

RSVP of Dane County

501 (c) (3) Nonprofit Organization

MISSION:


To make a positive impact in the community by recruiting volunteers 55 and older to help deliver priority services to people of all ages, providing Dane County with a valuable resource.

VOLUNTEER

...where volunteers make a difference



Networks

Corporation for
**NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE** 



SENIOR CORPS IN **WISCONSIN**



6,900

Senior Corps volunteers



1,400

young people tutored
by Foster Grandparents



300

homebound seniors helped
by Senior Companions



500

local organizations benefit
from RSVP volunteers

NationalService.gov/Wisconsin

Benefits of Volunteering

Decreased Isolation



Per 2018 Senior Corp
volunteer survey:
78% of volunteers
reported feeling
less depressed!

Healthier



AND
84% of volunteers
reported
improved health!

Happier



“As you grow older, you
will discover that you
have 2 hands – 1 for
helping yourself, and the
other for helping others.”
-Audrey Hepburn

Sense of Purpose



After *retirement* or a
significant life change,
a volunteer can find new
meaning & direction in
their lives by helping
others!

WIN / WIN !!!!!

Volunteering benefits both
VOLUNTEERS
&
COMMUNITY RECIPIENTS
(community members who are
receiving RSVP services)

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RSVP of Dane County Programs



Community
Connections
Bus Buddy



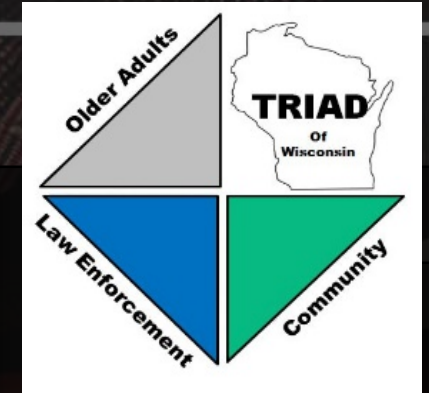
Driver Services
Vets Helping Vets
Food Bridge



Group Projects



Intergenerational/
Foster
Grandparents



TRIAD

Also Help Low-Income Older Adults by:

- Community Connection volunteers help at nutrition sites, which provide nutritious meals
- A bus buddy volunteer teaches the Madison Bus route, which allows for affordable transportation
- Driver services and vets helping vets volunteers provide to over 2,000 older adults and veterans 9,300 rides
- Home delivered meals volunteers deliver over 86,000 meals
- Food Bridge volunteers deliver food pantry groceries to homebound seniors
- Group Project volunteers donate comfort and warm items, which are critical needs in life
- Foster Grandparent volunteer's tax-free stipend meets basic living expenses
- Triad volunteers spread the word about identity theft, which is critical information for already low-income seniors

Community Connections

Jan Karst, Program Coordinator

70 Nonprofits Served

*First line of communication for interested volunteers!

*Personalized placement based on interests!

*In the Community Connections program alone, a volunteer can choose from 70 different nonprofits to devote their time to!



Community nonprofits include:

ReStore

VA Hospital

ARC

Hospicecare

Second Harvest

Libraries & Senior Centers

We make a living
by what we get
*we make a life
by what we give.*



~Winston Churchill

www.SpirituallyThinking.blogspot.com

Bus Buddy

Jan Karst & Laura Mikkelsen Program Coordinator

Many seniors do not use the Madison metro buses because they haven't had the opportunity to learn the bus system. RSVP's Bus Buddy Program pairs seasoned bus riders with learners. Once seniors have the confidence to travel around the city via bus, their world expands. They have the freedom to go to senior centers, shopping, and entertainment. They can plan a fun outing with friends rather than stay confined to their home. During the summer, there are six monthly group tours scheduled that include instructions on how to use the bus, a visit to a local attraction and a complimentary lunch.



Mary Schmelzer
Co-Manager

Joe Miller
Vets Helping Vets Coordinator

Luanne Fax
Marketing/Recruiting Assistant

Robin Heilprin
Madison/Monona Ride Coordinator

Driver Services

Vets Helping Vets

Medical Rides

Provide rides to medical appointments for older adults and veterans (VHV), without personal transportation.

*The volunteer driver receives mileage reimbursement and a flexible schedule.



Food Bridge



RSVP Volunteers pick up food at least once a month from the River Food Pantry and deliver these groceries to low-income seniors in Madison and Monona who are unable to go to the food pantry themselves.

Home Delivered Meals

RSVP drivers work with Dane County senior centers to deliver hot, nutritious meals to seniors at their homes.



"While riding with a fellow veteran we talk about different conflicts, but then realize we have the same story"

- RSVP Vets Helping Vets Driver

Intergenerational/Foster Grandparent

Laura Mikkelsen, Program Coordinator

Intergenerational

Intergenerational volunteers donate their time by **tutoring** in Dane county schools to help students succeed academically.

The **computer buddy** program is a correspondence once a week with an assigned student by blogging as a pal from your home computer.

As a volunteer you could help stock shelves or help families shop in **school food pantries**.

Through a partnership with the **Girl Scouts of WI**, a volunteer can lead a group of diverse girls by teaching them STEM activities.

WWII History Project is where volunteers go to Memorial high school once a year, and share their life experience during WWII with History students.



Computer Buddies

You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and read to a child.

-Dr. Seuss

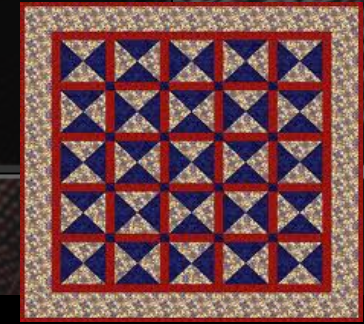
Foster Grandparent

The Foster Grandparent program is for low-income seniors who receive a tax-free stipend, meal and travel reimbursement to tutor students 1:1 with exceptional or special needs in Dane County elementary schools, preschools and HeadStarts. The Foster Grandparent has to commit to a minimum of 5 hours a week to the school, attend monthly in-services, love children and attend recognition events for their dedication to the program.



Group Projects & Homeworkers

Kate Seal, Program Coordinator



MISSION

- *Addresses critical needs (***warmth, safety and comfort***) of some of the less fortunate members of our Dane County community,
- *...while meeting the social, quality of life, and mental health needs of its older volunteers.

Handcrafted Items

Quilts
Hats / Mittens / Scarves
Afghans / Prayer Shawls
Nap Pillows
Baby Items (hats, blankets, booties, sweaters)
Fidget Quilts / Activity Muffs
Tote Bags

We gladly
accept
donations of
fabric and
yarn!!!



- ***Over 250 volunteers in Group Projects
- ***20 groups across Dane Co
- **Dozens of homeworkers
- ***Over 3000 lbs of recycled/donated material used to create comfort items
- ***Over 48,000 volunteer hours
- ***Over 100 Dane County non-profits receive donations
- ***Over 12,000 items donated - adults & children

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Community Nonprofit

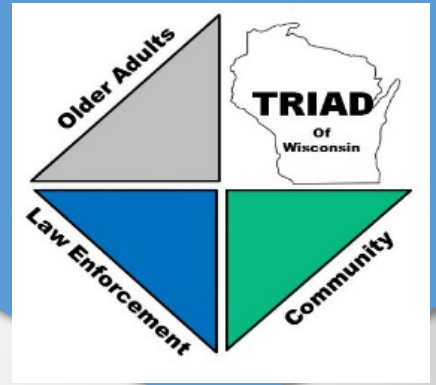
Recipients include:

Access Community Healthcare;
After School Clubs, Inc. &
Madison South Rotary;
Heartland & Agrace
Hospicecare, MMSD Schools,
Today Not Tomorrow
(Project Babies);
Pregnancy Helpline;
Reach Dane/Head Start sites;
Unity Point -Meriter
Spiritual Care;
Neighborhood House
Community Center;
Good Shepherd Clothes
Closet; CWA – The Triangle
Housing; Rainbow Project;
WI Youth Program;
The Open Seat @UW



TRIAD

Mary Stamstad, Program Coordinator



Triad's mission is to enhance the quality of life of older adults through education and active participation in statewide programs and projects.

Triad is a national program that promotes safety & crime prevention for seniors.

Monthly presentations on topics related to crime prevention & safety are held throughout Dane county, free of charge.

(identity theft, bullying, hoarding, scams/frauds, emergency preparedness & more)

TRIAD advocates for:
Crime Prevention, Elder Abuse Prevention, Reassurance Strategies, & other (timely) safety programs, like each fall's *Winterization Car Checks*, free of charge to those over 50.

Volunteers Wanted!

RSVP of Dane County is always recruiting to find new volunteers who want to make a difference!

Please contact RSVP of Dane County at 608-238- 7787 or
www.rsvpdane.org

Please spread the word about RSVP of Dane County's Programs.

Thank You!!



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