

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 Florida

More than **46,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Florida. Serving through **2,500** 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 **\$31,560,000** to support 2,500 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **19,000** Florida seniors who annually contribute more than **5,713,410** hours valued at more than **\$122,038,350** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **2,400** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **703** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **8,100** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **2,300** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **1,700** Florida 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 **42,120** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **1,529,400** hours of service valued at more than **\$32,668,050**
  - » Recruited more than **34,990** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$17,000,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Florida** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Youth Build, Notre Dame Mission Volunteers, Teach for America and South Florida Urban Ministries
    - » Since 1994, more than **23,000** Florida residents have served more than **26 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$61,920,000**.
- **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 Florida, **four** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$400,000**.

## Florida Project Highlights

- **AmeriCorps** members work with local school districts, principals, teachers and other school personnel to develop appropriate reading strategies and assessments for students. AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one and small group tutoring to students who are reading below grade level in schools, after-school reading programs and community centers. A total of 3,864 students were tutored and tested at 118 schools. As a result, 80% of students tutored and tested achieved a full year of reading grade gain. Participating programs include AmeriCorps St.Lucie/Indian River READS (20 members), Hillsborough READS (46 members), Polk READS (40 members), Duval READS (42 members), Literacy AmeriCorps Palm Beach County (40 members), Miami READS (35 members), City Year Miami (70 members), AmeriCorps Ready to Intervene (15 members), and Gadsden READS (34 members).
- The Florida Literacy Coalition's AmeriCorps **VISTA** members recruit and train community volunteers to provide services to adult literacy learners in areas such as financial literacy, college/career pathways, health literacy, and ESOL. In 2009-2010, 88% of ESOL students reported that they had made progress in developing needed English skills. Over 500 students have received college/career services with 51% reporting they have seen some sort of advancement or promotion and 55% developed a career plan. VISTAs have also solicited in-kind donations, including a computer lab for one site and a school building for another. This building allowed the program to increase the number of classes and students, and leverage new partnerships and funding. Over the past 2 years the project has raised a total of \$279,035 in cash and \$1,094,326 non-cash donations.
- **RSVP** of Broward County recruited and placed retired and semi-retired executives and professionals with backgrounds like strategic planning, general operations, financial management, human resources, and communications at 62 nonprofit organizations to serve as pro-bono management consultants. This initiative was developed to address the needs of area nonprofits, and these nonprofits' boards and chief officers credit volunteers' consulting expertise in helping their organizations achieve greater scale, sustainability, and impact while demonstrating an outstanding return on the federal investment in RSVP. As a direct result of consultant services, 83% of the nonprofits demonstrated increased resilience during the current economic downturn; 94% reported enhanced understanding of what works and where improvements are needed; 89% developed a plan to enhance organizational capacity; 83% report they are implementing strategies they developed with RSVP volunteers.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 586,000 hours of service in Florida since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has recruited or coordinated 23,807 volunteers, supported 169 emergency response centers or other facilities, assisted 556,810 families in disaster areas, built 398 homes, and protected 240 homes from natural disasters. Recent project highlights include NCCC's collaboration with IH Center/Community Collaboration International in Niceville. In 2011, a team led 570 alternative spring break volunteers from 31 universities and colleges on numerous projects focused on long-term environmental recovery along coastline impacted by the British Petroleum (BP) Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Service projects took place at 20 different sites from Pensacola to Panama City.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 24,000 Florida students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is the Florida Campus Compact (FLICC) STEM Initiative, which provides grants to integrate service-learning into the teaching of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) at colleges and universities in Florida. Through the FLICC STEM Initiative, FLICC seeks to contribute to the development of a knowledge economy in Florida that is comprised of active, knowledgeable, and engaged citizens/STEM professionals, and encourage changes in behavior that creates a more sustainable future. The program affects over 5,000 students per year by engaging them in service activities using the STEM disciplines.