

At a time of great social need, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) engages millions of Americans in focused, sustained service to solve community problems, improve the lives of our nation's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen nonprofits and communities, and transform their own lives. Nationwide, CNCS:

- Engages more than **5 million Americans** in results-driven service through **70,000** community and faith-based organizations each year, supporting America's civic infrastructure of food banks, homeless shelters, youth centers senior homes, state service commissions, and volunteer centers at a time of increasing demand for services.
- Places **tens of thousands** of teachers, tutors, and mentors into America's lowest performing schools, helping children learn the skills they need to graduate and be successful in the 21st century economy.
- Leverages **\$800 million** in non-federal resources each year to strengthen impact on communities.
- Strengthens America's nonprofits by mobilizing more than 3 million community volunteers each year.
- Provides **tens of thousands** of young adults a living allowance, work skills, and educational support to help them graduate, go to college, and find work, saving taxpayer dollars.
- Supports Governor-appointed **State Service Commissions** in every state to engage citizens in solving critical problems.

Impact in Alaska

More than **1,100** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Alaska. Serving through **63** nonprofits, schools, public agencies or faith-based groups across the state, these citizens tutor and mentor at-risk youth, assist veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, build homes, and recruit and manage volunteers. This year CNCS is committing more than **\$4,940,000** to support 63 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **680** Alaska seniors who annually contribute more than **260,930** hours valued at more than **\$5,573,570** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **840** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **42** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **1,500** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **34** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **350** Alaska citizens in intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic and other pressing community needs. Last year they:
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **19,280** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **285,230** hours of service valued at more than **\$6,092,450**
 - » Recruited more than **12,750** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$3,640,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Alaska** affiliates of the Big Brothers Big Sisters, HOPE Worldwide, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including the Student Conservation Association, WellSpring Revival Ministries, Nine Star Enterprises and Southeast Alaska Guidance Association
 - » Since 1994, more than **3,500** Alaska residents have served more than **4.3 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$8,840,000**.
- **The Social Innovation Fund (SIF)** mobilizes public and private resources to grow promising, innovative community-based solutions that have evidence of compelling impact in three areas of priority need: economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development.
 - » To date, the SIF has awarded **\$95 million** to **16** intermediary grantmakers in **10** states, which have made subgrants to nearly **150** subgrantees in **33** states and the District of Columbia, leveraging **\$250 million** in additional private and non-federal dollars in matching funds.

Alaska Project Highlights

- The Rural Alaska Village Environmental Network (RAVEN) **AmeriCorps** Program debuted in 1994 with the mission to improve environmental conditions in remote villages throughout rural Alaska, where water, sanitation and solid waste disposal systems often resemble those in third world countries. Building upon Alaska Native values of respect for the land, 20 Members annually engage tribal leaders, elders, youth and volunteers in conservation of resources, environmental education and shipping used electrical appliances, electronics, hazardous household wastes, lead acid batteries and other solid waste to recycling facilities. One year's success includes RAVEN Members mobilizing 1,300 volunteers in 10,000 service hours to divert 1.7 million pounds of solid waste from the tundra, riverbeds and local landfills—lowering the risk of drinking water contamination.
- The University of Alaska at Anchorage Center for Economic Development sponsors an AmeriCorps **VISTA** project with the Local Food Network in Homer, Alaska. The VISTA project has had a dramatic impact upon the Homer community and the surrounding areas. The VISTA Member, Ben Zimmerman, worked to create access for low income community members to the local Farmers Market through an EBT and token program. In 3 months, the EBT program had 33 transactions that totaled \$1117 in sales and the token program had 168 transactions and garnished \$6880 worth of transactions. This is a big success for a town of less than 5,500 people.
- Alaska Community Services **RSVP** sponsors the Mentoring SPIRIT Program focused on serving Alaska's youth in foster care or other "out of home" living arrangements. In 2011, there were 66 mentors and 106 mentees matches throughout Alaska. SPIRIT Mentors represent a safe person for youth to talk with about alcoholism, absence of the parents, and in some cases abuse. The mentors emphasize self-worth and confidence, helping youth understand the present and plan for the future. Annual program interviews with mentors, teachers and mentees indicate that 94% of the youth continue to be more engaged with education and school, 97% demonstrate an increase in pro-social behaviors, and 94% indicate that mentors are a significant influence in their lives.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 77,000 hours of service in Alaska since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has supported 10,259 students in out of school programs, planted 4,498 trees, removed 24 tons of debris or trash, built or repaired 4,340 feet of fencing, and coordinated or recruited 11,549 volunteers. Recent project highlights include NCCC's collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Alaska. NCCC teams have served in clubhouses throughout the Anchorage area. Members coordinated activities in a number of areas including character and leadership development, health and life skills, education and career development, sports, fitness and recreation, and the arts. The team also assisted with a variety of facility improvements.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 90 Alaska students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. The Alaska State Department of Education is administered through the Alaska Commission on Service. This initiative focuses heavily on training teachers and students to be involved in service and service-learning. Two middle schools are involved in the initiative with 4 teachers and 61 students participating in service-learning effecting almost 1,000 beneficiaries through their hands-on activities.