

Richard Hoffman

Senior Corps Volunteer of the Year

Since his start with RSVP of Dane County in 2007, Richard Hoffman has volunteered in positions requiring increasing responsibility. He has dedicated more than 5,850 volunteer hours serving senior citizens in the Stoughton area. He started as an RSVP driver in 2007 and then took on the Ride Coordinator position in 2010, a demanding job that requires hours of phone calls and emails to arrange for weekday rides for Stoughton area seniors. In 2012, in addition to his other volunteer efforts, Dick joined the RSVP Board of Directors and became a driver for the Vets Helping Vets program. As a board member, he brought his considerable business experience to the role, serving as Finance Committee Chair, Grant Committee Chair, Personnel Committee Chair, and as an Executive Committee Member. He researched and wrote grants to extend the services of the Vets Helping Vets program, successfully receiving grants from the Stoughton Area Community Foundation and the Wahlin Foundation. Dick also brings his experience as a ride coordinator to the Affordable Transportation Program, a nonprofit in Stoughton that serves any individual who qualifies as low-income as determined by HUD and provides rides to a wide range of appointments, calling on a force of just six volunteer drivers to assist these low-income citizens.

The staff at RSVP of Dane County noted that the sense of personal and professional responsibility Dick had as Senior Executive VP in charge of consumer lending at Stoughton Bank has carried forward into his roles as an RSVP volunteer driver, ride coordinator, and board member. He has a true compassion for people and empathy for what life can hand them. He goes the extra mile for his passengers, which means the world to seniors who are isolated without personal transportation. This sense of loyalty is also offered to his drivers, many of whom he has personally recruited through his many connections in the community.

