National Service in Hawaii

Corporation for NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 Hawaii

More than **9,200** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Hawaii. Serving through **450** 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 **$7,480,000** to support 450 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **2,700** Hawaii seniors who annually contribute more than **604,250** hours valued at more than **$12,906,760** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - Provided **250** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **31** caregivers
  - Tutored or mentored more than **480** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - Helped more than **420** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **690** Hawaii 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 **10,000** disadvantaged children and youth
  - Provided more than **415,990** hours of service valued at more than **$8,885,740**
  - Recruited more than **7,090** volunteers
  - Raised more than **$4,340,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - Strengthened the reach and impact of **Hawaii** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Teach for America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Hawaii Youth conservation Corps, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Maui Economic Opportunity and Family Support Hawaii
  - Since 1994, more than **4,500** Hawaii residents have served more than **4.5 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **$9,850,000**.
- **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.

Hawaii Project Highlights

- The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii Project Laulima was created to meet the legal, social and economic needs of Hawaii's low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families. The goal is to provide holistic services to low income clients and strengthen the connection between low income legal and social service providers. **AmeriCorps** members provide one-on-one assistance such as case management, counseling and self-help workshops. Members develop and distribute materials to assist with legal, social, and economic problems as well as refer clients to partner agencies and design holistic approach to services. Today, 31 members are serving at thirteen service locations across Hawaii. Annually they assist more than 5,900 individuals, and 98% report they felt more prepared to address their legal, social or economic problem because of the services they received.

- The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) AmeriCorps **VISTA** project has greatly enhanced the organization's capacity to expand the reach and success of anti-poverty programs in Native Hawaiian communities. In 2011, two VISTA members developed tools and provided technical assistance to seven organizations enabling them to secure funding for local programs. Examples of successful grant applications include $35,000 for a Native Hawaiian Charter School to develop and implement new curriculum and $453,000 from Housing and Urban Development's Native American Housing and Self Determination Act. Additionally, a VISTA member participated in the capture team that secured a $3.1 million grant to implement the Hawaii Family Finance Project, a project that will provide statewide homebuyer education training and counseling services to 3,000 families.

- Two County of Maui **RSVP** volunteers designed, developed and now administer the Lahaiana Complex After School Tutoring Project in order to increase literacy and academic performance. From September 2010 - March 2011, an additional 50 RSVP volunteers have supported this project, serving nearly 4,000 hours and reaching 250 students at four public schools in grades 3 - 8. Results from Hawaii State Assessment tests reveal that 60% of participants improved their scores (measured by achievement of 290 points or higher) in reading and math. The best performance in math was seen in grades 6 and 7, with 85% and 86% improved scores respectively. The best performance in reading was also seen in grades 6 and 7, with 64% and 77% improved scores.

- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 76,000 hours of service in Hawaii since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has restored or protected 31,760 feet of coastal shoreline, repaired 3725 feet of irrigation systems, removed 34 tons of debris, and recruited and coordinated 7234 volunteers. Recent project highlights include energy conservation projects with Camp Mokule'ia, a camp that sits on 40 acres of ocean front property on Oahu's North Shore. Projects include installing waters-saving devices, such as catchment systems, composting toilets, and sustainable produce gardens. The project was designed to assist the camp in its efforts to model, make available, and teach environmentally sustainable practices consistent with the land-based value system of traditional Hawaiian culture.

- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 5,800 Hawaii students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is the Hawaii State Department of Education's subgrants to approximately ten public middle schools in high poverty areas across the state. This project, "Stewards of the Islands", engages middle school students in high-quality, environmentally-oriented community service projects that incorporate lesson plans from science or math classes in participating schools. Students work cooperatively to mitigate important community problems such as reducing ocean pollution, eradicating invasive species, or conserving resources such as fresh water. At least 3,000 students participate in this initiative annually.