



Title: Mason/Thurston – Donation Delivery Volunteer, Family Education and Support Services

Number of Volunteer Positions: 1

Length of Commitment: Ongoing

Hours: 0-12 hours per week, as needed

AmeriCorps Senior RSVP Program:

Since 1971, AmeriCorps Seniors Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), one of the largest volunteer efforts in the nation for people 55 and over, has matched older adults who are willing to help with local organizations on the front lines of meeting community needs. United Way hosts the AmeriCorps Senior RSVP program for Lewis, Mason, and Thurston County with projects focusing on increasing community education, health, and job opportunities. Volunteer benefits include ongoing support from United Way staff in their roles, free supplemental health insurance, mileage reimbursement, and appreciation events.

Website: <https://www.unitedway-thurston.org/RSVP>

Family Education and Support Services:

Family Education and Support Services (FESS) is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring healthy child development by providing quality training and support services. FESS programs include parenting classes like the Impacts of Domestic Violence on Children and QPR Suicide Prevention Training, case-management and parent ally programs including the Parent and Child Assistance Program (PCAP) and Parent for Parent (P4P), and direct assistance services through the Basic Needs Navigator.

Website: <https://familyess.org/>

Position Description:

If you want to help ensure that local families always have access to essential items, FESS is looking for AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP to help with their donation intake, distribution, and management efforts. This role would support the Basic Needs Navigator by transporting donated items to FESS and delivering those donations to families in need throughout Mason and Thurston County. Donations can range from small furniture to hygiene supplies to children's toys.

Responsibilities:*Position Specific*

- Receive training on FESS's mission, programs, and community impact.
- Coordinate with the Basic Needs Navigator as well as donors and recipients to schedule the pick-ups and drop-offs of donations.
- Communicate with families and organizations to ensure that donations are picked-up and dropped-off in the manner and locations requested.
- Load and unload items, strap down or wrap items in protective material as needed, and making sure items are not damaged while being transported.
- Tracking the intake and distribution of donated items using tracking forms.
- Help with the bundling donated items, for example, dividing different donated hygiene supplies into hygiene buckets that can be distributed to multiple families.

FESS Values

- Demonstrate professionalism, positive communication, cooperation, and self-care and wellness.
- Encourage, support, and honor efforts for diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Culturally competent in working with diverse populations.
- Willing to pursue growth through on-going training.

Required Qualifications:

- Must be able to lift 35 lbs.
- Must have a driver's license and a reliable vehicle

Desired Qualifications:

- Familiar with Microsoft Word and Zoom
- Professional or informal experience moving large items