

# Thank You RSVP Volunteers

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**Here is this week's column by Diane Hentges, Volunteer Coordinator for the United Way of Wyandotte County. All photos courtesy of Hentges.**

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**2009 Volunteer of the Year, Norma Jacobs and advisory board member Janet Bailey.**

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The United Way of Wyandotte County sponsors RSVP, Retired Senior Volunteer Program. There are 318 active senior volunteers, folks age 55 and older who generously give back to their community through this program. These wise and generous volunteers work at area hospitals, nursing homes, the library, social service agencies, museums, their church, and our

schools.



Collectively this group has given over 49,000 hours back to their community through their service. With the value of \$20.25 for one volunteer hour that means the financial impact of the hours given by our seniors equals almost one million dollars. What a contribution!

**(At Left: 2009 RSVP Lunch honoree Mabel Shutt.)**

The knowledge, the experience, the time these volunteers donate to their community is noteworthy. The majority of RSVP volunteers are retirees from business, from education, from the professional world, from all walks of life. They share their knowledge, their skills, their experience to help our local non-profits and faith communities meet the challenges of today.

Several RSVP volunteers were singled out at the recent volunteer recognition for outstanding service to their community. Sherry Bishop, Oletha Bogard, Madelyn Fotovich, Ralph Long, Lorraine Proctor, Ed Shutt and Vivian Uzzell were recognized for having each given over 500 hours of service in 2008. Christine Magana and Mabel Shutt each contributed over 800 hours of service. Norma Jacobs was honored as the RSVP Volunteer of the Year for giving over 2000 hours of volunteer services to our community. Her volunteer work is a full time job. We are grateful to all these honorees and all RSVP volunteers for the important work they do to make our community a better place to be.

If you are interested in joining this very special group of volunteers who make such an impact on community and you are at least 55 years of age, please contact Betty at 913-371-3674 or at [bewell@unitedway-wyco.org](mailto:bewell@unitedway-wyco.org).



**2009 Honoree Madelyn Fotovich and United Way of Wyandotte County  
President Wendell Maddox.**



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**Oletha Bogard with Advisory Board member Rachael Nickerson.**