

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 Delaware

More than **3,600** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Delaware. Serving through **300** 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 **\$3,260,000** to support 300 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **3,500** Delaware seniors who annually contribute more than **945,180** hours valued at more than **\$20,189,040** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **1,000** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **50** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **1,500** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **270** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **170** Delaware 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 **1,040** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **89,030** hours of service valued at more than **\$1,901,640**
  - » Recruited more than **3,890** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$1,860,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Delaware** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, YMCA, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Public Allies, Delaware Economic Development Office, Connecting Generations and University of Delaware
    - » Since 1994, more than **2,000** Delaware residents have served more than **2.6 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$5,910,000**.
- **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 Delaware, the Children's Aid Society's Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program has received a SIF subgrant totaling more than **\$100,000**.

## Delaware Project Highlights

- The New Castle County Emergency Services Corps (ESC) focuses on recruiting new firefighter volunteers, educating residents through fire presentations and trainings, and actively serving in fire service and emergency management. New Castle County has 538,479 residents, and with the exception of the city of Wilmington, are served by volunteer firefighters. The 26 full-time and part-time members served nearly 26,000 hours, resulting in the recruitment of 58 new volunteer firefighters and the training of 580 people in First Aid, CPR, and CERT, far exceeding their goals. The 2010-11 **AmeriCorps** ESC program participants represented an estimated \$1.3 million in service hours. Since the program's 2005 inception, the AmeriCorps ESC program represents 133,094 volunteer hours, worth \$4,125,914.
- In 2011, Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO) AmeriCorps **VISTA** members Janice Neiman and Carly James created and established a unique mentoring program for high schools students in Milford in partnership with Downtown Milford, Inc. For four weeks, local business owners in Milford mentor students on daily operations of a business. Concurrently, the students attend a speaker series featuring leading Delaware entrepreneurs. Four mentors helped seven students complete the program during its inaugural year. DEDO and Downtown Milford, Inc. kicked off its second year with nine students and five business mentors. Three of the mentors from last year's program have returned to mentor students again. The Delaware Mentoring Council recognized the value of the program by granting \$3,000 to continue providing this professional development opportunity to high school students.
- **RSVP** volunteer Lynne Robinson founded PAWS for People, a New Castle non-profit pet therapy organization in 2005. PAWS is committed to providing therapeutic visits to any person who would benefit from interaction with a well-trained, loving pet. Currently, PAWS has 275 volunteer pet therapy teams working in 120 sites from hospitals and skilled care facilities, to chemical dependency centers, elementary schools, PT/OT/Speech Therapy programs, Easter Seals, Elder Care facilities and the Autism Initiative. In 2011, these teams spent 28,000 hours in service sharing the love and companionship of their pets and providing a deep and healing connection for those in need. Lynne is the recipient of many awards including several Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service and the Bank of America Local Heroes Award in 2011.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 125,000 hours of service in Delaware since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has constructed, renovated, or weatherized 99 homes, served 6,153 meals, planted 15,441 trees, and recruited or coordinated 1,082 volunteers. Recent project highlights include NCCC's work with Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County to increase the availability of low-income housing in Wilmington. An NCCC team helped the organization increase the housing units available to low-income residents and lead volunteer groups thereby increasing the organization's capacity to utilize volunteers effectively.