

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 Iowa

More than **13,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Iowa. Serving through **1,100** 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 **\$17,410,000** to support 1,100 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **5,700** Iowa seniors who annually contribute more than **1,499,670** hours valued at more than **\$32,032,870** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **1,100** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **239** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **5,300** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **1,000** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **900** Iowa 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 **16,640** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **575,240** hours of service valued at more than **\$12,287,210**
 - » Recruited more than **48,130** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$11,730,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Iowa** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, YouthBuild, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Boys & Girls clubs, Iowa Legal Aid, Community Corrections Improvement Association and Prevent Child Abuse Iowa
 - » Vinton is home to a campus of **AmeriCorps NCCC**, a residential team-based program for 18-24 year-olds who carry out disaster, environmental, and education projects across Iowa and neighboring states.
 - » Since 1994, more than **7,400** Iowa residents have served more than **9.5 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$22,210,000**.
- **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 Iowa, **one** organization has received a SIF subgrant totaling more than **\$300,000**.

Iowa Project Highlights

- Green Iowa **AmeriCorps** develops and implements community-scale energy conservation, weatherization and outreach in four underserved urban and rural regions in eastern Iowa. 28 AmeriCorps members provide energy conservation services that would not otherwise be available for those in need, including home energy audits and weatherization for low-income and elderly residents, and education community-wide on personal actions that reduce energy consumption. Partnerships have led to greater impact, such as the installation of programmable thermostats in 14% of households of a rural community, and a thermal flyover of a community which pinpointed structures in need of weatherization. In a single year, AmeriCorps services created over \$72,000 of annual energy savings and reached over 14,000 individuals through their education efforts. Each year, the program will extend services to one new region.
- Iowa ranks 31st in total giving by foundations and 32nd in per capita giving by foundations; in contrast, Iowa's #2 ranking nationally for volunteerism shows that there is great opportunity to grow assets for charitable purposes in Iowa. In 2011 the Iowa Council of Foundations started a nine member statewide AmeriCorps **VISTA** program (stationed at 8 sites) focusing on expanding the state's network of individuals and volunteers and educating communities to ensure assets are retained in Iowa communities for charitable causes. After only 6 months of operations the program has leveraged \$766,331 in cash resources and \$8,811 in noncash resources through private donations, fundraisers, and endowments.
- Central Iowa **RSVP** (CIRVSP), serving Story and Marshall Counties, has three signature programs: transportation, public health, and volunteer management for disaster preparedness and response. In August 2010, when flooding shut down the city of Ames, home of Iowa State University, and compromised its water supply, CIRVSP volunteers stepped up to the plate. They processed more than 700 phone bank calls, mostly from community members who wanted to volunteer, as well as more than 400 individuals who donated their time and services to sandbag the river and set up and staff water distribution sites for residents of the Ames community. The RSVP volunteers' work resulted in 2,298 hours served by 867 volunteers during a period of only three days.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 372,000 hours of service in Iowa since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has coordinated over 23,000 volunteers, assisted over 320,000 people in disaster areas, refurbished over 290 homes for disaster victims, completed 4,500 damage assessments, and supported 3,200 students in extracurricular activities. Recent project highlights include NCCC's support of the Science Station in Cedar Rapids. The Science Station, a science and technology center that provides entertaining learning experiences that inspire and stimulate the imagination, which offers science based summer programs to over 2000 youth in Eastern Iowa. NCCC members helped serve the students by leading and assisting in classes on various science topics, developing class curriculum, supervising lunch activities, and maintaining the camp supplies.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 5,800 Iowa students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is REACH OUT IOWA (ROI), which impacted over 1,500 youth in 6 sites to create a climate of positive community change that recognizes strengths of youth. Through leadership development, community capacity building, service-learning, use of social media, training, technical assistance & collaboration, 6 sites in Iowa shifted their paradigm from community service to service-learning. Youth ages 12-17 were involved in community decision making & service-learning during out-of-school time.