



## New Hanover County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

### **Meeting the Challenge... Serving New Hanover County**

#### **Purpose of RSVP?**

- The purpose of RSVP is to provide meaningful opportunities for persons age 55 and older to use their life experience and skills to participate more fully in the life of their community through significant volunteer service.
- RSVP matches the varied interests and skills of volunteers with community needs by offering a diversity of volunteer service opportunities through a wide range of placements.

#### **History**

- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program was established in New Hanover County in 1973.
- New Hanover County RSVP has over 1,100 active volunteers. During the fiscal year of 2007-2008, these RSVP volunteers provided over 249,000 hours of service to New Hanover County non-profit agencies and County departments.

#### **Funding**

- New Hanover County RSVP is Federally funded through an annual grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service with matching funds provided by our local sponsor New Hanover County. New Hanover County Department of Aging graciously houses RSVP in the Senior Center.

#### **Volunteer Eligibility and Enrollment**

RSVP is designed for persons age 55 and older. The only requirement is to have time and love that you are willing to share. There are no limitations based on education, income or experience. Although there is no minimum number of hours per week required, most volunteers serve at least one half day per week at their station.

#### **Volunteer Benefits**

##### **Volunteer Insurance**

All volunteers enrolled in RSVP are covered by the following insurance; at no cost to the volunteer.

- Accident Insurance
- Personal Liability Insurance
- Excess Automobile Liability Insurance

**Recognition**

Appropriate recognition for service is provided for RSVP Volunteers, supporters, and benefactors of the project. RSVP holds an annual event for formal public recognition of volunteers for their service to the community. Recognition events may consist of special ceremonies and luncheons at which time years of service pins and other service awards are presented.

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