

RSVP's Impact in Iowa

4,094
volunteers

270,885
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.

52,561
Iowans in need served by RSVP

RSVP volunteers work to meet the needs of Iowans.

\$418,698
Dollar match from Iowa in 2024

The state of Iowa provided crucial matching funds that leveraged over 2.9 million in federal funding directed to Iowa RSVP programs in 2024.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Disaster Response

Nearly 60% 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 10,000 essential rides to vulnerable Iowans, over 7,000 of which were trips for needed medical appointments.

Tax Assistance

RSVP's participation in tax assistance programs served 5,892 clients and put \$7,375,310 of savings back into the pockets of Iowa families.

This service is valued at

\$7.80M*

The state of Iowa values an hour of volunteer service at \$28.88. Volunteers put money back into Iowa communities through their service. *FY24

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

Health, Wellness & Independent Living

Help Iowans maintain control of their well-being, having access to affordable, nutritious food, wellness programs and independent living services

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



Education

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

- School readiness for young children such as 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



Disaster Services & Environmental Stewardship

Help individuals/communities prepare, respond, & 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, non-profit, 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



What lowans are saying about RSVP:

"Volunteering has helped me connect with the younger generations in my community. I have enjoyed spending time with grade schoolers and their teachers, and with Special Needs community members and their families."

-Karen Hanson, Howard County

"I work primarily with 2 regular volunteer activities the Optimist Club of Lamoni and the Lamoni Thrift Store. Both of these organizations provide services to our community. The Optimists collect and redeem bottles and cans and use the money for educational programs and other things that assist youth in Lamoni. The Thrift Store provides gently used items at a reduced cost to help families stretch their money further. They also assist after a fire or a forced relocation due to safety concerns. I also worked with the RSVP at the STEAM event held at Graceland University. I truly enjoy working in the community and supporting the goals of RSVP."

-Lisa Stobbe, Decatur County

"When you read with a child over the course of a school year and spend time with them, you can see the changes and the growth taking place in them. You see the smiles; you see their self-esteem increase; you simply can't buy that sort of experience."

-Ray Yori, Reading Buddy, Polk County

"Your service is wonderful help and a huge comfort to those of us who can't drive any longer. Your drivers are friendly, helpful, on time and just all around good people. I want everyone to know about your service because I couldn't be happier with the way you have helped me."

- Janice Serovy , Transportation Client, Story County

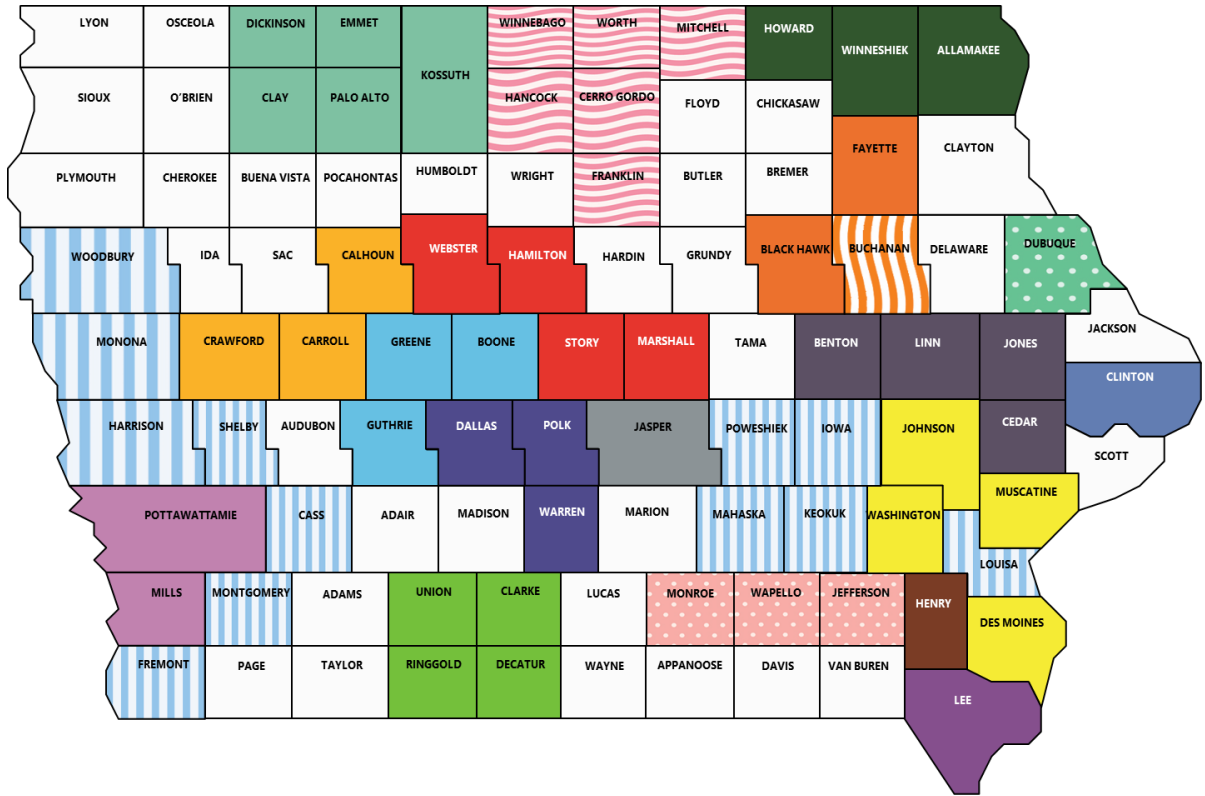
"Thanks RSVP for all of your hard work with the BASE senior exercise program! You and your volunteer BASE leaders have improved the lives of so many people, many of whom have been our patients and have greatly benefitted from not only the physical strength and stamina, but also the social connections you promote. I really appreciate you and all you do! Just wanted to make sure you knew!"

Susan Woodle, DBT, CLT, Hamilton County

"RSVP's tax program helps us every year with filing our tax returns. In our area I have been quoted \$100 for a simple tax return. RSVP does it for free. The volunteers are always nice and so knowledgeable!"

- Marilee Smith, Clinton County

RSVPs in the State of Iowa



RSVP provides a proven and effective infrastructure to recruit, screen, and place volunteers in public and nonprofit organizations to meet local needs throughout Iowa

RSVPs in the State of Iowa

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