



“Volunteerism is the background of Americanism.”

city of Miles City RSVP Volunteer

At RSVP, we believe in the power of purpose. Since 1972, RSVP volunteers, age 55 and older, have focused on meeting community needs through meaningful volunteer service.



Quick Facts for 2012

- 255 Active Volunteers
- 50 Community Partners
- 24,189 hours served
- \$529,408 worth of volunteer hours to area non-profits

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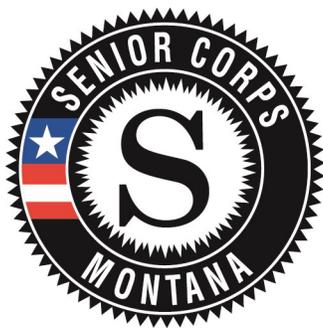
Volunteer Stories

Together Dolores and Martin have put in over 23,000 hours of volunteer time for their community serving in a variety capacities. Most of the time you will find this couple volunteering together. Martin joined RSVP in 1997 and has contributed over 16,000 hours of his time. One of Martin’s volunteer supervisors says “He’s a jack of all trades.” She went on to say, “Martin provided computer tech services and helped with whatever I needed.”

Prior to retirement Dolores was the Activities Coordinator at Holy Rosary Extended Care. Following her retirement she continues to volunteer with activities at the facility. When accepting the Miles City Chamber Volunteer of the Year award Dolores mentioned volunteerism is important because you should to give back to your community.

RSVP is sponsored by the City of Miles City and serves Custer & Rosebud Counties

Mission Statement: To provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for individuals 55 and older to meet community needs.



Quotes from our Partners and Volunteers

"I cannot contribute to fundraising activities due to my income, but I feel so rich, in self-worth not money, to get to volunteer at the library."

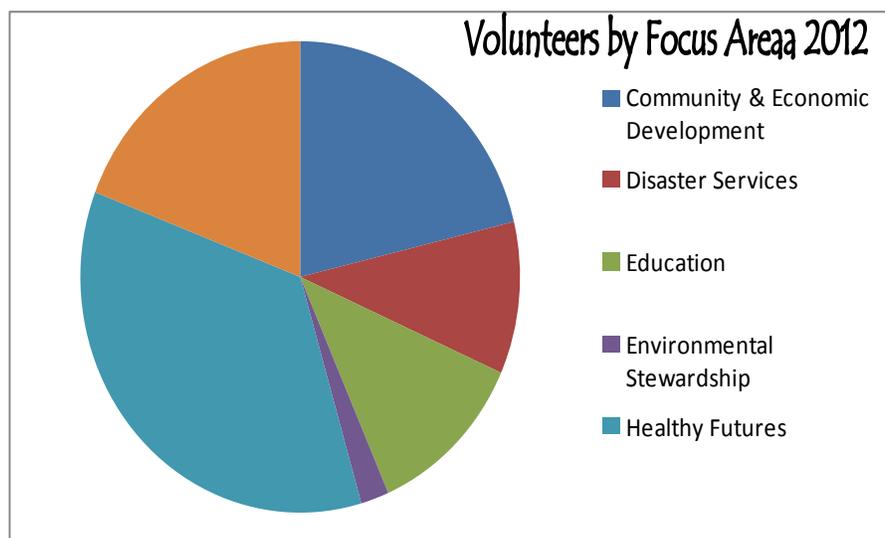
"Thanks to God and RSVP." and "I appreciate so much what the volunteers do for me."

Meals on Wheels recipients

"It's nice to still be involved in the community. When your children leave the nest you rest a while, then miss the activity—so, back we go to a new chapter—RSVP."

RSVP concentrates volunteer placement on focus areas required by the Corporation for National and Community Service. A few examples of RSVP volunteer impacts (January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012) were :

- Healthy Futures: 27 RSVP volunteers (856 hours) served a nutritious lunch to an average of 45 individuals at the Custer County Community Table/Soup Kitchen 5 days per week. The Soup Kitchen is located in the VA Medical Center and often provides lunch to veterans. It also provides coffee and cookies to veterans in the Community Living Center as its doors are open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 21 RSVP volunteers provided the Forsyth Samaritan Pantry and the Custer County Food Bank 2,716 hours of service. At the Custer County Food Bank 925 households with children and 1562 individuals age 56 and over received the benefits of RSVP volunteers.
- Veterans & Military Families: Five RSVP volunteers called over 200 veterans, within the Miles City Workforce Center service area, advising the veterans of available services. Fifty-five volunteers assisted with the Veteran's Stand Down. Additionally, 33 RSVP volunteers provided assistance at the VA Community Living Center, VA Clinic, provided medical transportation to veterans, and assisted at the Montana Dept. of Military Affairs. According to Al Olson, Coordinator for transportation from Miles City VA, in a one month period of time volunteers drove 5,558 miles (116 hours) to medical facilities in Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota to provide service to 47 veterans.
- Economic Development: 18 RSVP volunteers served 2,196 hours and assisted in increasing the revenue at St. Vincent de Paul by 4.5%. This increased revenue was used to support needy families and individuals in our community, and also helps supports non-profit organizations such as Miles City Community Table/Soup Kitchen and Custer County Food Bank.



"The many RSVP Volunteers who assisted with the 3rd Annual Eastern Montana Veterans' Stand Down in Miles City this Fall were not only helpful, they provided crucial assistance in filling the many positions that we needed for the event to be a success. RSVP Volunteers worked many hours stuffing personal care bags, registering Veterans and their families, cooking, serving food, cleaning, organizing clothing and many other duties as necessary. I don't think it's an understatement to say that the Stand Down event could not have happened without them!"