

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 Kentucky

More than **43,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Kentucky. Serving through **620** 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 **\$14,770,000** to support 620 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **5,400** Kentucky seniors who annually contribute more than **1,878,650** hours valued at more than **\$40,128,010** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **850** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **642** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **2,000** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **560** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **660** Kentucky 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 **38,200** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **994,090** hours of service valued at more than **\$21,233,720**
  - » Recruited more than **28,470** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$7,120,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Kentucky** affiliates of the United Way, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Catholic Charities, Operation UNITE, Christian Appalachian Project and Eastern Kentucky University
  - » Since 1994, more than **7,800** Kentucky residents have served more than **7.2 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$25,480,000**.
- **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 Kentucky, the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky has received **\$3 million** in SIF funding to support community nonprofit organizations across the state. In addition, **13** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$4.7 million**.

## Kentucky Project Highlights

- Last year, 52 Kentucky **AmeriCorps** Build Corps members served at 38 services sites across Kentucky to eliminate the threat of homelessness and to fulfill the promise of affordable housing for all Kentuckians. These members built 26 homes and rehabilitated or weatherized an additional 62. They helped 6,726 individuals to maintain their housing and obtained permanent or transitional housing for another 1,440 individuals. In addition, they also engaged 3,979 community volunteers who provided an additional 44,237 hours of service to these same communities. Whether serving as builders or housing counselors in homeless or domestic violence shelters, Build Corps members strive to leave the communities they serve better than they found them.
- Hardin County Schools serve children of frequently-deployed military families near the Fort Knox Army base. Children's reactions to deployment vary, but sudden separations and dramatic family changes can commonly include loss of stability and control. Hardin County Schools' mentoring program uses volunteers to help children overcome anxieties, focus on their schoolwork, and provide another caring person in their lives. Three AmeriCorps **VISTA** members developed a manual and program guide for the "One Hour Revolution" community-based mentoring program to match mentors with students. The schools will be able to partner with other resources to administer the program after the VISTAs' terms finish. In the past year, 48 volunteer mentors were recruited to serve at the three initial schools, and the program will be rolled out to 3 new schools in 2012-2013.
- Bluegrass Community Action Agency's **Senior Companion Program** works through local senior service agencies within a five county service area of central Kentucky to serve homebound seniors to help them maintain their health and independent living. The service area is comprised of 1628 residents age 85 or older who live in rural geographically isolated areas. 41 Senior Companions served 42,804 volunteer hours in 2011 to provide 90 clients companionship and in-home assistance from one to five times per week to prevent premature institutionalization. Outreach efforts generated referrals from local home health agencies, senior housing facilities, public housing facilities, local hospice agencies, senior centers, hospitals, physicians and family members. Services provided by volunteers included: social interaction, assistance with activities of daily living, community resource education, meal preparation, transportation and shopping.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 110,000 hours of service in Kentucky since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has provided clothing to 129,547 people, recruited or coordinated 6,174 volunteers, assisted 1,837 families in disaster areas, removed 274 tons of debris or underbrush, and constructed, renovated, or weatherized 95 homes. NCCC has supported the Angel Tree Program of The Salvation Army-Louisville Command since 2004. NCCC teams have led approximately 5,000 volunteers in all stages of the gift-giving program, including registration, organizing and preparing Angel Tree bags, and distribution. The teams have supported an estimated 65,000 children through the Angel Tree Program.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 34,000 Kentucky students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is the Kentucky University Partnership in Environmental Education (KUPEE), partnered with Earth Force (a national service learning provider) and Brandeis University's Center for Youth and Communities, which integrates service learning into the environmental education programs at universities across the state as a means to increase energy conservation. Via the KUPEE Energy Initiative, four universities incorporate service learning into their teacher education programs. Annually, the program engages roughly 180 college students and 2,000 K-12 students in high-quality service learning projects.