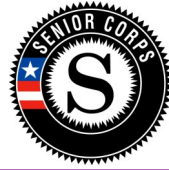


RSVP

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program



On the peninsula



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OlyCAP Helping People- Changing Lives

Clallam & Jefferson Counties

Focus on...



2018 Volunteering in America Study Results

Dear Friend of National Service,

The fabric of our nation is strengthened by the service of its volunteers. We see this over and over again as ordinary Americans step up to support their fellow citizens for needs both great and small. This stands out in the results from our latest Volunteering in America study—a report that shows how Americans of all ages are serving together to keep our nation strong.

We are excited to announce that the nation's volunteer rate has jumped six points to 30 percent, making the American volunteer rate the highest it has ever been. Still, this is only part of the story. At the Corporation for National and Community Service, we understand the value of volunteering and the power it has to change people and communities for the better. Our differences fade away whenever we stand side-by-side to help others, and we learn that Americans have more in common than we are told.

Giving back to our community is something we can all agree on – and taking this action is a powerful way to bring together Americans from all walks of life to build stronger, more equitable communities.

Let's look deeper into our Volunteering in America study results.

- More than 77.4 million Americans volunteered over 6.9 billion hours in 2017 (that means almost 1-in-3 Americans volunteered last year).
- There are tens of millions more "silent volunteers" who connect with their neighbors and friends to perform unheralded tasks that build community bonds by helping one another.
- This service has an estimated economic value of \$167.0 billion. (*Calculation based on Independent Sector's estimate of the average value of a volunteer hour.*)
- Civic engagement is the cornerstone of a strong nation. In the past 15 years, Americans have volunteered 120 billion hours, estimated to be worth \$2.9 trillion.

We call volunteers "Super Citizens," and they have earned that title by setting an example others would be wise to follow. They help their neighbors twice as often as those who sit on the sidelines. They are joiners, belonging to groups or organizations at five times the rate of those who don't volunteer. They donate to charity at twice the rate of the non-volunteer group and vote at 66 percent-higher rates.

One of the best features of our report is the listing of the Top 10 states and cities for volunteering in America. Here are the top locations in this year's study:

Top 10 States in Volunteering: Utah, Minnesota, Oregon, Iowa, Alaska, Nebraska, District of Columbia, Montana, Maine, and Idaho

Top 10 Cities: Minneapolis St. Paul, MN, Rochester, NY, Salt Lake City, UT, Milwaukee, WI, Portland, OR, Indianapolis, IN, Pittsburgh, PA, Seattle, WA, Raleigh, NC, Baltimore, MD

Volunteers are the backbone of our country, and we appreciate all the time they contribute to make their communities better.

Warmest regards,
Barbara Stewart
Chief Executive Officer



Jane Covella RSVP Program Manager

“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try. Ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do for your country.” **John F Kennedy**

Hello you wonderful volunteers!

This is the time of year when I have the distinct honor of thanking each and every one of you as we visit Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) sites and present President’s Volunteer

Service Award pins to volunteers completing 100 hours or

more of national service to our local communities over the past year. You follow in footsteps of millions of others, answering the call and volunteering to help our country and communities. You may not expect a pat on the back or a personal thank-you but you *all* deserve the acknowledgement of a job well done and having a huge impact on our communities and those we serve.

This past year- April 1, 2018- March 31, 2019 our group of **308** Senior Corps RSVP volunteers: have put in a total of **50,068** hours in support of emergency services, seniors, and students in multiple capacities. The North Olympic Volunteer Corps, also sponsored by OlyCAP, served **26,775** hours with the same services.

**Join us at these
Jefferson County
RSVP Sites:**

- **ECHHO**
- **Food Banks-
Brinnon, Quilcene, Tri-Area &
Port Townsend**
- **Early Childhood Development
Head Start**
- **OlyCAP Emergency Services**
- **Senior Nutrition-
Tri Area , Port Townsend &
Brinnon**
- **Vet Connect**
- **Volunteer Services**

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**Jane Covella
RSVP Program Manager**

Over the last year, the grand total combined hours served within Clallam and Jefferson counties was **76,843!** The Independent Sector volunteer rate during this time period was \$24.69 per hour. Multiply the value per volunteer hours worked and you will find our hardy crew of Volunteers, who weathered stormy weather and varied hours, provided a value to the community of **\$1,897,253** saved in local funding to support food banks, schools and pre-schools, transportation and meals delivery to senior citizens, support to military veterans and their families, and caregiver respite for those who have family members engaged in music and art activities.

You each deserve a huge pat on the back, or more, as we know the average age of our volunteers is 60-79 years of age and many must arrange for public transportation to get to ‘volunteer work sites’. Please read the front page letter excerpt from our CNCS Senior Corps CEO which you may find very interesting as it points out why volunteers choose to volunteer to help when they could choose to stay home instead.

Thanks again for all you do every day through rain or shine!



Happy spring!

Before you know it we will be in the middle of summer, when once again we will be visiting the Food Banks collecting 'client surveys.' I enjoyed this activity last year. It was a nice way to get to know the customers of the food banks and the wonderful volunteers who dedicate their time to fill this great need.

Becky Acevedo– RSVP Volunteer Coordinator

It's been a busy time for RSVP so far this year. Planning and facilitating two Volunteer Appreciation events was a rewarding undertaking for us. The first event took place in Port Angeles. This event was held on Saturday, March 9th in the Senior Centers dining room. We served breakfast prepared by our own Senior Nutrition cook, Josh Scully. There were 32 people who attended in Port Angeles, 21 being RSVP volunteers. The second event was held on Thursday, March 14th at the Tri-Area Community Center. This was an afternoon reception with plenty of food to go around. There were 71 people who attended the Tri Area event 40 being RSVP volunteers. Very good turnouts! We'd like to send out a special "thank you" to all the OlyCAP staff and Advisory Board members who helped us put on these wonderful events!

On Saturday, March 30th I was joined by Clallam County RSVP members, Michael Barton and Dave Shargel, along with a crew of Port Angeles-based AmeriCorps members, for a clean-up event at Francis Street Park above the waterfront in Port Angeles. The group spent some of the morning pulling weeds, raking leaves, picking up trash and sweeping sidewalks to beautify the park, home to the city's 911 memorial. According to Michelle Gentry, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator, this has been the 4th year AmeriCorps and Senior Corps have worked together on this national service project.

On Friday, April 12th Vet Connect, led by RSVP member, Rita Frangione put on the annual Women's Veterans event. This event had been postponed from an original February date due to huge snow falls. It was my privilege to attend and help out where I could. Rita and her team did a tremendous job! Oh, and the caterer did a great job too!

Well, that's it for me, until next time. Be happy!

**Join us at these
Clallam County
RSVP Sites:**

- **Encore!**
- **Boys & Girls Club-
Sequim & Port Angeles**
- **Port Angeles Food Bank**
- **Port Angeles School District-
Franklin, Hamilton, Roosevelt
& Jefferson Elementary
Schools**
- **Senior Nutrition-
Sequim & Port Angeles**
- **Volunteer Services**

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March 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Events



Clallam County Volunteers

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