

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Education Veterans and Aging
Services Committee
INITIATED BY



Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County
Administrator
DRAFTED BY

Education Veterans and Aging
Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY

April 2, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

**RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER
PROGRAM**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was founded 40 years ago to enrich the
- 2 lives of volunteers, age 55 and older, through meaningful service by matching their life skills and
- 3 interests to community needs; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, RSVP has more than 800 active volunteers ranging in age from 55 to 102; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, RSVP volunteers have performed 4,615,107 hours of service since the organization's
- 8 inception, and;
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, volunteers in the RSVP Seniors Volunteering for Seniors program serve more than 300
- 11 people per year and have logged more than 95,000 miles since the program began in 2011, and;
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, RSVP partners with Rock County and 150 other organizations in the community to
- 14 provide needed services; and,
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- 16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 17 this 11th day of April, 2013, applauds the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program on 40
- 18 years of service in the Rock County community.

Respectfully submitted:

EDUCATION, VETERANS, AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE

absent
Terry Thomas, Chair

Vacant
Wayne Gustina
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Steve Howland
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Edwin Nash
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 1973, the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was founded. Since that time, the collective efforts of RSVP are impressive:

- 4,617,107 cumulative hours of volunteer service
- More than 800 active volunteers
- More than 100 children per year served by the Intergenerational Program
- Nearly 2,000 hand made items (mittens, hats, baby blankets) produced and distributed to the Rock County community

In addition, RSVP has worked closely with Rock County to provide important services to residents. In 2001, RSVP began staffing the information desk in the main lobby of the Rock County Courthouse. These volunteers assist residents who may need directions or have questions about available County services. In 2011, RSVP also began operating the Seniors Helping Seniors program, which replaced the Senior Companion Program. This program provides door through door transportation, meaning not only from the home to the destination, but also assisting the older person while at the destination. This program serves approximately 300 people per year and volunteers have logged more than 95,000 miles since the program's inception.