

MISSION & HISTORY



**AmeriCorps
Seniors**

Mission

King County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) meets critical community needs by encouraging and supporting volunteering for people 55+.

History

RSVP was an outgrowth of efforts of private groups and government agencies to create opportunities for engagement, activity, acquaintanceship, and growth for older Americans.

- **1965** Community Service Society of New York launched an RSVP pilot project on Staten Island involving a small group of volunteers dedicated to serving their communities in various ways.
- **1969** RSVP became a nationwide program through the Older Americans Act.
- **1972** Seattle RSVP was established under the administration of United Way of King County.
- **1973** East King County RSVP was launched under City of Bellevue sponsorship.
- **1974** Seattle RSVP and East King County RSVP merged to form King County RSVP, sponsored by the Seattle/King County chapter of the American Red Cross.
- **1993** The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) was created to administer all national service programs. CNCS engages 4 million Americans in results-driven service each year.
- **1994** Fremont Public Association became King County RSVP's new sponsoring agency.
- **2007** Fremont Public Association changed its name to Solid Ground.
- **2017** RSVP volunteers focus on meeting critical needs by increasing food security, K-12 success, and keeping seniors independent in their homes.

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