National Service in Idaho

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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 Idaho

More than **6,400** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Idaho. Serving through **680** 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 **$6,490,000** to support 680 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **4,400** Idaho seniors who annually contribute more than **857,370** hours valued at more than **$18,313,530** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - Provided **910** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **125** caregivers
  - Tutored or mentored more than **1,300** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - Helped more than **640** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **320** Idaho 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 **8,230** disadvantaged children and youth
  - Provided more than **419,460** hours of service valued at more than **$8,959,770**
  - Recruited more than **9,830** volunteers
  - Raised more than **$4,000,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - Strengthened the reach and impact of **Idaho** affiliates of the Campus Compact,Student Conservation Association, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Catholic Charities, 4-H, Lewis-Clark State College and The Idaho Food Bank
  - Since 1994, more than **4,500** Idaho residents have served more than **6.4 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **$12,960,000**.
- **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.

Idaho Project Highlights

- Lewis-Clark Service Corps (LCSC) engages 107 **AmeriCorps** members as tutors and mentors in schools and other institutions throughout Idaho. They help students to successfully deal with the challenges of staying in or returning to school and planning for their future. In 2010-2011, AmeriCorps Members recruited and trained 919 community volunteers as tutors and mentors and leveraged 2,879 volunteers, including 232 Baby Boomers and 554 disadvantaged youth, to assist with a variety of service projects. Members tutored 6,866 K-6 grade students and 82% achieved higher grades. Members mentored 4,863 individuals, focusing on dropout prevention. Post mentoring, 80% indicated an increased interest in their education. Lewis-Clark State College was named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and awarded the Governor's Brightest Star Volunteer of the Year.

- The Idaho Reads project has 19 AmeriCorps **VISTA** members working statewide in 18 Title I Elementary Schools to build programs to improve reading achievement. In the first three months of this school year, Idaho Reads recruited and trained 859 volunteers to tutor 6,260 students through 45 literacy training events. In order to more fully engage parents in their children's school success, VISTAs have organized 14 Family Literacy Events that have involved 3,423 students and 2763 adults in activities that model what parents can do to help their children succeed in school. VISTAs members are creating robust learning environments through partnerships that involve parents, grandparents, and community service organizations, students of all ages and the business community to invest time, energy and money to improve school success.

- The **RSVP** Program operating in Boise/Nampa area (southwest Idaho) has done outstanding work in support of food related programs. This past year in the Nampa area alone, 70+ RSVP volunteers working in 14 meals on wheels programs have prepared, assembled and delivered 118,000 meals to 835 at risk seniors. The Boise program has nearly twice this number of volunteers, meals delivered and seniors served. Estimates for the 2012 program year are that 200+ RSVP volunteers will prepare and deliver over 250,000 home delivered meals serving more than 2,000 food insecure seniors. RSVP also contributes significantly in the operation of numerous food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and special food drives. In all, over 150 RSVP volunteers assisting these groups help feed nearly 5,000 households.

- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 101,000 hours of service in Idaho since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has suppressed or contained fires on 108,433 acres of land, planted 61,633 new trees, protected 631,497 feet of riverbanks, and recruited or coordinated 4,156 volunteers. Recent project highlights include NCCC's collaboration with the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. An NCCC team served to make facility improvements at the Stonebraker Ranch. The team renovated ranch infrastructure, including maintaining solar and water systems, building repair and maintenance, fence and trail maintenance, as well as the removal of invasive plants and dead and hazardous trees to improve the grounds.

- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 1,600 Idaho students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. The Learn and Serve Idaho program enhances education by expanding high-quality service-learning into K-12 schools as a strategy to improve retention and graduation through increased civic and academic engagement focusing on areas with large numbers of youth in high poverty and disadvantaged circumstances, and using a community development model taking on real issues such as education deficit, hunger and homelessness, to build stronger, healthier communities.