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RSVP – Sharing a Lifetime of Experience

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a nonprofit organization that places volunteers age 55 and over, in all five boroughs of New York City. RSVP’s purpose is to enrich the lives of older adults by engaging them in fulfilling volunteer opportunities, and to assist public and nonprofit agencies and licensed health care facilities in serving people in need. In addition, RSVP offers technical assistance to community organizations in recruiting volunteers, developing volunteer assignments, and arranging for training and ongoing supervision. Founded in 1966 by the Community Service Society of New York, RSVP in New York City is the largest program of its kind in the country, and has become a model for national and international RSVP programs.

Seven thousand five hundred RSVP volunteers serve at 500 agencies throughout New York City including schools, soup kitchens, libraries, hospitals, nursing homes, museums and more. RSVP volunteers teach children and newly arrived immigrants to read. They prepare the food in soup kitchens. They make friendly visits to nursing home residents. They lead tours in museums. They make a difference in the life of a child who is now reading on grade level, to the nursing home residents who looks forward to a regular visit, and to the immigrant who is learning English and will find a better job.

RSVP volunteers are everyday heroes making a difference in the lives of others.



spotlight Mentor Programs: Children of Incarcerated Parents (CHIP) , Mentor Uth of Promise (MentorUP), and Planned Re-entry for Incarcerated Adolescents (PRIA)

helping young people lead productive lives

CSS/RSVP’s new mentoring programs provide site-based opportunities for specially trained RSVP volunteers, age 55 and over, to serve as positive role models and life coaches to underserved youth. Mentors/coaches are part of a team of teachers, social workers, career developers, counselors, and psychologists, working together to provide youth with a second chance at leading healthy, productive lives.

our programs include:

Mentor Children of Incarcerated Parents (MentorCHIP) is an intervention program using specially trained RSVP volunteers to build the academic confidence and social skills of children, ages 6-16, whose parents are incarcerated. MentorCHIP currently operates in partnership with nonprofit agencies providing support and information for families of people in prison – Hour Children, Amachi/NY, and the Osborne Association, at sites in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens. For more information, contact Mary Anne Flanagan at (212) 614-5555 or mflanagan@cssny.org.

Mentor Uth of Promise (MentorUP) is a prevention program where specially trained RSVP volunteers empower youth, ages 13-18, with pending, prior, or possible conflicts with the law, to turn their lives around. In partnership with Uth Turn, a nonprofit agency whose mission is to “transform the lives of young people who have had contact with the law,” MentorUP currently operates in Brooklyn and Manhattan. For more information, contact Mary Anne Flanagan at (212) 614-5555 or mflanagan@cssny.org.

Planned Re-entry for Incarcerated Adolescents (PRIA) is a re-entry program, with an education and career focus, where RSVP volunteers are specially trained to work as mentors to incarcerated or formerly incarcerated young adults, ages 18-24. Working one-on-one and in small groups, mentors/coaches help their mentees to develop their talents, abilities, and belief in themselves as productive members of society. Clients are assessed to identify their developmental needs, and based on this information, with the assistance of mentors/coaches, work to design and implement their own personal and professional life plans. In partnership with Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO) and the Horizon Academy at Rikers Island, we are working to provide the tools for the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated to become contributing members of their communities. PRIA is currently operating on Rikers Island and in Manhattan. For more information, contact Hazel Beckles Young-Lao at (212) 614-5556 or hbeckles@cssny.org.



“I had no GED and no motivation to do anything different from what I was doing. Your program is the third route, my other two being death or jail. Anything that leads from these two routes is definitely worth a try.”

Anonymous mentee in the Getting Out and Staying Out Program



Joyce Gilliard, Prejudice Reduction Program Volunteer, PS 42, Staten Island

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january

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday	16	17	18	19	20
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Burt Polayes, Friendly Visitor Volunteer, Jewish Home and Hospital Lifecare Systems, Manhattan

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february

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11	12 <div>Lincoln's Birthday</div>	13	14 <div>Valentine's Day</div>	15	16	17
18	19 <div>President's Day</div>	20	21 <div>Ash Wednesday</div>	22 <div>Washington's Birthday</div>	23	24
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Ray Waldman, Docent Volunteer, Queens Historical Society, Queens

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march

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11 <div>Daylight Savings Time Begins</div>	12	13	14	15	16	17 <div>St. Patrick's Day</div>
18	19	20	21 <div>First Day of Spring</div>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Delores Sturdivant, Grandfriend Volunteer, East Tremont Head Start #6, Bronx

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april

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Palm Sunday/ April Fool's Day	2	3 Passover	4	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter Sunday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Income Taxes Due	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	call RSVP for free tax assistance 212-614-5553		april 15-21 national volunteer week	may 2007 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	may 2007 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Joseph Amendolare, Jean Hunter (front) and Adelaide Lutestanski (back), Singing and Swinging Senior Volunteers, Seaview Hospital, Staten Island

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may

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Joe Lamb, ESL Language Instructor Volunteer, International Center, Manhattan

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june

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10	11	12	13	14 <div>Flag Day</div>	15	16
17 <div>Father's Day</div>	18	19	20	21 <div>First Day of Summer</div>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Roberta Kern, Docent Volunteer, Friends of Wildlife Conservation, Bronx

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july

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Calvin Solomon, Benefits Counselor, RSVP/PBRC Advocacy, Counseling, and Entitlement Services (ACES) Volunteer, Community Service Society, Manhattan

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august

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Margaret Howell, Literacy Tutor Volunteer, Experience Corps Project, PS 29, Bronx

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september

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9	10	11 <div>Patriot Day/ Grandparent's Day</div>	12	13 <div>Rosh Hashanah</div>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <div>Yom Kippur</div>
<div>23</div> <div>First Day of Autumn</div>	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Dennis Whaley, Mentor Volunteer, Children of Incarcerated Parents (CHIP), HOUR Children, Queens

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october

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Ana Feliciano, Soup Kitchen Volunteer, Mount Paran Baptist Church, Brooklyn

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november

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Carol Rathjen (left) and Doris Blaine (right), Gift Shop Volunteers, Queens Museum of Art, Queens

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december

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2008

At-A-Glance

2009

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Helping New Yorkers for More than 150 Years

The Community Service Society (CSS) was formed by the merger of two of New York City’s most prominent welfare organizations, the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor (AICP), incorporated in 1848, and the Charity Organization Society (COS), founded in 1882.

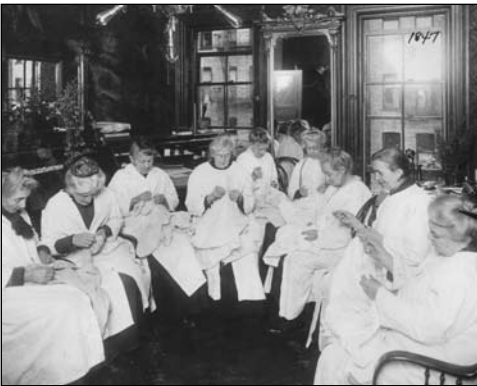
In 1848, New York City was still an overgrown village gradually creeping north on the island of Manhattan, but America was the land of opportunity and New York, its gateway. Immigrants were arriving from Europe so fast that Manhattan’s population rose from 312,000 in 1840 to 813,000 in 1860. Poverty-stricken, driven by famine and political persecution, Russians, Italians, and Germans, among others, squatted in the crowded tenement districts near the docks.

In 1843, a few “friends of the poor” were determined to form a new organization that would work to eradicate poverty and in 1848, AICP was incorporated. Their “friendly visitors” were shocked by what they discovered. Families were crowded together in basement rooms without light, ventilation, or heat. Ten percent of the city’s children were roaming the streets in vagabond bands instead of going to school. Sewage disposal was left to the individual and the lack of running water made cleanliness impossible.

In 1852, the agency that would become CSS raised the funds to build a public bathhouse, the first in New York State, which would help mothers keep their children clean and healthy. In response to the abominable conditions faced in tenement houses, they helped build the first model tenement in New York City in 1855 and in 1879, they helped form the Improved Dwellings Association. In 1898, the agency offered a six-week summer course in social work that became the Columbia University School of Social Work in 1959.

While CSS has always strived to meet the changing needs of New York City’s poor, its focus has always remained true to its early origins: direct service to families and individuals; a comprehensive understanding and advocacy to meet broad social needs; professional training to develop the skilled personnel required in serving individuals and the community; research which brings deeper insights into the kinds of human and social problems with which the organization deals; and volunteers to help those in need. From disaster relief for the families of victims of the Titanic in 1912, to the families of victims of 9/11, times have changed, but CSS’s commitment to being there for New Yorkers has remained.

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