



# NWCSA – RSVP

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Covering Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas & Iron Counties



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## What is RSVP?


The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is one of several programs under AmeriCorps Seniors. Their mission is to promote the spirit and practice of volunteerism. RSVP offers adults, age 55 and over, new and varied opportunities for volunteer service within their community.

RSVP helps to make the connection between adults, 55 or older, and organizations by utilizing the vast array of talents they have to offer. Through these connections, RSVP seeks to maintain a recognized role within the community through significant volunteer service to help meet a need within that community. Each RSVP is planned, organized and operated on a local level.

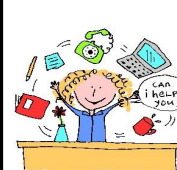
RSVP works within the community to expand and develop opportunities for older adults through non-profit organizations and local public agencies. Appropriate volunteer assignments take place to the mutual satisfaction of the volunteer and the cooperating agency. RSVP stresses matching the interests, abilities and physical capabilities of volunteers with the needs of the agencies.

The RSVP office in this area four counties: Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas and Iron. We are sponsored locally by the Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency, Inc.


### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

 operates during the tax season with volunteers that prepare taxes at no cost or greet clients when they come in for their appointments. This is a valuable community program for those low income individuals and families to have their taxes done at no charge. Homestead Credit and back taxes can also be done at any time during the year also at no cost. Homestead Credit and back taxes can be done at any time during the year at no cost.


### **RSVP Office Help** has numerous projects &

 office duties such as filing, shredding outdated documents, data entry, bulk mailing projects, calling volunteers for special projects. etc. An hour or two each week would definitely help us keep on top of the paper overload.


### **NWCSA-RSVP Advisory Council** is composed

 of volunteers from Ashland, Bayfield & Iron Counties who advise and assist the RSVP staff & program sponsor by determining the needs of the local community, developing policies and procedures, and advocating for the program. The council meets 4 to 6 times during the year to oversee these and other activities. Please contact Beth for more information at 715-292-6400 X1.

### **The Brick Ministries** helps individuals and

 families in need within Ashland & Bayfield Counties by offering a Food Shelf Program that distributes food and personal care items at four locations: Ashland, Cable, Mellen and Cornucopia. Their Benevolence Program assists with emergency financial resources and will provide referrals. Volunteers can help out at The Brick in various ways from assisting at the front desk, taking in donations to shelving & distributing the donations.

### **Special Event Projects** are generally one time

 projects and may include bulk mailing help or volunteering at the 55+ Health Expo, Vaughn Library, special events at NGLVC, etc.

**Ashland Historical Museum** has a rich history of exploring the early days of Ashland with many photographs and artifacts. Volunteer opportunities range from researching Ashland's history and data entry of collections to assisting with exhibits and displays & special events or helping at the reception desk.



**Washburn Area Historical Society** is located in the Washburn Cultural Center and open year round. There are a variety of volunteer positions and times which may fit into your schedule.



**Iron County Historical Museum** has 3 floors of historical displays and a clock tower that has been running for more than 100 years. The Weaving Room is home to looms and weavers who use old methods to create rugs which may be purchased by the public. Volunteers can help with weaving or just work in the museum doing other duties.



**MMC Life Line** is a great personal emergency response system linked to a 24-hour assistance program. Specially trained personnel receive the help call and immediately follow the prescribed protocol of the program. There are several positions available for volunteers to help both in the office at MMC or on the road.



**Closets & Cupboards** is a special program organized to help low income individuals and families in need with clean clothes and household items that have been donated to NWCSA. Volunteers can help sort and display items that are donated.



**Memorial Medical Center Gift Shop** located in the MMC hospital has an assortment of gifts, refreshments and snacks for visitors and staff. Meals are available at no charge from the cafeteria when volunteering.



**Information Desk** is also located in the Memorial Medical Center hospital. Volunteers greet visitors & answer incoming phone calls directing them to the appropriate person or office in the hospital.



**Friends of the Vaughn Library** (formally known as the Book Nook) now includes all volunteers who help at library whether they sort & shelve books when they come in, staff the desk, or other duties that pop up. So if you are a avid reader this might be the perfect place to volunteer.



**Iron County Aqing Unit & Senior Centers** Volunteering time at the congregate meal sites is a great way to volunteer your time in Iron County.



**MMC Thrift Shop in Ashland**  
**ABC Thrift Shop in Bayfield**  
**PAW Thrift Shop in Mercer**  
These Thrift Shops are a great benefit to any community by offering clothing and other items at a very low cost to families. Donations are sorted, marked & displayed by volunteers while others run the cash register. See old friends and make new ones while having a good time helping others.



**Red Cross Blood Drives** are looking for a few volunteers to assist with registration. This is for only a few hours 4 times during the year. Our location is at the Americinn in Ashland.



**Helping Hands for Warm Hearts** is a program that gives out hats, mittens, scarves, quilts, lap robes and throws to low income individuals & families throughout the year. These items are either hand made or purchased & then donated to RSVP by volunteers.



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