

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 Colorado

More than **16,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Colorado. Serving through **1,100** 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 **\$31,520,000** to support 1,100 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **8,500** Colorado seniors who annually contribute more than **1,549,460** hours valued at more than **\$33,096,530** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **4,900** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **133** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **7,600** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **1,000** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **3,200** Colorado 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 **29,940** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **644,380** hours of service valued at more than **\$13,763,960**
 - » Recruited more than **21,540** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$21,040,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Colorado** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Teach for America, Colorado Campus Compact, Denver Public Schools and Southwest Conservation Corps
 - » Denver is home to a campus of **AmeriCorps NCCC**, a residential team-based program for 18-24 year-olds who carry out disaster, environmental, and education projects across Colorado and neighboring states.
 - » Since 1994, more than **25,000** Colorado residents have served more than **20 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$47,050,000**.
- **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.
 - » In Colorado, the Mile High United Way has received **\$3.6 million** in SIF funding to support community nonprofit organizations across the state. In addition, **two** organizations have already received subgrants from other SIF intermediaries totaling more than **\$200,000**.

Colorado Project Highlights

- Colorado HIPYPCorps (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) is a home-based, peer-delivered, early intervention program designed to empower parents to become their child's primary educator. Thirty-eight **AmeriCorps** members provide weekly home visits to role model, mentor, and present an age-appropriate curriculum to parents. AC Members are recruited from the population of parents served by the program. AC Members serve in Adams, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Denver, Jefferson, Rio Grande and Saguache counties. HIPPY is effective at improving school readiness, parent involvement, academic performance, school attendance, behavior and standardized test scores. Research studies found gains in child learning, parents more knowledgeable of school readiness strategies and more engaged in their child's schooling and HIPPY children were more engaged in reading and interacting.
- The Western Hardrock Watershed Team (part of Southwest Conservation Corps headquartered in Durango) builds communities and improves the environment in rural New Mexico and Colorado communities. In 2011, 27 AmeriCorps **VISTA** members logged 32,500+ hours, created 180+ partnerships, and raised over \$700,000 in grants and in-kind donations for community-led projects. In one example, member Whitney Gaskill raised \$7,000 to develop a youth service-learning program in Silverton, Colorado. In its first year, the program reached 70 students who planted over 100 willows in a restored wetland and built an acre of highly visible in-town trails. In addition to successfully engaging students in service learning activity, the trail project is helping Silverton develop its tourism economy through connecting visitors to the historical and ecological sights around town.
- Recently, **RSVP** volunteers at Volunteers of America (VOA) in north central Colorado's Larimer County were recognized for their tremendous service to the community. The collective impact of RSVP Volunteers in Larimer County over the past year is the direct result of 854 RSVP volunteers serving over 94,000 hours at sixty different organizations. Among other notable achievements, these senior volunteers rehabilitated homes for 490 people otherwise unable to afford a safe place to live, provided nutritious meals to 2,493 hungry people, helped 1,290 people in crisis find safety and financial, material, and emotional support, and mentored 926 at-risk youth, modeling positive values, program self-identity, and social skills to help the youth face their future with confidence and integrity.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 1,130,000 hours of service in Colorado since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has cleared 5,225 acres of unwanted brush, suppressed or contained fires on 254,090 acres of land, removed 2884 acres of undergrowth to prevent fires, tutored 16,897 students served 102,989 meals to disaster victims, and assisted 12,439 at-risk youth. At a project at the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver, NCCC members led crews of teens on Summer of Service projects in their neighborhoods helping to plant and maintain community gardens, improve playgrounds at local schools and offer resources on money-saving energy efficiency measures. The teens also served their disabled peers at the Colorado Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp and worked alongside veterans through the Veterans Green Jobs project.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 5,100 Colorado students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is Campus Corps: Students Engaging with At-Risk Youth, a program of the Human Development and Family Studies and Psychology departments at Colorado State University (CSU) in partnership with The Center for Family Outreach, a referral agency for at-risk youth in the juvenile justice system. The goals of Campus Corps are to reduce recidivism rates for first-time offenders and prepare university students to become highly skilled, civically engaged professionals and community leaders. Campus Corps is a two-semester service-learning course that supports 300 undergraduate students from four departments at CSU to engage as many as 950 at-risk youth.