



Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
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Board of Directors FAQS

1. What is Chisholm Trail RSVP, Inc and the primary focus of this 501c3 agency?

Chisholm Trail RSVP, Inc. is home to two national service projects: a Senior Corps Project and a VISTA Project. Both programs strive to improve the communities we serve through volunteerism. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP): Serving Denton County has successfully provided services in the form of volunteer recruitment, placement, and management to nonprofit and government agencies since 1973. Older volunteers are valuable resources, and their skills, talents, wisdom and experience are utilized to create safer, healthier and stronger communities. RSVP impacts critical social needs by placing more than 700 senior volunteers with over 110 stations in the following focus areas: Education (Rockin' Readers/ Tutoring and Mentoring) and Healthy Futures (Health/Food Security/Access to Care/Opioid Education). RSVP has also launched a new initiative in response to the Opioid Crisis affecting our country.

Launching in 2013, AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) provides full-time, stipend based volunteers to support projects at nonprofit and local government agencies that operate programs to alleviate poverty. VISTA members are committed to a year of service at non-profit agencies across North Texas. Summer Associates are placed as well for the summer term. VISTAs focus their efforts to build the organizational, administrative and financial capacity of agencies that fight poverty, illiteracy, improve health services, foster economic development and otherwise assist low-income communities.

2. How often and when does the Board of Directors meet? And, committees as well?

Currently, the Board meets bi-monthly with the exception of December. The meetings are held thru Zoom and will hopefully always offer that as a method to participate. In person meetings will occur when the CDC gives us the go ahead and we can meet in a safe manner. Meetings are now being held on the third Monday 3:00pm-4:30pm. Because we use a consent agenda, the meetings usually last no more than an hour. Committees meet no less than 6 times a year. It depends on the committee. The Finance Committee strives to meet monthly.

3. What are the Board rules regarding attendance?

According to the By Laws: If a Board member fails to attend three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors, the Board Chair will ask the member to reconsider his/her commitment to the organization.

In addition, Board members are asked to sign a Letter of Commitment which states the importance of attending events and supporting staff with the delivery of these events.

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4. Does this Board do much fundraising and what are some examples?

The primary fundraiser for the Board is the Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Funds raised at this tournament help the agency coast the summer as grants are staggered. It occurs mid-May. Other Fundraisers/Events include: Wellness Expo-Vendor Sponsors, North Texas Day of Giving, Kroger Community Rewards, Honda of Denton Auto Raffle, Table Sponsors for the Recognition Luncheon and Amazon Smile. Other fundraisers may be added. Board members are asked to help out.

5. Are Board members expected to personally give?

It is not unusual for Grantors to ask if all Board members personally give. It is important to be able to respond with a 100%. Board members are asked to give within their personal means or seek out those funding resources that can support the agency.

6. What are the current top 3 goals of the Board of Directors?

- * Increase awareness of the RSVP and VISTA Project.
- * To recruit a diverse and representative Board in the public and private sector.
- * Increase Funds for the RSVP Project to guarantee financial stability.

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