

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 Arizona

More than **8,200** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Arizona. Serving through **280** 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 **\$15,680,000** to support 280 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **1,900** Arizona seniors who annually contribute more than **795,630** hours valued at more than **\$16,994,570** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **860** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **164** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **1,400** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **220** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **2,000** Arizona 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 **18,480** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **476,560** hours of service valued at more than **\$10,179,360**
 - » Recruited more than **29,050** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$12,120,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Arizona** affiliates of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Teach for America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including YouthBuild USA, Inc., Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona, Coconino Rural Environmental Corps and Mesa Community College
 - » Since 1994, more than **14,000** Arizona residents have served more than **14 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$32,760,000**.
- **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.

Arizona Project Highlights

- Arizona **AmeriCorps** State program, Los Ancianos: Seniors Serving Seniors, engages forty age 55+ AmeriCorps members as Care, Wellness and Volunteer Coordinators to implement wellness activities at underserved senior centers and to provide informal in-home services to homebound older adults and adults with disabilities in the Phoenix Metro area. Nearly 400 volunteers have been recruited, are coordinated or are supported by the program. In-home services such as friendly visits, transportation assistance, meal preparation and light housekeeping helped 979 individuals maintain independent living. 87% of in-home clients reported that services helped them continue living at home. Nearly 300 older adults participated in wellness activities including fitness classes, Chronic Disease Self- Management, Matter of Balance classes, health screenings and presentations, with positive results reported in all categories of activities.
- During her service with the University of Arizona 4-H Youth Development Center's AmeriCorps **VISTA** project, Laura Gottschalk worked to develop a local area farmers' market in Globe, a community with 7,500 people located approximately 85 miles east of Phoenix. The county seat of Gila County, Globe serves as a regional commercial center for both the San Carlos and White Mountain Apache tribes. Laura worked with the local community to promote the Gila County Master Gardeners' program and to create the Globe-Miami Farmers' Market. The market supports local agriculture by providing produce vending space to over 50 vendors. Laura received a grant from the Resource Conservation and Development Council for \$2,239 for administrative costs and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program provides vouchers and coupons for the market.
- Along with serving the City of Tucson, the Our Family Services **Senior Companion Program** provides independent living assistance to the members of the Tohono O'odham Nation as well as the Pascua Yaqui Nation. A total of 14 Senior Companion volunteers recruited from among the tribal members serve over 100 tribal elders each year. Because of the role of tribal elders in maintaining healthy & stable communities, the efforts to assist elders in remaining in their own homes are even more important for the Tohono O'odham and Pascua Yaqui Nations. In addition to the independent living assistance they have provided, Senior Companion volunteers have helped to build a community garden, have connected elders to Veteran's benefits and have started classes to promote renewed usage of the tribal languages.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 316,000 hours of service in Arizona since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has supported 1,587 students in out of school programs, tutored 3,066 students, protected 955 houses from natural disaster, built or repaired 5295 feet of erosion controlling walls, and recruited or coordinated 1,238 volunteers. Recent Arizona highlights include leading environmental stewardship projects with the Grand Canyon Trust on natural, cultural, and recreational resource issues that adversely affect the public lands of the Colorado Plateau. Specifically, the team worked on implementation of resource management plan road closures on the Paria Plateau, the removal of invasive exotic species that helped restore a section of riparian ecosystem along the Paria River, and trail building to enhance visitor experience and public safety.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 4,600 Arizona students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. The Arizona State Department of Education administers sub-grants to local districts to incorporate service-learning into the core standards of the state curriculum and to engage adult volunteers to mentor K-12 students for academic success. There are 14 sub-grantees throughout the state engaging service and service-learning.