

Join us in Making a Difference!

Your dedication and persistent efforts will help affirm that each child can learn and achieve, even when their frustrations and past failures inhibit them from believing it themselves. All volunteers are welcome, *and male role models are especially valuable!*

Call us now, and we'll help your group put together a vital SWAT tutor-mentor team for an Adams County school!

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What is RSVP?

RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people 55 or older. Joining makes you part of some 500,000 mature adults who tackle the tough issues in their communities. Research shows that volunteering helps you live longer, and promotes a positive outlook on life.

There is no cost, and benefits include supplemental insurance coverage while on duty. Other benefits, e.g., property tax rebates, may be available through the school districts as well.

The Senior Hub Serves Seniors

The Senior Hub is a non-profit agency that provides vital services to preserve the health and independence of older adults, allowing them to live in their homes for as long as they can safely do so. We have been advancing the quality of life for older adults and their families since 1986.

The Senior Hub Services:

- Meals on Wheels
- Rural Meals on Wheels
- Respite and In-Home Supportive Services
- Adult Day Service
- Care Management
- Information & Referral Assistance
- Minor Home Repair
- Medical Equipment Lending
- Emergency Food Bank
- RSVP Volunteer Opportunities

Who do you know that needs our help?

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**Schools Where
All Thrive**

Tutor-Mentor Program



"Legacy of Literature," by Rosalind Cook, Tulsa, OK

Mature adults make a big difference with early elementary children needing extra help in reading.

RSVP/SWAT Tutor-Mentor Program teams up to provide the personal and collective resources of mature adulthood to equip and inspire children to learn, achieve, dream, and care.

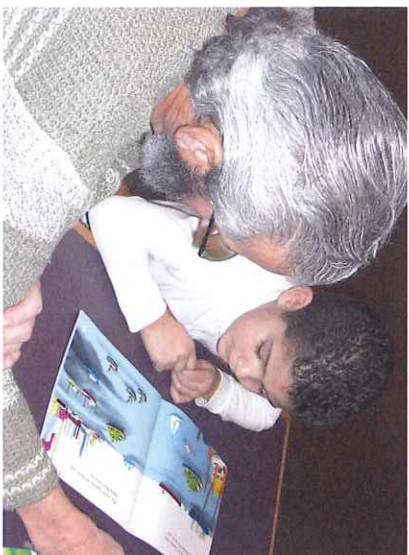
The Community's Help is Needed

The dropout rate with young people is a growing concern with our country. The economic success of our area and the whole nation depends on a well-educated work force.

Research shows that good literacy skills are the key to academic success. Children who fall behind in reading in the early primary grades usually will not catch up. Without early intervention, they continue a path of discouragement and failure on through middle school. By high school this negative pattern becomes so entrenched that many end up dropping out.

SWAT helps change this pattern! Tom Rapp, Senior Hub RSVP Director and retired Adams County public school educator, has always had a heart for struggling students who lack the essential literacy skills to succeed in school and in life. Tom's vision of the *Schools Where All Thrive (SWAT)* program brings together the collective energies of caring mature adults to help boost the literacy skills of these early elementary children in Adams County schools.

The principals and teachers at SWAT team sites have welcomed this fresh new asset, and found it very easy to administer.



"I was amazed at how quickly the tutor-mentor teams integrated themselves into the flow of our program here, and the children immediately adapted to working with them. They've been a tremendous asset to our school."

Renee Bauer, Principal, Skyline-Vista Elementary School

Why Teams?

One-on-one tutoring has been shown to be very effective. Our small team approach offers additional advantages:

- Staff time is minimized by dealing with a single team lead
- Team members offer a variety of skills and strengths
- Children receive help from several significant adults
- There's cohesion and a valuable support system
- An occasional absence can be covered by a colleague, with no loss for the children

"The SWAT program has been great for our students here at Hodgkins this year. We're grateful for your continued efforts to give our students every opportunity for success. It's a win-win any time the schools can partner with the community."

Sarah Gould, Principal, Hodgkins Elementary School

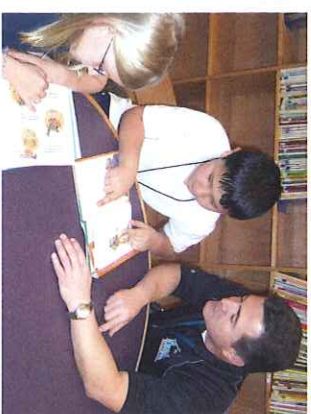
The Mentorship Bonus

SWAT volunteers also play an influential role as caring mentors. Research shows that kids with quality non-parent adult relationships have higher self esteem and a more positive view of their future. They are also more likely to be compassionate and caring for others and for their communities.

We support in-place character education and positive behavior programs. Our supplements emphasize good life skills and positive character traits.

No Experience Necessary!

Our basic training and continuing Tool Kits quickly build skills and confidence with even the most inexperienced volunteer. We ask that you love kids and make a solid commitment of 2 hours, one day a week. We do mandatory background checks at no cost to the volunteer. Teams work during the school day and in after-school programs.



"It has given me hope and inspiration to see growth in the children I've worked with. I have the utmost faith that these children can be successful with the proper help and guidance." John Hurtado, Community

Leader and Volunteer Tutor-Mentor.