Partner with LSS
AmeriCorps Seniors

LSS partners with Minnesota AmeriCorps Seniors, formerly known as Senior Corps. This is a national service agency connecting volunteers ages 55+ with the people and organizations that need them the most. This includes both the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs.

Through these programs, LSS partners with many local nonprofit organizations to create meaningful opportunities for older Minnesotans to use their talents, stay active and earn extra income. All volunteers must pass background checks.

Ways to Partner

Foster Grandparent volunteers support youth in the classroom 10+ hours each week:

- Regular, focused attention allows children to improve self-esteem, academic success, school readiness, social and emotional development and academic performance.
- Foster Grandparents receive training, a stipend of $3.00/hour and travel reimbursement.
- Sites may include public and private schools, Head Start locations, early learning centers, shelters and day care centers.

Senior Companion volunteers offer friendship, non-medical support and transportation to older adults through weekly visits at home and in the community.

- Consistent visits a few hours a week allow older adults to develop relationships, get to appointments and remain as active, healthy and independent as possible.
- Senior Companion volunteers must pass motor vehicle record checks.
- Volunteers receive training, a stipend of $3.00/hour and mileage reimbursement.

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Benefits for Partner Organizations

- Volunteers serve consistently to develop meaningful relationships with your organization and the youth/older adult.
- LSS conducts all initial volunteer interviews, driving/background checks, and approves volunteers for service.
- We provide initial and ongoing volunteer training and hold recognition events. An LSS program coordinator will be your point person and support you throughout the partnership.
- Our programs are based on the needs of the partner organization, the adults and children we support and our volunteers.

How It Works

As an LSS Senior Corps partner site, your organization will:

1. Designate your primary contact for the partnership. We will go over details with them.
2. Interview LSS-approved volunteers to see if they are a good fit. If so, provide site-specific training.
3. Match volunteers with children/older adults and help them develop/maintain plans for the individuals they serve.
4. Supervise, evaluate and recognize volunteers.
5. Identify the site: Foster Grandparent hosts provide the volunteer location. For Senior Companions, the visits happen at the older adult’s home or in the community.
6. Make a nominal financial contribution to help cover the costs of transportation, recognition and meals which vary by program. AmeriCorps covers the cost of volunteer stipends.

Become a Partner Today!

To learn more or get started, please contact us at 651.310.9440 or email americorps seniors@lssmn.org.