

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 Missouri

More than **24,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Missouri. Serving through **910** 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 **\$16,690,000** to support 910 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **7,400** Missouri seniors who annually contribute more than **1,172,430** hours valued at more than **\$25,043,040** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **900** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **149** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **3,500** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **830** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **960** Missouri 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 **31,170** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **739,300** hours of service valued at more than **\$15,791,490**
  - » Recruited more than **33,760** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$8,990,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Missouri** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Teach for America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, Safety Service Corps and Butler County Community Resource Council
    - » Since 1994, more than **10,000** Missouri residents have served more than **14 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$29,820,000**.
- **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 Missouri, the Missouri Foundation for Health has received **\$2 million** in SIF funding to support community nonprofit organizations across the state. In addition, **12** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$2.1 million**.

## Missouri Project Highlights

- The Safety Service Corps, known as the Emergency Response Team (ERT), addresses critical unmet needs in the areas of disaster services and environmental stewardship. Since 1994, the ERT has assisted over 30 states by quickly responding to underserved and overwhelmed disaster-affected communities, leveraging coordinated volunteers and assisting emergency management and disaster relief organizations to address immediate needs and develop an enhanced capacity to recover, especially for vulnerable populations. From December 2010 – December 2011, 35 **AmeriCorps** members generated over 470,500 volunteer hours, providing disaster assistance to over 2,900 households, assisted in the removal of more than 3 million cubic yards of debris, and helped contain numerous Missouri wildfires. Locations impacted include Southeast and Southwest Missouri, St. Louis and Joplin.
- The PAVE Eldon-Joplin AmeriCorps **VISTA** project initially focused on the low-income community of Eldon, but in 2011 expanded into Joplin to assist with disaster recovery after the tornado. Eleven members serve Eldon; 3 currently serve Joplin. In each community, members are implementing and strengthening programming to improve academic performance. In Eldon last year, members leveraged 114 community volunteers to serve in schools. The project also enrolled 40 Summer Associates who implemented programming to serve 160 students. In Joplin, members ensure students have necessary supplies, as many of them have relocated to FEMA trailers or lost personal belongings. In the first few weeks of serving Joplin, over 100 coats were paired with children who had been without coats all winter.
- Pemiscot and New Madrid Counties **RSVP** program, sponsored by South East Missouri Area Agency on Aging in Caruthersville, addresses community needs in two of the poorest counties in Missouri. This program has 213 dedicated volunteers who served hundreds of hours sandbagging the banks of the Mississippi River as it threatened their communities during the 2011 flood season. During the 2011 tax return season, RSVP volunteers assisted disabled and elderly individuals file claims that resulted in \$46,902 in refunds to the residents of these two poverty-stricken counties.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 199,000 hours of service in Missouri since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has assisted 268,837 people in disaster areas, recruited or coordinated 43,487 volunteers, served 22,784 meals in disaster areas, completed 3,561 damage assessments, and removed 191 tons of debris. Recent project highlights include ongoing disaster recovery work throughout the Joplin community. Over 200 NCCC members have served in Joplin, supporting many aspects of recovery including volunteer management, case management, debris removal, beautification, home re-building, and Operation Rising Eagle, a project in which bricks from the destroyed high school were recovered, cleaned up, stamped with a picture of the school and sold by community members to raise money for the library in the new high school.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 15,000 Missouri students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is Donnelly College's Introduction to Urban Education, which offered classroom tutoring to children in the Kansas City, Missouri Public School District at Westport Elementary. Students interested in pursuing a career in education specifically in an urban setting provided assistance to teachers at the elementary school at several site visits. Due to a lack of teacher assistance at the school, 90 Donnelly students provided help by assisting the teachers in various grade levels with their students class work.