



News For Older Americans

Making A Difference For Generations

(NAPSA)—America's rapidly aging population creates a tremendous opportunity to unleash the power of volunteers on some of the nation's most pressing problems. Consider this: Baby boomers are the largest, healthiest and best-educated generation in history. Volunteering can be their second act, fulfilling their passions and helping them stay active, healthy and engaged.

Senior Corps, a national volunteer program for adults 55-plus, has been making a difference for generations. Last year, Senior Corps volunteers contributed more than 80 million hours of service and improved the lives of more than 1.5 million Americans.

Who's Helped

These volunteers put years of experience to good use for those in greatest need, including:

- Children: Senior Corps volunteers help nearly 300,000 children a year through one-on-one tutoring and mentoring to improve their academic performance, self-esteem and overall social behavior.

- Veterans: In the next five years, more than 1 million service members will face the challenge of transitioning to civilian life. Senior Corps volunteers—many veterans themselves—serve more than 560,000 veterans a year.

- Elderly: Senior Corps volunteers help nearly 800,000 elderly Americans live independently and stay in their homes.



“Older volunteers can use their unique skills and experiences to benefit their country, their communities and themselves,” suggests Wendy Spencer.

- Disaster Survivors: When disaster strikes, Senior Corps volunteers provide recovery support. They staff call centers, manage donations and help coordinate other volunteers.

Who Helps The Helpers

Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency and largest grant maker in support of volunteering, says, “Senior volunteers are more important now than ever for meeting the needs of local communities. We honor the service of Senior Corps volunteers and we invite more older Americans to join us.”

Learn More

For further information about how you can use your skills and experience for good at any age, go to www.Serve.gov or call (800) 942-2677.