

For 45 years,  
the Senior Corps  
programs have been  
the cornerstone of  
national service and  
civic engagement.

When communities  
are faced with  
increasing needs and  
shrinking resources,  
Senior Corps  
volunteers are a  
vital natural resource  
helping our communities  
meet the critical  
health and social  
challenges  
facing our nation.

Last year,  
Senior Corps volunteers  
provided 102 million  
hours of service.

The total Senior Corps  
volunteer service value  
was \$2.1 billion.

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*Stronger  
Together*

## What is the National Senior Corps Association?

The National Senior Corps Association (NSCA) is a membership organization that promotes, represents, advocates for and enhances the power of Senior Corps programs nationwide. NSCA was founded on the shared belief that professional cooperation is the most effective approach to advocating for all Senior Corps projects.

## What is Senior Corps?

Senior Corps is a federally authorized and funded network of national service programs that provide older Americans with the opportunity to apply their life experiences to meeting community needs.

Senior Corps is comprised of the Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, and the Senior Companion Program, through which about 500,000 Americans age 55 and older use their skills and experience to cost-effectively address vital community needs.

## NSCA represents Senior Corps programs

NSCA is the nationally recognized leadership organization representing the combined interests of Foster Grandparent, RSVP, and the Senior Companion Programs.

For more information, email NSCA at [info@NSCAtogether.org](mailto:info@NSCAtogether.org) or visit the NSCA website at [www.NSCAtogether.org](http://www.NSCAtogether.org).

## The Senior Corps programs *Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, Senior Companion Program*

### The Foster Grandparent Program

provides one-on-one attention to children most at risk in schools, shelters, correctional facilities, early childhood centers and after-school programs. Foster Grandparents help improve reading skills, school attendance, behavior and the well-being of children in their care. Partnering with over 10,000 community organizations, 28,700 Foster Grandparents in 328 projects reach and support more than 250,600 at-risk children with special or exceptional needs annually.



**RSVP** connects volunteers with service opportunities that promote positive change, improve quality of life and meet critical needs in their communities. RSVP volunteers help build capacity and improve sustainability in agencies and organizations where they serve. 429,000 RSVP volunteers contribute 66 million hours of service annually through 741 RSVP projects nationwide, and work with more than 65,000 community organizations. RSVP offers flexible volunteer opportunities ranging from a few hours to 40 hours a week. Volunteers do not receive monetary incentives or stipends.

### The Senior Companion Program

provides assistance and friendship to frail individuals who are homebound and, generally, living alone. By taking care of simple chores, providing transportation to medical appointments, and offering contact with the outside world, Senior Companions often provide the essential services that enable frail citizens to remain in their homes. The program meets the growing need for cost effective long-term care for the aging by helping with activities of daily living, friendly visits and providing respite for primary caregivers. 15,800 Senior Companions serve in 224 projects providing 12 million hours of service helping 68,000 frail, homebound clients.

*Note: Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions have limited incomes, serve weekly schedules ranging from 15-40 hours, and are provided with hourly stipends, mileage and meal reimbursements, so that they may volunteer at little or no personal cost.*