

# Hands On

## SUBURBAN CHICAGO

*connecting people with purpose*

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IMPACT REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2024  
JULY 1, 2023- JUNE 30, 2024



### OUR MISSION

TO POSITIVELY IMPACT COMMUNITIES BY CONNECTING  
PEOPLE TO ENRICHING VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES  
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# RSVP PROGRAM



**AmeriCorps  
Seniors**

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF THOSE WE SERVE AND THOSE WHO SERVE



## OUR IMPACT

- 45 volunteers provided 842 rides to medical appointments.
- 26 volunteers helped 625 low-income adults complete their income tax returns at no cost. Refunds totaled over \$700,000.

## EDUCATION

- 170 volunteers helped 423 adult learners improve their English language skills.
- 79 volunteers donated 471 hours to tutor 109 elementary and middle school students.
- 600+ pen pal letters were exchanged between 51 volunteers and 104 elementary school students.

The AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program is part of a nationwide initiative. It engages volunteers aged 55 and better dedicated to serving those in need while enhancing their well-being through civic engagement. This robust program oversees more than 500 AmeriCorps Seniors who deliver essential services that support at-risk and diverse students in achieving academic success, help adult learners improve their economic opportunities by improving their English proficiency skills, assist older adults in maintaining their independence at home, provide medical care transportation services, offer free tax return preparation for low-income individuals 55 and better, and serve additional organizations, people, and programs requiring vital support.

HandsOn Suburban Chicago is a proud grantee of AmeriCorps Seniors which enables us to provide vital services to those 55 and better and the community.



INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF NONPROFITS AND SCHOOLS TO DRIVE CHANGE IN 44 SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES

2,642

VOLUNTEERS WERE  
CONNECTED

100+

NONPROFITS AND  
SCHOOLS  
PROVIDING

\$1M+

OF VOLUNTEER TIME

*Time valued by the Independent Sector*

I thought about volunteering many times but I didn't know where to start and was overwhelmed. When a friend told me about HOSC I found a great place to volunteer once a month and when I have extra time I can find other places that have important needs and help them with not only my time but with donations of food and clothes. I love how everything is in one place and so easy.

Jenice T.



# SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PROVIDING EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME, HIGH-RISK ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN HIGH SCHOOL.



2,983

HOURS OF TUTORING

131

STUDENTS SERVED

82

VOLUNTEERS

5

SCHOOL SITES

HOSC SCHOOL PROGRAMS RESULT IN:

- Increased engagement with peers.
- Improved confidence in the classroom.
- Increased academic engagement and social-emotional skills.
- Enhanced social skills and mental health.
- Confidence to ask for help from a mentor.
- Developed a trusting relationship with a non-family adult.

LUNCH BUDDIES ✦ CHIL ✦ PEN PALS

School programs provide equitable opportunities for low-income, high-risk elementary and middle school students to succeed in high school. These programs improve students' grades, attendance, and social and emotional well-being. They particularly help students with limited English proficiency and those receiving special education services, ensuring smooth transitions to high school. We achieve these results by comprehensively meeting the needs of students and their families through an integrated support system. This system includes tutoring, mentoring, behavioral health services, and case management, all in collaboration with community partners.



# Community Paint-a-thon

HELPING LOW-INCOME SENIORS, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND VETERANS MAINTAIN THEIR HOMES

# \$5,580

AVG. VALUE TO HOMEOWNER

# 1,591

EST. HOURS DONATED

261  
VOLUNTEERS

and Wheeling Townships Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, New Trier, Niles, Northfield, Palatine, Schamburg, and Wheeling Townships

12  
HOMES PAINTED

A Brush with Kindness Catholic Charities-NW Senior Services  
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley

“ I never knew so many people I never met before could care so much about someone they didn't know. They painted my house and cleaned up my yard after my husband passed and now i feel more peaceful living here. I am so happy to be able to keep living here where I raised my children because of help from these wonderful people.”

- Homeowner, Rita C.

HOSC is grateful to our supporters for helping us achieve our mission and making a critical impact in our community. While we cannot list everyone, we recognize your crucial role in making a difference.  
Thank you.

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