

# RSVP

## Lead With Experience Station News

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### RSVP's Annual Evaluation

Under the direction of its Advisory Council, RSVP will be conducting the annual survey of RSVP stations in late summer. The questionnaires give station representatives the opportunity to comment on their experience with RSVP and its volunteers.

Currently participating stations will be receiving our annual on-line survey via "Survey Monkey". We hope that all Stations will assist us in this effort by completing the survey by the designated due date.

Your responses will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Advisory Council and will be taken into consideration as RSVP develops its 3 year plan for submission to the Corporation for National and Community Service this fall.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

### RSVP Agreements

The current agreement allowing for the assignment of RSVP volunteers at participating non-profit organizations and public agencies will expire December 31, 2009. This fall, RSVP will be contacting all parties that currently have a signed Memorandum of Understanding with RSVP.

Responsibilities of RSVP and the participating volunteer stations are outlined in the 3-year agreement, as are volunteer service descriptions and station surveys to determine the need for criminal and/or motor vehicle screenings.

Watch for more information in October.

***So that RSVP may count  
their hours, please  
notify us at 535-7105  
if you recruit  
individuals who are  
already enrolled with  
RSVP.***

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### Reminder:

Station representatives must sign volunteer mileage reimbursement vouchers and compare them with the



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Visit us at <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/schuyler/rsvp>

## A Time for Recognition...

### *Local RSVP Volunteer Receives 'Jefferson Award'*

Virginia Houseknecht received the prestigious Jefferson Award for her public service. Not one to give into a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease, Virginia decided to begin a local support group for others afflicted by the disease. Ginny was recognized for utilizing her educator skills to provide support to group members and their families with comprehensive information on current research pertaining to diet, exercise and medicine designed to reduce the affects of this devastating illness. She facilitates the monthly meetings, arranges speakers who are specialists in the field and handles all media and public relations. Virginia also serves as co-chair of the Health, Welfare and Women's Issues Committee for the Schuyler County League of Women Voters and provides health insurance information and counseling for older adults coordinated by Schuyler County Office for the Aging.

The Jefferson Award is co-sponsored by Corning, WETM and Chemung Canal Trust Company.



**Virginia Houseknecht**



**Charles 'Chuck' Tarshus**

### *Local RSVP Volunteer named EOP's 'Volunteer of the Year'*

Charles 'Chuck' Tarshus was honored by the Chemung-Schuyler Economic Opportunity Program as their "Volunteer of the Year" for his dedicated work in adult literacy with inmates at the Monterey Correctional Facility. Chuck spends many hours helping these young men prepare for their GED exams, resulting in an 95% success rate.

Chuck also volunteers in several other capacities with RSVP and serves on the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Advisory Committee. Chuck has been instrumental in getting community services to the previously underserved Monterey area, including the mobile food truck and a new OFA nutrition site. His work with Schuyler Health Check has helped bring funds to support the organization's ability to offer free health services to the medically uninsured.