

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 North Carolina

More than **15,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in North Carolina. Serving through **1,100** 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 **\$17,930,000** to support 1,100 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **8,200** North Carolina seniors who annually contribute more than **2,159,280** hours valued at more than **\$46,122,260** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **760** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **124** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **1,900** 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 **1,100** North Carolina 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 **11,730** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **710,343** hours of service valued at more than **\$15,172,930**
 - » Recruited more than **85,570** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$10,250,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **North Carolina** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Points of Light Foundation, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Teach for America, East Carolina School of Education, UNCG and Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy
 - » Since 1994, more than **14,000** North Carolina residents have served more than **18 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$39,480,000**.
- **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 North Carolina, **nine** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$2.8 million**.

North Carolina Project Highlights

- The Carolina College Advising Corps seeks to help low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented students find their way to college. Since August, most members were focused on ensuring that their students register for and take the standard college entrance exams including the SAT or ACT. **AmeriCorps** members assisted 439 students to register for the ACT and 1,208 students to register for the SAT. Of those registrations, members assisted 291 students in accessing an ACT fee waiver and 1,031 students in accessing an SAT fee waiver. These fee waivers saved students a total of \$64,924. This feat was the result of eighteen members serving over 13,600 high school students, in both individual and group sessions. These members are positive role models, and often mentors to the students they serve.
- The Asheville City Schools Foundation AmeriCorps **VISTA** project supports community non-profit organizations, building capacity for new programs and developing resources to expand or strengthen services. At the Asheville Homeless Initiative, access to transportation is recognized as one of the biggest challenges facing people in a housing crisis. VISTA member Kat McCrory helped guide through a proposal to the City of Asheville to reduce the price of bus passes/tickets by 50% for agencies working to end homelessness. The Asheville City Council voted unanimously to support the request. As a result, nine agencies are able to purchase twice as many tickets, thereby reducing barriers to transportation. In the aggregate, the ten members in this project have recruited and supported nearly 600 volunteers who serve in various capacities within local organizations.
- In Goldsboro, the WAGES **Foster Grandparent Program** has 40 volunteers serving in three elementary schools. In these schools, from 80% to 96% of the student population is eligible for free or reduced lunch and only 36% to 49% of third graders read at grade level. The children have multiple impediments to learning, and each FGP volunteer worked with two children over the course of two school years developing skills related to language and social interaction. By the end of the period, 96% of students served showed improvement in conflict resolution and other social interaction skills. In addition, 96% of students showed significant improvement in cognitive thinking. Finally, the percentage of children reading at grade level increased by an average of thirteen percentage points across the three schools.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 150,000 hours of service in North Carolina since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has recruited or coordinated 5,916 volunteers, collected or distributed 135 tons of clothing, removed 168.5 tons of debris or exotic vegetation, assisted 18,043 people in disaster areas, and constructed, renovated, or weatherized 160 homes. Recent project highlights include NCCC's work with North Carolina Baptist Men and local volunteers under Pamlico County Emergency Management in recovery efforts from Hurricane Irene. An NCCC team directly assisted almost 1,000 people through the management of a distribution and volunteer center in addition to mucking 21 homes and clearing 15 tons of debris.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 5,600 North Carolina students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is a collaboration between the International Center for Service-Learning in Teacher Education at Duke University, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. This national partnership on "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers with Transformative Practice: Engaging All Learners through Service-Learning (EASL)" provides diverse and adaptable models for preparing pre-service teachers to implement high-quality service learning and promote service learning as a practice for program accreditation. EASL provides over 500 pre-service teachers the opportunity to practice service learning in the classroom. These teachers reach over 2,700 K-12 students to increase academic engagement through service learning.