

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 Kansas

More than **7,700** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Kansas. Serving through **1,000** 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 1,000 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **5,900** Kansas seniors who annually contribute more than **1,342,020** hours valued at more than **\$28,665,530** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **780** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **233** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **8,700** 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 **270** Kansas 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 **30,270** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **321,390** hours of service valued at more than **\$6,864,830**
 - » Recruited more than **17,680** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$2,830,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Kansas** affiliates of the Communities in Schools, Student Conservation Association, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Boys & Girls Clubs, Kansas State University, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks and Interfaith Ministries Wichita
 - » Since 1994, more than **6,400** Kansas residents have served more than **7.8 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$16,790,000**.
- **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.

Kansas Project Highlights

- The Kansas Outdoor **AmeriCorps** Action Team recruits members who serve in the areas of environmental restoration, education and disaster response. During 2010-2011, 53 AmeriCorps members completed 340 environmental projects. This included a total of 32 miles of trails being built or maintained. 1,568,262 people visited Kansas State parks and benefited from the members' environmental service. In addition, the program held 147 environmental education sessions reaching 11,847 individuals. Finally, the program provided disaster response services to communities impacted by tornadoes in Reading, Tushka (Oklahoma), and Joplin (Missouri), while providing ongoing services to the tornado-devastated Greensburg community.
- Washburn University in Topeka serves as an intermediary organization, connecting AmeriCorps **VISTA** resources to multiple organizations in the surrounding area. Members focus on expanding the capacity at the organizations where they are serving. Last year, 28 members leveraged \$208,846 dollars and more than \$59,765 in non-cash resources. At least 80% of VISTA members established at least one new low-income-focused partnership at their corresponding organization in 2011.
- Four County Mental Health Center **RSVP** in Independence is recruiting volunteers and resources to address the needs of impoverished communities in Southeast Kansas. Recruitment efforts are focused on local veterans, comprising over 9% of the local population, through partnering with local veteran service organizations. Service categories include companionship or outreach, congregate meals, senior citizen assistance, transportation, and food collection or distribution. This is a new RSVP but already, 100% of the nonprofits who benefited from the recruited volunteers reported they were able to sustain or enhance services to the community due to the service of RSVP volunteers. Their September 11th Day of Service events honored 85 local service men and women. The community pledged over 25,000 hours of community service through the Blue Star Families Honor Card program.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 33,000 hours of service in Kansas since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has served 5,040 meals to disaster victims, removed 339 tons of debris, recruited or coordinated 13,086 volunteers, refurbished 276 homes for disaster victims, assisted 3,527 people in disaster areas. Recent Kansas highlights include a project with Greensburg GreenTown. NCCC members led disaster recovery projects with a lens toward environmental stewardship and conservation. The team engaged in hands-on work related to tornado recovery, energy efficiency and home weatherization, green building, and community service community education. Additional tasks included building compost bins, community-wide lot clean-up, and volunteer coordination of various groups engaged in service.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 1,400 Kansas students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. The overarching goal of the Learn and Serve Kansas program is to expand opportunities for every Kansas student- beginning in kindergarten- to participate in structured community service projects that improve academic performance, meet community needs, develop a strong sense of civic responsibility, promote personal growth and at the same time, address the community's unmet human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs.