

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 Maine

More than **6,500** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Maine. Serving through **600** 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 **\$6,100,000** to support 600 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **2,200** Maine seniors who annually contribute more than **579,020** hours valued at more than **\$12,367,910** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **820** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **245** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **1,800** 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 **290** Maine 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 **2,800** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **167,010** hours of service valued at more than **\$3,567,380**
  - » Recruited more than **5,050** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$2,960,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Maine** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill Industries, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Maine Conservation Corps, Penobscot Community Health Care, Maine Parent Federation and Tri-County Mental Health Services
    - » Since 1994, more than **4,900** Maine residents have served more than **6.7 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$14,920,000**.
- **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.

## Maine Project Highlights

- The Community Resource Corps (CRC) **AmeriCorps** Program implements and improves the use of volunteer management best practices at non-profit and public agencies, municipalities and schools throughout Maine, helping them operate or expand valuable community programs. Operating in 12 of Maine's 16 counties, CRC's 75 AmeriCorps members served 20 local agencies during FY2011. Over the year, all 20 agencies showed a significant increase in their use of volunteer management essential practices. CRC members recruited and managed 3,166 community volunteers who provided over 34,000 hours of volunteer service, valued at nearly \$646,000. CRC was designed to increase community response to identified needs. By enhancing volunteer management skills in nonprofits, both rural and urban, AmeriCorps members increase communities' ability to take action on their own.
- The Maine State Commission AmeriCorps **VISTA** Intermediary Project has eight VISTA members addressing issues specific to Veterans and their families across the state of Maine. Three of the eight members are Veterans themselves. They are working at university campuses, health care providers, and legal aid offices. Many partnerships have been developed, including the Togus VA Medical Center Homeless Veterans Project, Disabled American Veterans Maine National Guard, Old Town Communities That Care, Maine Exploration/Foundation, Bodwell Center on Volunteerism, Portland Vet Center, Goodwill Industries of Northern New England, Central Maine Community College, Veterans for Peace, Maine Military Community Network, Kennebec County Sheriff, and the American Legion. Results include a local access television program on women veterans, veteran's court legislation, a veterans' website, needs assessment surveys, and construction of an emergency shelter for veterans.
- For the past 30 years, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension's Senior Companion Program has provided a cost effective solution to help Maine's older adults remain in their own home. The **SCP** serves 14 of Maine's 16 counties and offers an opportunity for volunteers 55+ with limited incomes to provide companionship and non-medical support to older adults who are homebound and/or isolated. The program's Economic Impact Report shows that in one county alone, the program saved \$4.6 million in one year in Medicaid costs by making regularly scheduled visits. These people suffered from at least one chronic illness and would otherwise be living in a long term care facility paid by Medicaid. In 2011, 131 Senior Companions provided 96,634 hours of service to 568 clients throughout the state.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 102,000 hours of service in Maine since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has served 8,280 meals, planted 8,830 trees, recruited or coordinated 1,014 volunteers, removed 50 tons of debris or underbrush, and constructed or restored 103 miles of hiking trails. Recent project highlights include NCCC projects with Habitat for Humanity Seven Rivers where NCCC helped meet pressing community needs for home weatherization, especially for disabled and elderly citizens. A team's work to seal windows and doors, install insulation, energy-efficient doors and windows helped enhance energy savings and winter safety for low income individuals and families throughout the community.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 3,900 Maine students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is Youth as Citizen Scientists, an initiative that brings together KIDS Consortium, the MaineMath and Science Alliance, Brandeis University, four Departments of Education and experienced service learning practitioners from 6 Design Sites to create high quality SL/STEM practice in 4 high need Expansion Sites and to an additional 1,000 STEM educators nationally. Annually the project engages over 700 students annually in projects that involve math and science to address community issues. To achieve this goal, the project also trains over 50 teachers to use the teacher methodology.