

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 Connecticut

More than **7,100** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Connecticut. Serving through **610** 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 **\$9,310,000** to support 610 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **3,800** Connecticut seniors who annually contribute more than **956,600** hours valued at more than **\$20,433,060** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **320** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **497** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **1,000** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **550** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **660** Connecticut 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 **13,500** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **391,630** hours of service valued at more than **\$8,365,260**
 - » Recruited more than **11,810** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$4,640,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Connecticut** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Teach for America, Knox Parks Foundation, LEAP AmeriCorps and South Central Connecticut Agency on Aging
 - » Since 1994, more than **10,000** Connecticut residents have served more than **13 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$29,840,000**.
- **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.
 - » In Connecticut, **one** organization has received a SIF subgrant totaling more than **\$150,000**.

Connecticut Project Highlights

- The MYO (Mine. Yours. Ours) **AmeriCorps** program believes that growing up should be healthy, safe and fun. A corps of 47 AmeriCorps Members employ a multidimensional approach to effectively prevent Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and build healthy teen relationships among teens in Bridgeport. By providing young people with education about healthy relationships, MYO AmeriCorps members teach teens that domestic violence can be prevented and the cycle of violence can be broken. Today, 880 Bridgeport students, age 11-14, completed the Safe Date curriculum – a NREP (National Registry of Effective Programs) recognized dating abuse prevention and intervention curriculum, resulting in beneficiary schools reporting an increase in the reporting of IPV and the utilization of community resources.
- Jeanette Dahlberg, an AmeriCorps **VISTA** member with the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut in New London, created and expanded employment and training services for women whose families have experienced domestic violence. Over a five-month period, Jeanette coordinated efforts with the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class to plan, design, raise funds for, and build a Career Center that is used by Women's Center residents and clients to conduct job search and other employment-related activities. The Career Center includes a room for children to play while residents and search for work as they begin their journey away from domestic violence and toward economic independence and self-sufficiency. Jeanette also recruited volunteers to conduct employment-related workshops and developed a life skills/job readiness curriculum for Career Center clients.
- Through a partnership with the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County, the Bridgeport **Foster Grandparent Program** has assigned 17 Foster Grandparents to three Schools of Hope, an effort designed to improve the educational success of students at underperforming schools in Fairfield County. Foster Grandparents receive training in tutoring grade school students with the goal of ensuring that all students are reading at grade level by the third grade. Results cited in a November 2011 report from the United Way showed reading proficiency improved 11 to 35 percent in the targeted schools over a four-year period. The United Way report specifically credited Foster Grandparents with the success achieved by the students at the Schools of Hope.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 84,000 hours of service in Connecticut since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has recruited or coordinated 3,053 volunteers, supported 2,420 students in an out of school program, renovated or weatherized 252 homes, and removed 43 tons of debris. Recent project highlights include NCCC's support of the Torrington Area Health District Medical Reserve Corps in Enfield. NCCC supported Connecticut's citizens prepare for a flu pandemic and other health-related emergencies by completing inventories of medical response supplies, setting up a new emergency operations center, and conducting community education activities for the elderly. This project has helped build the capacity of health officials to respond quickly to community health incidents and helped vulnerable citizens become more prepared for health-related emergencies.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 2, 500 Connecticut students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. The Connecticut State Department of Education (SDE) Learn and Serve activities for fiscal year 2009-2012 will focus on funding projects that will improve the quality of new and existing service learning programs and address the needs of communities of the participating students. SDE's 2006-2011 comprehensive plan titled "A Superior Education for Connecticut's 21st Century Learners" emphasizes high-quality preschool education for all students; high academic achievement for all students in reading, writing, mathematics and sciences; and high school reform. SDE's goal is to provide service learning opportunities to over 3,000 students in grades K-12 statewide.