



Montana Commission on Community Service - Commission Meeting

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- Senior Corps
 - A brief history
 - An overview of the three Senior Corps Programs
 - Foster Grandparent Program
 - Senior Companion Program
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 - The Impact of Senior Corps in Montana
 - From a Senior Corps Volunteer's Perspective
 - “Grandpa” Whitey Miller – Foster Grandparent
 - Butch Baldwin – RSVP Volunteer
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The Corporation for National and Community Service



- **CNCS Programs:**

- **Senior Corps**

- AmeriCorps

- AmeriCorps State and National
 - AmeriCorps VISTA
 - AmeriCorps NCCC

- Social Innovation Fund

- Volunteer Generation Fund

- Special Initiatives

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
 - 9-11 Day of Service
 - President's Volunteer Service Award
 - United We Serve / Serve.gov
 - Other Special Initiatives



The History & Authorizing Legislation of the National Service Programs:

DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973 AS AMENDED	NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE TRUST ACT OF 1993	KENNEDY SERVE AMERICA ACT OF 2009
<p>VISTA – Volunteer s in Service to America.</p> <p>RSVP</p> <p>Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)</p> <p>Senior Companion Program (SCP)</p>	<p>AmeriCorps encompassed:</p> <p>AmeriCorps *State and National AmeriCorps*VISTA</p> <p>AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)</p> <p>Senior Corps encompassed:</p> <p>FGP, SCP and RSVP.</p> <p>Serve America became Learn and Serve America</p>	<p>Reauthorized all Corporation-funded programs</p> <p>Social Innovation Fund (SIF)</p> <p>Nonprofit Capacity Building Program (NCBP)</p> <p>Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF)</p>



Senior Corps

Foster Grandparents

Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.

RSVP

Lead With Experience

Senior Companions

Make Independence a Reality

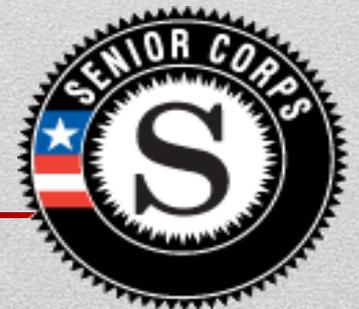


Dr. Erwin Tan, CNCS Director of Senior Corps, pictured with two Foster Grandparents and a site supervisor during a Senior Corps Week recognition event in Billings, May 2013.

Senior Corps: Senior Corps offers a network of programs that tap the rich experience, skills and talents of older citizens to meet community challenges.

- RSVP
- FGP (Foster Grandparent Program)
- SCP (Senior Companion Program)

CNCS PROGRAMS





SENIOR CORPS IN MONTANA

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Montana

Social Innovation Fund

Volunteer Generation Fund

Senior Corps
(Approximately 6,400 volunteers)
Foster Grandparent Program
Senior Companion Program
RSVP

AmeriCorps
(Approximately 1,163 members)
AmeriCorps State & National
AmeriCorps VISTA
NCCC

Foster Grandparent Program Serving 159 schools, after-school programs, Head Start, and non-profit daycares

- St. Vincent Healthcare
 - 6 Counties & 3 Indian Reservations
- Rocky Mountain Development Council
 - 9 Counties
- Missoula Aging Services
 - 1 County
- Area VI Agency on Aging
 - 6 Counties & 1 Indian Reservation
- Cascade County
 - 1 County

RSVP

Serving 1,136 Non-Profit Organizations & Agencies

- Yellowstone County
 - 1 County
- HRDC-Bozeman
 - 2 Counties
- Butte School District
 - 1 County
- Dawson County
 - 2 Counties
- Cascade County
 - 3 Counties
- Area VI Agency on Aging
 - 5 Counties & 1 Indian Reservation
- Rocky Mountain Development Council
 - 3 Counties
- Flathead County
 - 1 County
- Miles City
 - 2 Counties & 1 Indian Reservation
 - New 7/1: 2 Counties
- Missoula Aging Services
 - 1 County
- Area II Agency on Aging
 - 5 Counties
- Richland County Health Department
 - 2 Counties
 - 4 Counties & 1 Indian Reservation

Senior Companion Program Serving at-risk individuals through 58 non-profit healthcare agencies

- Action for Eastern Montana
 - 15 Counties & 1 Indian Reservation
- Rocky Mountain Development Council
 - 13 Counties
- Missoula Aging Services
 - 1 County



Senior Corps

6,400 volunteers

Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

5 programs
23 counties and
4 Indian Reservations

282,545
hours

Senior Companion Program (SCP)

3 programs
31 counties and
1 Indian Reservation

181,612
hours

RSVP Program

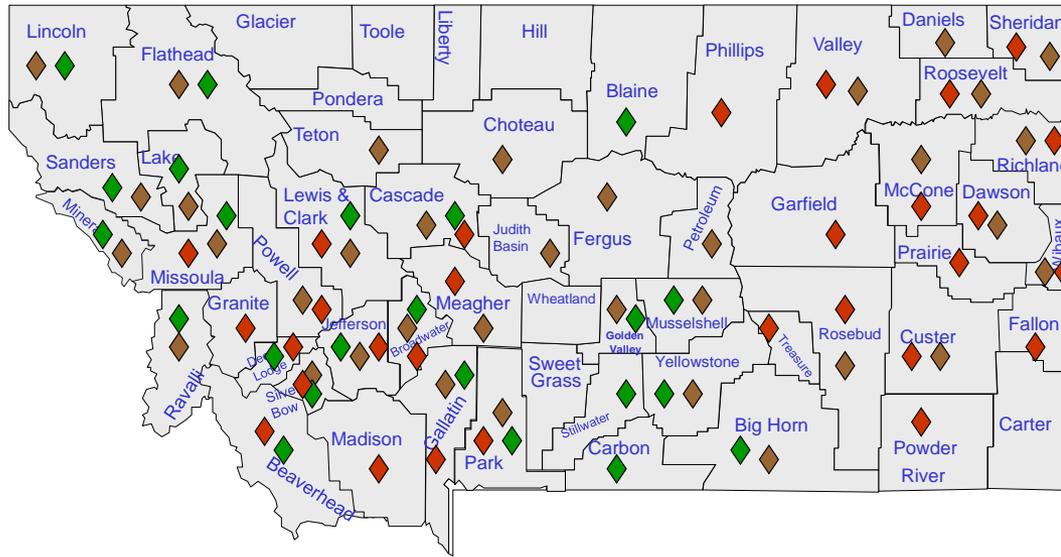
13 programs
32 counties and
4 Indian Reservations

775,717
hours

Senior Corps in Montana



Senior Corps in Montana



- ◆ Foster Grandparent Program
- ◆ Senior Companion Program
- ◆ RSVP

Senior Corps Project Locations in Montana





Foster Grandparents give the kind of comfort and love that set a child on the path toward a successful future.

They are a role model, a mentor, and a friend to children in Head Start, schools, non-profit day cares, and other youth facilities.

Foster Grandparent Program

Those 55 and older Helping Children





Over the course of the last year, 208 **Foster Grandparents** mentored and tutored:

- **3,814** school-age students that had been identified as at-risk and below their appropriate level of reading and/or math skills. By yearend 87% were at appropriate level.



- **821** children in Head Start or non-profit daycares that were tested at below their appropriate level of pre-literacy and/or social skills. By yearend, 73% were at appropriate level



Two Missoula schools did projects where the children made a statement of how they appreciate their Foster Grandparent:

I appreciate you...

...because you help me with my math. You are really nice when you try to help me. – Tre

...because you help me with my Math Remembering. – Rachel

...because you have a kind heart. You hug me and say hi. – Sara

...because you let us come and have lunch with you and you make sure we all go. – Freya

...if I have homework corrections, you are nice and help me. – Weslee

...because you put your heart and soul into this job. You have become such a special part of our classroom. We are so lucky to have you! – Chrissy

because you are a kind person and you help me when
I need help with my work – Brook



By sharing their time,
experience, and compassion
they help seniors and other adults
with mobility and self-care
limitations to continue to live
as independently as possible.



Senior Companions -
Those 55 and older making independence a
reality

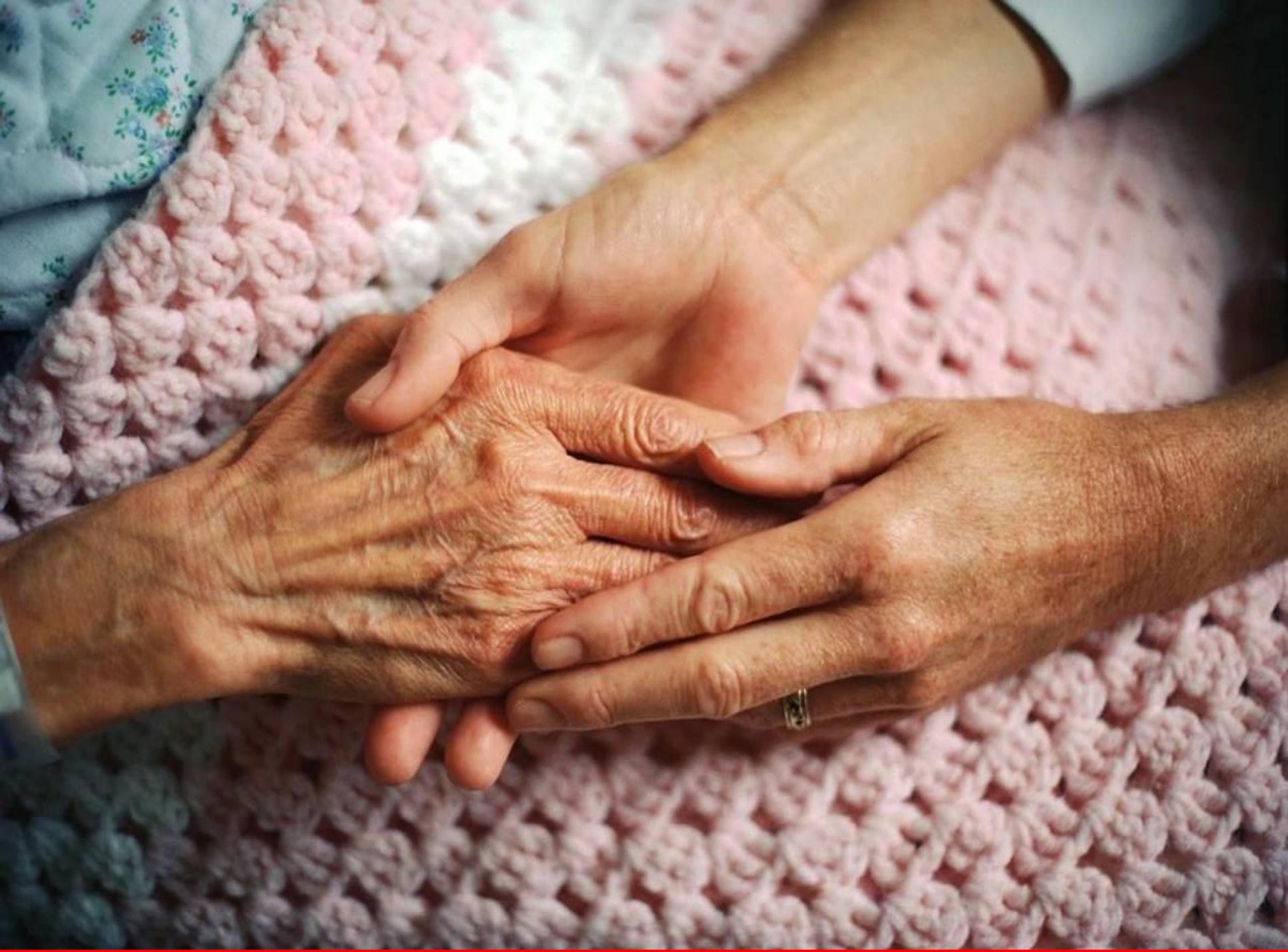




190 Senior Companions served **181,612 hours** through **58 non-profit health care agencies** and **1,131 at-risk seniors**, of which **789 (or 70%) retained independence**, delaying use of Medicaid funds for nursing home placement. The average cost of care in a nursing home in Montana is \$72,226 annually of which residents pay approximately 32%, Medicaid pays 61%, and Medicare pays 7%.

For those 789 seniors the cost would have been \$56,986,314 (789 x \$72,226). The annual cost to operate the 3 Senior Companion Programs: \$781,228 (CNCS Federal Funds) and \$240,245 (Local Funds) = \$1,021,473. **Overall cost savings – just under 56 Million Dollars (\$55,964,868).**







RSVP volunteers share their lifetime of experience by tackling critical needs in our communities. Stronger families. Better Schools. Safer communities. Making a real difference.

RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people 55 and older



- There are **13** RSVP Programs in Montana with **6,050** volunteers serving **775,717** hours in **32** counties, as well as the **Fort Peck, Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne, and Flathead Indian Reservations**.
- Each RSVP Volunteer serves an average of **128** hours per year or **11** hours per month within **1,136** non-profit organizations and agencies throughout the state of Montana.



- In **Education**, across the State last year volunteers mentored, tutored, and provided other support activities for **21,286** children in schools, after-school programs, and other youth organizations.



- To ensure **Healthy Futures**, volunteers provided congregate and home-delivered meals and other support services to **9,152** at-risk seniors. Of these seniors, **8,046** or **88%** were able to remain independent in their own homes.

What RSVP is doing...





- In **Environmental Stewardship**, Great Falls and Missoula RSVP volunteers collect and transport cardboard for recycling. In the last year, the amount of waste entering the landfill was reduced in these two communities by **798,344 lbs.** as a result of their efforts.
- In **Economic Opportunity**, 42 trained RSVP volunteers in Helena prepared taxes through Free Tax Preparation Clinics in five locations. These dedicated volunteers prepared 984 Federal and 1,014 state returns that resulted in refunds in the amount of **\$1,084,937 for seniors and low-income individuals.**

What RSVP is doing...





In **Disaster Preparedness**, **187** volunteers were trained and are training other community volunteers in Great Falls, Butte and Sidney in Disaster Preparedness and Neighborhood Watch. Of the many impacts shown by law enforcement officials, a tip from one volunteer resulted in a drug bust and **over \$200,000 in illegal drugs**. As part of their on-going training, volunteers help with mass flu immunization clinics. In Missoula alone, **20,000** were immunized.

What
RSVP
is doing...





Veterans and Military Families:

In service to **Veterans**, 37 Area VI Agency on Aging RSVP volunteers provided 10,190 hours of service to **1,360 veterans** in 6 rural communities of Montana including **4,435 rides to medical appointments and Fort Harrison VA Hospital**, helping with the Homeless Veterans Stand Down, serving with the Veteran Center, and prepared video histories for the Library of Congress Veteran History Project. A survey of veterans served resulted in **94%** indicating that the services provided by RSVP volunteers improved their access to healthcare and other support services.



All RSVP projects are supporting military families and veterans through local outreach efforts such as Stand Downs, cards, letters and banners, active-duty family support, collection of food and supplies, and transportation to medical appointments.

What RSVP is doing for...



Operation Honor Card Program

★ Honoring Their Service with Ours.

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Making A Difference
For Generations

SENIOR CORPS WEEK

Celebrate the accomplishments of volunteers 55+ who make a lasting difference in their communities.

GetInvolved.gov

 [Facebook.com/SeniorCorps](https://www.facebook.com/SeniorCorps)

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Senior Corps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

Senior Corps Week

May 19-24, 2014



FGP



SCP



RSVP

Serving in Montana for over 40 years



QUESTIONS?



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Thank you!
