

## **SENIOR CORPS PROJECTS/OFFICE OF CITIZENSHIP OUTREACH OFFICES**

**Arlington, Virginia** – Working with the Arlington Volunteer Bureau, Senior Corps RSVP volunteers serve as English as a second language tutors.

**Burlington, Vermont** – RSVP has no volunteers serving immigrants. Foster Grandparents mentor and tutor immigrant children, teaching English as a second language and helping to develop their language, social, emotional and other academic skills. Has small pockets of diverse immigrant populations that includes immigrants from countries such as Bosnian, Sudanese, Vietnamese/Somalia.

**Dallas, Texas** – RSVP program has volunteers engaged in activities that teach English as a second language to Hispanic and Russian immigrants.

**Detroit, Michigan** – RSVP volunteers serve a blend of services ranging from teaching proper nutrition to serving in hospitals and senior centers. The projects serves such diverse populations such as Portuguese, French Arabic, Slavic, Hispanic, Italian, Polish, German, and Vietnamese.

**Los Angeles, California** – No direct service to immigrant populations but indirect family services. Populations include Spanish, Russian, Filipino, India, Thailand, European Jews and Jews from other parts of the world.

**Miami, Florida** – RSVP program serves huge population of Hispanic/Latinos from Honduras, El Salvador/ Spain/Dominican Republic/ Cuba/Puerto Rico  
Most volunteers serve as translators to companions in nursing homes, hospitals, in the homes. They also help with feeding those who cannot feed or dress themselves. Read to them in native tongue. They also mentor to immigrant children, telling them stories about the customs of their native country. RSVP program also serves Russian immigrants teaching English as a second language.

**New York, New York** -- RSVP volunteers in New York serves 20 different immigrant populations that include persons from: the Dominican Republic; China; Mexico; Former Soviet Union; Jamaica; Guyana; Ecuador; Trinidad and Tobago; India; Haiti; Columbia; Honduras; Philippines; Nigeria; Ghana; El Salvador; Peru; Vietnam; Guatemala; and Poland.

Volunteer activities for these populations are as varied as the populations themselves and include services such as conversation partners (Russian), translators (Spanish/Korean), English as a second language tutors (Spanish/Chinese/Korean), Entitlement Counseling, computer trainers, and interpreters.

**Portland, Oregon** – Russian-speaking and Spanish-speaking volunteers serve as Foster Grandparents/ Russian and Spanish New RSVP program

**San Francisco, California** -- RSVP volunteers serve diverse neighborhoods in hospitals, schools, senior centers. They also serve immigrants to help them learn English

as a second language for immigrant populations from Asia, Hong Kong, Russia, Thailand, Cambodia and other Central American countries such as El Salvador.

**Atlanta, Georgia** – RSVP and Senior volunteers provide support for refugee families to help them get assimilated into this country. Pan-Asian and Hispanic populations are served.

**Chicago, Illinois** – RSVP volunteers serve in the numerous offices of Travel and Immigrant Aide operated by Chicago Housing Authority and also serve as tutors in adult literacy activities. Volunteers serve immigrants from Russia, Asia, China, Korea, East India, and Africa.

**Denver, Colorado** – RSVP volunteers help teach English as a second language and also has a program to help immigrants study for the immigration test. Serves Russian and Spanish immigrants. Bilingual volunteers also serve as translators for immigrants receiving nutrition and health services.

**Houston, Texas** – RSVP and Senior Companion program serve huge Vietnamese and Russian populations, Hispanic and Chinese. They teach citizenship and service and tutor immigrants in English as a second language. A Vietnamese Senior Companion program places Vietnamese seniors in the homes of older Vietnamese seniors to help with nutrition and other services. They also have a Chinese Community Center and a Chinese Seniors Association of seniors that help other, older Chinese seniors.

**Laguna Niguel, California** – Santa Ana, California RSVP project serves Laguna Niguel and San Clemente where there is an immigration office. Volunteers serve as adult police officers for local law enforcement departments. While the largest population of immigrants served are Latino and Vietnamese, the program also serves Chinese, Japanese populations. Also nearby is Laguna Woods, a city occupied by 90% seniors from which the program could recruit volunteers.

**New Orleans, Louisiana** – No Senior Corps volunteers serving immigrant populations.

**Phoenix, Arizona** – Through the Elder Refugee program, RSVP volunteers serve immigrants from Vietnam, African, Central Europe (Bosnia), and Eastern Europe. Refugee program activities include citizenship orientation, tutoring in English as a second language, and has several multilingual health and social service activities.

**San Antonio, Texas** – Huge Hispanic population. Volunteers serve as mentors/tutors to immigrant children in elementary school, in libraries (storytelling) and in nutrition centers.