



East Valley RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)

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Period: Oct 1, 2014-Jun 30, 2015

Mesa, Arizona

Federal Legislative Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 9

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Congressional District(s): **1, 3, 4, 5, 9**

State Legislative District(s): **6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 23, 25, 26**

Service Area by County/City: Arizona's **eastern Maricopa, Gila, Pinal counties**

Project Federal Share: **\$129,358**

Project Local Match: **\$45,492**

Community Volunteers Recruited: **400+***

RSVP Volunteers Recruited: **357**

RSVP Volunteer Hours Served: **57,413**

Value of Volunteer Hours: **\$1,284,329****

** Prospective volunteers under the age of 55 who inquire about community service through RSVP and are referred to one or more of our volunteer stations, in any case.*

***2014: Latest Independent Sector Rate for the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$22.37*



Program Activities

- 1) Healthy Futures: Aging in Place: Volunteers providing food distribution, companionship, and elder abuse prevention services.
- 2) Veterans: Volunteers providing access assistance to state and federal benefits; support for veterans in rural area; assistance with transportation to VA/medical appointments; and support for veterans with disabilities and older veterans.
- 3) Other Community Needs: RSVP volunteers serve at nonprofit human service organizations, medical centers, and government agencies to help ensure cohesive provisions of service.

Program Impact

Three-hundred-and-fifty seven (357) RSVP volunteers were recruited* and 304 RSVP volunteers served hours in 67 volunteer stations in communities throughout Arizona's eastern Maricopa, Gila, and Pinal counties during the period October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. New initiatives include our Gilbert Initiative, with a special focus on recruiting stations and volunteers to address domestic violence.

** In addition, we referred 400+ community volunteers under the age of 55.*

Healthy Futures: Most older adults (65+) and individuals with disabilities want to remain independent in their homes and communities. Yet as they age in place or acquire disabilities there is often not enough support available to meet their needs.

Veterans: Insufficient access to benefits for veterans.

Other Community Needs: Issues are complicated and reach across traditional boundaries. Service programs address three factors: increased demand; intensified human service cases; dwindling resources.

National Priority Area: Healthy Futures

- Increase social support for older adults and individuals with disabilities / chronic illnesses who are homebound.





Mission

East Valley Adult Resources, Inc. offers a variety of opportunities for older adults to remain healthy, independent, and connected to community.

Vision

Opportunities to connect, contribute and care for each other

History

East Valley Adult Resources (EVAR) has offered the retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) program since 2001 and it has grown to cover Arizona's eastern Maricopa, Gila, and Pinal counties which face critical human needs and human service challenges. These counties are diverse with urban, rural, frontier, and Native American / Indian Communities and therefore require creative ways in providing RSVP volunteers. For example, many of our RSVP volunteers are "seasonal" in that they live in Arizona for a portion of the year and in other parts of the country during the rest of the year. Our program provides the flexibility required to allow these and other RSVP to serve in one or more of 56 volunteer stations located throughout a large geographical area.



Partnerships

A New Leaf	Mesa
Assistance for Independent Living (AIL): Home Delivered Meals	Mesa
AIL: Navigation Assistance to Access Food Security Benefits	Mesa
AIL: Outreach	Mesa
Alzheimer's Research and Prevention Foundation	East Valley
Apache Junction Active Adult Center	Apache Junction
Arizona Museum of Natural History	Mesa
Banner Baywood Heart Hospital	Mesa
Banner Baywood Medical Center	Mesa
Banner Casa Grande Medical Center	Casa Grande
Banner Desert Medical Center	Mesa
Banner Gateway Medical Center	Gilbert
Banner Hospice	Gilbert
Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center	Gilbert
Cardon Desert Medical Center	Mesa
Casa De Amor Baptist Center	Mesa
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Gila County	Globe
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Pinal County	Casa Grande
Chandler Christian Community Center	Chandler
Chandler Police Department	Chandler
Chandler Regional Medical Center	Chandler
Commemorative Air Force Airbase Arizona	Mesa
Coolidge Performing Arts Center	Coolidge
Copper Communities Hospice	Mesa
Copper Village	Mesa
Desert Willows Environmental Education	Chandler
East Valley RSVP Special Projects	All three counties
Eloy Veterans Center – Veterans Services	Eloy
EMPACT	Tempe
Friends of the Library	Globe
Gila Aging Services	Payson
Gila Community Food Bank	Globe
Gila County Historical Museum	Globe
Globe Active Adult Center – Home Delivered Meals	Globe
Helen's Hope Chest	Mesa
Hoofbeats with Heart	San Tan Valley
Hospice of the Valley	All three counties
Isabelle Hunt Memorial Public Library	Pine
MacFest (Mesa Arts & Crafts Festival)	Mesa
Maricopa County Head Start	Mesa
Mercy Gilbert Medical Center	Gilbert
Mesa Active Adult Center	Mesa
Mesa Arts Center	Mesa
Mesa Fire and Medical Department	Mesa
Mesa Police Department (VIPs)	Mesa
Mesa Public Library	Mesa
Mountain Vista Medical Center	Mesa
North Tempe Senior Center – Home Delivered Meals	Tempe
Open Hands Outreach – Veterans Services	Coolidge
Paz De Cristo	Mesa
Pinal Hispanic Council – Fresh Start	Casa Grande
Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens	Casa Grande
Project C.U.R.E.	Tempe
Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun	Tempe
Red Mountain Active Adult Center	Mesa
Resurrection Street Ministry – Veterans Services	Mesa
Salvation Army, Chandler	Chandler
Singleton Moms	East Valley
Sunshine Acres Children's Home	Mesa
Symphony of the Southwest	Mesa
Tempe City Police Department	Tempe
Tempe City Volunteer Office	Tempe
Tempe Community Action Agency	Tempe
Tempe St. Luke's Hospital	Tempe
Time Out Shelter	Payson
Tri-Community Food Bank	Mammoth
United Food Bank	All three counties

