

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 Mississippi

More than **12,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Mississippi. Serving through **530** 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 **\$27,790,000** to support 530 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **4,000** Mississippi seniors who annually contribute more than **1,438,180** hours valued at more than **\$30,719,500** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:

- » Provided **450** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **66** caregivers
- » Tutored or mentored more than **2,300** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
- » Helped more than **450** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges

- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **1,600** Mississippi 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 **57,710** disadvantaged children and youth
- » Provided more than **9,541,670** hours of service valued at more than **\$20,380,980**
- » Recruited more than **33,760** volunteers
- » Raised more than **\$22,570,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve

- » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Mississippi** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Youth Build, Mississippi Delta Service Corps, America Reads Mississippi and University of Southern MS

- » Vicksburg is home to a campus of **AmeriCorps NCCC**, a residential team-based program for 18-24 year-olds who carry out disaster, environmental, and education projects across Mississippi and neighboring states.

- » Since 1994, more than **12,000** Mississippi residents have served more than **25 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$44,820,000**.

- **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 Mississippi, **two** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$250,000**.

Mississippi Project Highlights

- LIFE (Living Independence for Everyone)/Project LINC **AmeriCorps** ensures that individuals with disabilities have a choice in where they live, work, recreate and worship, and that individuals residing in or at risk of moving into institutional settings can access services to live in the community. 95% of Project LINC AmeriCorps members are individuals with disabilities. In nine years, members have successfully transitioned 140 individuals from nursing facilities into their own homes, provided skills training to 3,667 individuals to maintain independence, conducted 433 ADA surveys, and recruited 5,768 volunteers who provided 46,100 hours of service. Beyond the positive effects of independent living on quality of life, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid reports that each individual transitioned from institutional care to home and community based services saves the state \$37,000 annually.
- In 2011, the Mississippi Delta Service Corps/AmeriCorps **VISTA** program engaged 16 VISTA members and 35 VISTA Summer Associates to build capacity within grassroots organizations. They served 14,450 low-income adults and disadvantaged youths in the areas of financial asset development, workforce development and training, youth/adult education, and community health outreach. The initiatives were successful through the help of 1,277 community volunteers, who served more than 7,828 hours. Thirty-one percent of the financial asset development participants improved their financial decisions; 43% of the health outreach participants changed to living a healthier lifestyle. Fifty-eight percent of the workforce development participants entered/reentered the workforce and enrolled in skill training. 62% of the youth education participants improved in their reading and math levels, and the adult participants enrolled in GED programs or community college.
- The Foster Grandparent Program (**FGP**) of the Capital Area primarily focuses on improving educational outcomes of disadvantaged children in Hinds, Rankin, and Madison counties in central Mississippi. In 2011, 85 FGP volunteers mentored 607 children identified as having intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD), emotional or social problems, and/or behavior issues. In Head Start and preschool classrooms, 95% of children served improved in two of three priority areas and 89% were promoted to the next level. In public schools and state institutions, 93% of children with IDD served had increased ability to follow directions and improved social and cognitive skills. According to an annual evaluation by teachers, volunteers had a moderate to significant impact on the quality of life of 95% of children served.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 1,044,000 hours of service in Mississippi since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has recruited or coordinated 45,167 volunteers, collected or distributed 125 tons of clothing, completed 16,252 damage assessments, assisted 50,901 families in disaster areas, and refurbished 1,659 homes for disaster victims. Recent project highlights include NCCC's longstanding collaboration with Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland Area. In 2011, one team assisted in the construction of 17 homes resulting in 34 individuals returning to the Hurricane Katrina-devastated Gulf Coast. During this project, the team coordinated 575 volunteers from across the country.