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## NEWS RELEASE

## **RSVP TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABLE, VOLUNTEER CALL TO ACTION!**

RSVP issued re-opening guidelines on June 15, 2020 in accordance with the Governor's Phase II guidelines to lessen the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Transportation will be provided for routine doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, to pick up prescriptions, socialization activities, etc. Clients will be contacted 24 hours prior to their trip to ensure that the client displays no signs of COVID-19. All vehicles will be sanitized before and after use. Clients must wear a face mask or face shield fully covering the nose and mouth with no exceptions. Volunteers will wear washable or disposable gloves and will wear a mask and observe social distancing procedures. If a client is transporting in an RSVP van, only one passenger will be seated per row (typically, this would be two to three passengers on each trip.) If transporting in a volunteer's personal vehicle, only one passenger will be transported at a time.

Nevada Rural RSVP has been serving seniors for 45 years. "We need drivers in Nye County to help us deliver essential transportation services. I am issuing a "call to action" and encourage volunteers to come forward and help fill the gaps for elders and disabled persons who need access to the goods and services which keep them healthy and living in their own homes with dignity. If you can volunteer a couple of hours per week or even once a month, you will provide a tremendous service to your community," said Susan Haas, RSVP Executive Director & C.E.O. Veterans are welcome and encouraged to participate.

When asked how RSVP's transportation service has been a benefit in terms of increasing quality of life and satisfaction, RSVP client Mary Thomas, replied; "let's face it, it gets me to the store and the bank and it's even better than having my own car. I love the drivers. They have all been so friendly and wonderful. It's a wonderful program and I know I appreciate how easy it has made life for me."

Help us get the word out about RSVP's lifesaving transportation services and our call to action for volunteer drivers. To learn more about how you can volunteer or access our free services, please call Tonya Brum, RSVP Nye County Field Representative in Pahrump at 702-845-4748 or via email at <u>pahrump@nvrsvp.com</u>. To learn more about RSVP visit: www.nevadaruralrsvp.org.