

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 Dakota

More than **3,500** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in North Dakota. Serving through **660** 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 **\$2,760,000** to support 660 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **3,300** North Dakota seniors who annually contribute more than **837,240** hours valued at more than **\$17,883,470** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **770** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **207** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **2,700** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **640** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **180** North Dakota 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 **2,000** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **87,680** hours of service valued at more than **\$1,872,802**
  - » Recruited more than **3,260** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$1,180,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **North Dakota** affiliates of the YMCA, North Dakota State University, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Housing Authority, City of Grand Forks, YouthWorks and Kidz Count
    - » Since 1994, more than **1,300** North Dakota residents have served more than **1.5 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$3,230,000**.
- **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.

## North Dakota Project Highlights

- For over 20 years, Youthworks has been working with at-risk youth and young adults. The service activities include working with youth who have been suspended from school, youth who are transitioning back to school from juvenile detention facilities and young adults who are homeless because of family or parent issues. The impact this project is having on the communities they serve is fewer youth are repeat out-of-school suspension offenders, youth who were incarcerated and are placed back in their communities are transitioning much better, and youth who are having family or parent issues are receiving support and assistance in dealing with parents and expectations of them. With the help of **AmeriCorps** members, 4,705 youth received intervention through street outreach, including 263 at-risk youth 288 out-of-school suspension students.
- Three AmeriCorps **VISTA** members serving with the UND Center for Community Engagement in Grand Forks and backed by the Mayors Urban Neighborhood Initiative adopted the Near North Neighborhood (NNN) project, a partnership between the Grand Forks Office of Urban Development and the NNN Association. The focus has been developing communication and evaluation plans to improve the neighborhood identity and the engagement of current neighbors. The NNN has also run many successful events, and to date has recruited 138 volunteers through UND and current neighbors with the goal of working towards safer streets, neighborhood beautification, and civic involvement.
- In the Bone Builders Programs of North Dakota State University **RSVP** in Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, & Minot, 112 volunteers reported 1890 hours training for and leading RSVP Bone Builders classes. These research-based classes are designed to prevent- and even reverse- the negative effects of osteoporosis through specific balance and weight-bearing exercises. As a Program of National Significance project begun only a year ago, they exceeded their goal and launched 50 exercise sites across the state. Volunteer trainers led more than 600 class participants through exercise classes as well as other related health education topics. RSVP Bone Builders classes allow seniors to improve their physical strength, balance and flexibility as well as offer them an opportunity for socialization in small group settings.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 48,800 hours of service in North Dakota since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has renovated approximately 70 buildings, constructed or restored 15 miles of trail, cleared over 200 acres of unwanted brush or exotic vegetation, filled or installed over 5,500 sandbags, and mucked or gutted over 160 homes after a disaster. During the summer and fall of 2011, NCCC provided disaster recovery services through Lutheran Disaster Response to Williston and Minot. Due to excessive water tables, winter snows and saturated grounds, flooding occurred statewide in North Dakota. Minot and surrounding areas have over 4,000 homes impacted with large amounts of flood water and only approximately 375 homeowners with flood insurance. Teams removed debris, mucked and gutted, cleaned and sanitized homes.