



Audubon Area Community Services, Inc.



You would think you were in a beehive the way they all buzz around with their own tasks to do. Each person, not needing any directions, completes their routine. At this thrift store location called Common Good many volunteers work together to sell donated items at a low price to the disadvantaged population. After going to this thrift store station to get a story, I ended up getting many stories, all from RSVP members, all positive and all agreeing on the same things. Mainly that the volunteers are now a family who share their good times and bad, that it is fun, fulfilling, and that volunteering has gotten them out of their recliners to focus on the good that they can do for someone else. Mary stated, (Everybody needs to get involved in their life and do something. It gets your endorphins going so we don't get depressed." While in the hospital with cancer RSVP member of 10 years, Sarah, felt the love and care from her RSVP Station family. Simon, another cancer survivor who fought in 2012 and again in 2015, now uses his "second chance" to help others. "The compensation I receive is far greater than any monetary value," he concluded. "I love it here," was a common statement. Some of the volunteers spend their time receiving donations, checking, sorting, hanging, while others place them in the appropriate spot throughout the store. The men unload cars, and deliver furniture to people's homes. "We just have a good time and it makes me happy," and I love helping people find the items they need at a price they can afford." Replied James. Martha added, "They have all hit the nail on the head and I don't ever want to miss a day; it's the highlight of my week. As they were closing down for the day I could hear volunteers making plans to have lunch together.

How Dollars Help Our Clients



\$100

The RSVP can utilize \$100 to provide one RSVP member one meal per day for 25 service days while in the course of their service.

\$500

The RSVP can utilize \$500 to provide 2.5 months of transportation costs for one RSVP member to and from their volunteer assignment.

\$1,000

The RSVP can utilize \$1,000 to purchase meals and tokens of appreciation for 40 RSVP members attending the annual volunteer recognition event.