emotional, and social skills... all the while feeding my passion as an educator and person. I knew upon retirement, I would want to try to follow in the RSVP volunteers' footsteps to attempt to make a difference for others, just as they had done for so many students and for me. While I once thought the RSVP volunteers brought so much happiness to others, I am now witnessing just how much delight fills one's soul upon volunteering."

- Diana Koppen, Retired teacher, Clay County

