

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 Georgia

More than **16,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Georgia. Serving through **410** 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 **\$27,410,000** to support 410 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **4,300** Georgia seniors who annually contribute more than **1,428,470** hours valued at more than **\$30,512,090** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **1,400** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **115** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **2,600** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **320** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **1,800** Georgia 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 **7,870** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **1,001,580** hours of service valued at more than **\$21,393,850**
 - » Recruited more than **85,400** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$21,760,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Georgia** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Teach for America, United Way, Hands on Atlanta and Albany Police Department
 - » Since 1994, more than **14,000** Georgia residents have served more than **18 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$37,200,000**.
- **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 Georgia, **eight** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$1.1 million**.

Georgia Project Highlights

- In response to the large number of unemployed, **AmeriCorps** Service to Families operates a food pantry. In 2010-11, AmeriCorps Members provided emergency food assistance to 3,782 families, which computes to 11,490 people. AmeriCorps efforts resulted in over \$287,250 in food donations. The Fannin AmeriCorps program has been a stimulus to similar efforts in the community that have been motivated to begin new volunteer programs to help the needy. New organizations include Feed Fannin (64 active members raise gardens and food donations), Snack in a Backpack (25 active volunteers provides food for 360 needy children over the weekends), and Heat Fannin (raises heat assistance for the needy).
- United Way of the CSRA's "PROJECT UNITE" engages up to 4 veterans and Wounded Warriors in AmeriCorps **VISTA** service to support building a strong foundation of mentoring, networking and thought leadership. At host agency sites, such as the Augusta Warrior Project, Family Counseling Center, Family Y, and American Red Cross, VISTA members have trained 12 veteran volunteer mentors to support developing partnerships, recruit new mentors, and identifying veteran and Wounded Warrior needs. Fifty-two veteran and Wounded Warriors have been helped by the project. VISTAs continue to embrace the vision of veterans helping veterans as they develop relationships, identify shared partner goals, and work with stakeholders within the community to support a comprehensive approach that improves the lives of veterans, Wounded Warriors, and their families.
- The Marine Corps Logistics Base located in Albany partners with the Sowega Council on Aging **RSVP**. The RSVP program includes volunteers who construct wheelchair ramps throughout the community. The Relocation and Retired Affairs program of the Base refers veterans who are in need of a wheelchair ramp to RSVP. Twenty of the 23 RSVP "ramp crew" volunteers in 2011 were military veterans. The crew constructs an average of 2 ramps per week (spring, summer and fall), building 68 ramps in 2011. Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital partners with RSVP on the project, providing \$28,000 in in-kind support to purchase building materials and to cover the cost of meals for the crew on build days. The Hospital also provided a trailer to carry construction supplies and provided tee-shirts for the crew.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 279,000 hours of service in Georgia since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has recruited or coordinated 4,002 volunteers, planted 178,144 trees, constructed or restored 171 miles of hiking trail, tutored 3,887 students, and renovated or weatherized 92 homes. Recent project highlights include NCCC's collaboration with the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge (NRW), located in Folkston. In 2011, a team cleared seven miles of canoe trail that were rendered inaccessible by trees and debris left in the wake of a recent wildfire. The team also cleared vistas along the boardwalk and removed 130,600 pounds of obstructive brush which enriched the visitor experience.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 10,000 Georgia students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is the Community Opportunities that Motivate People and Enhance Learning and Service (COMPELS) project, which enhances and expands service-learning programs as part of teacher education at Georgia State University. The primary goals are to create a sustainable network of community partners with feedback loops to evaluate and demonstrate successes of service learning projects; to enhance service learning as a focal area in P12 teacher certification and development with a long-term focus via faculty development and establishment of tiered projects approach. Over 1,000 K-12 students benefits from the student teachers in this program each year.