



2023 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY22
TOWN OF: MENDON • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$700.00

Brief Description of RSVP

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer management program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 30,552 items were distributed by RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 38 partner agencies and an estimated 1,800 children. We also partner with AARP to provide income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 607 volunteers. From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 101,761 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,047,741.

Services Provided to Mendon Residents

In FY'22, Mendon residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free osteoporosis prevention classes. Currently in Mendon RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: AARP Tax Program, Bridges & Beyond, RSVP Operation Dolls and More, Community Cupboard, and RSVP Bone Builders.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help continue to defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on our organization along with the cost of providing volunteer placement, support, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to the increasing needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Mendon for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Sincerely,



Maryesa White
RSVP Director