

# ***EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER***

Many senior citizens continue to work past retirement. Currently, the average life expectancy for those who reach age 65 in the United States is 83. If you consider taking early retirement as allowed by Social Security at age 62, will you have the financial resources to support yourself for 20 or more years? Economic need causes many seniors to continue working while others do so to remain engaged and because they enjoy what they do.

Volunteering can also offer seniors the opportunity to remain active and engaged, and allows them to utilize and contribute the skills they have gained over a lifetime. Churches, schools, hospitals, nursing facilities and other service agencies often need volunteers who are willing to give of their time and share their expertise.

The following resources assist seniors who wish to obtain meaningful employment, make a career change or find an enriching volunteer opportunity.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Illinois Employment and Training Center (IETC)**

837 S. Westmore/Meyers Road, Lombard, IL 60148

**(630) 495-4345, or (630) 495-0655 (TDD)**

**[www.ietc-dupageco.com](http://www.ietc-dupageco.com)**

**[www.illinoisskillsmatch.com](http://www.illinoisskillsmatch.com)**

The College of DuPage, the Workforce Development Division of DuPage County, the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Parents Alliance Employment Project, the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Office of Rehabilitative Services make up the IETC of DuPage County, a one-stop career center in Lombard. The IETC offers a wide range of employment and training services at one convenient location, including:

- ◆ job search and placement assistance
- ◆ computers with internet access for job search
- ◆ on-site employer recruitment
- ◆ weekly job club
- ◆ employment services for individuals with disabilities
- ◆ vocational assessment and counseling



- ◆ job training scholarships
- ◆ free workshops on topics including: interview skills, stress management, negotiating a salary and resume writing

Assistive technology for people with disabilities is also available. The IETC serves all of DuPage County and offers services to youth and adults, including those who are 55 and older.

### **Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)**

Administers state unemployment insurance and job service programs. Assists job seekers in finding employment. Special staff is available to attend to the needs of older workers and veterans. If further assistance is needed, call **1-888-367-4382**, or visit their website at **[www.ides.state.il.us](http://www.ides.state.il.us)**.

### **Office Locations:**

321 Quadrangle Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

**(630) 759-0647**

Serves Bolingbrook, Burr Ridge, Darien, Downers Grove, Lemont, Naperville, Plainfield, Willowbrook and Woodridge.

30 DuPage Court, Elgin, IL 60120

**(847) 888-7900**

Serves Bartlett, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Medinah, Roselle, St. Charles, Wayne and West Chicago.

East Gate Shopping Center, 837 S. Westmore-Meyers Road, Lombard, IL 60148

**(630) 495-4345**

Serves Addison, Bensenville, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn, Hinsdale, Itasca, Lisle, Lombard, Oak Brook, Villa Park, West Chicago, Westmont, Wheaton, Willowbrook, Winfield and Wood Dale.

2 Smoke Tree Plaza, North Aurora, IL 60542

**(630) 844-6640**

Serves part of West Chicago, Winfield, Aurora, Eola, Naperville, North Aurora and Warrenville.

**Senior Community Service Employment Program**  
**Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging**  
P.O. Box 809, Kankakee, IL 60901  
**(815) 939-0727, or 1-800-528-2000**  
**www.ageguide.org**



The Senior Community Service Employment Program, sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging, is a federally funded employment program designed to assist the mature worker (age 55+) in re-entering the job market. It operates under a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor under Title V of the Older Americans Act.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**DuPage County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**  
421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187  
**(630) 407-6500**

This program provides advocacy for residents of long term care facilities. Volunteers visit local nursing homes to provide socialization for residents, as well as advocate for their rights. Volunteers may be friendly visitors as well as assist with complaint investigations. For more information, contact **DuPage County Senior Citizen Services** at the number above.

**DuPage County Money Management Program**  
421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187  
**(630) 407-6500**

Volunteers are trained and supervised to assist seniors having difficulty managing their money. Administered by the Illinois Department on Aging, this program is sponsored and insured through AARP. The Money Management Program is part of the AARP Foundation, AARP's affiliated charity. For more information, see page HS-3 or call **DuPage County Senior Citizen Services** at the number listed.

**DuPage Senior Citizens Council**  
1919 S. Highland Avenue, Bldg. A, Suite 210, Lombard, IL 60148  
**(630) 620-0804**

Volunteer opportunities are available to deliver meals to the homebound elderly, assist at Senior Dining Centers, help with chore days, or other activities that benefit older adults. Volunteers help to ensure that Council programs continue to be

available to all older DuPage County seniors in need. Information on Senior Council's Nutrition Program can be found on page 104, **NUTRITION**.

**Giving DuPage**

421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

**(630) 407-6500**

**1-800-942-9412**

**(630) 407-6502 (TDD)**

**[www.givingdupage.org](http://www.givingdupage.org)**

A public/private initiative of business, civic groups, individuals, non-profit organizations and DuPage County government. Its mission is to promote giving and volunteering in DuPage County. It connects those in our community who have time, talent, or resources with agencies serving the residents in our community who are in need.

**In-Home Senior Respite Program**

**Metropolitan Family Service DuPage County**

222 E. Willow Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

**(630) 784-4875**

Volunteers are recruited, trained and supervised to offer respite to family caregivers and companionship for the care recipient. Volunteers typically provide three hours of respite, and do not perform any medical or professional services. See page 57 for more details.

**Lifelink**

331 S. York Road, Suite 206, Bensenville, IL 60106

**(630) 521-8050**

Seeks volunteers to supplement and enrich Lifelink in its mission to meet human needs. Opportunities include working with residents at Lifelink housing communities; assisting in fundraising activities; monitoring Head Start children; and assisting administration and program staff with office duties.

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**  
**Northern DuPage and Northern Cook Counties**  
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
**(847) 228-1006**  
**[www.volunteerinfo.net](http://www.volunteerinfo.net)**



RSVP is part of Senior Corps, a network of national service programs that provides older Americans the opportunity to apply their life experience to meet community needs. RSVP volunteers serve a diverse range of nonprofit organizations, public agencies and faith-based groups. Among other activities, they mentor at-risk youth, organize neighborhood watch programs, test drinking water for contaminants, teach English to immigrants and lend their business skills to community groups that provide critical social services.

**Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)**  
1444 N. Farnsworth, Room 504, Aurora, IL 60505(630) 692-1162  
**[www.scorefoxvalley.org](http://www.scorefoxvalley.org)**

Volunteer group of retired middle management and executives who provide management consultation to small businesses and to those considering starting a business. SCORE counseling sites in DuPage County include Aurora, Downers Grove, Glen Ellyn and Naperville, and can be accessed through local Chamber of Commerce offices.

**Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)**  
**Illinois Division of Insurance**  
320 W. Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62767-0001  
**(217) 524-4872**  
**1-800-548-9034 (Toll-Free in Illinois)**  
**[www.ildfpr.com](http://www.ildfpr.com)**

Volunteer counselors are trained by the Illinois Division of Insurance to educate consumers about Medicare, Medicare supplements and Part D plans, Medicare HMOs, long term care insurance, Illinois Cares Rx and other senior health insurance options. They also assist in filing Medicare claims and help investigate disputes. Counselors must be affiliated with a sponsoring organization. These sponsors provide office space and support services. SHIP counselors do NOT sell or solicit any type of insurance. For more information, or to locate a potential local sponsor call **DuPage County Senior Services** at **(630) 407-6500**.