National Service in New Hampshire

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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 New Hampshire

More than **4,200** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in New Hampshire. Serving through **640** 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 **$6,890,000** to support 640 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **3,500** New Hampshire seniors who annually contribute more than **594,310** hours valued at more than **$12,694,480** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - Provided **490** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **110** caregivers
  - Tutored or mentored more than **3,700** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - Helped more than **620** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **240** New Hampshire 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 **4,420** disadvantaged children and youth
  - Provided more than **341,080** hours of service valued at more than **$7,285,550**
  - Recruited more than **12,140** volunteers
  - Raised more than **$4,710,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - Strengthened the reach and impact of **New Hampshire** affiliates of the Catholic Charities, Student Conservation Association, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including City Year, Campus Compact, New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and Familes In Transition
  - Since 1994, more than **4,200** New Hampshire residents have served more than **6 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **$13,960,000**.
- **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.

New Hampshire Project Highlights

- Standing on the shoulders of almost 400 members before them, today there are 30 Student Conservation Association **AmeriCorps** members continuing the 18th year of the residential corps in New Hampshire. In the first half of 2012 they will serve over 1200 children in elementary and high school programs, teaching environmental science and fostering hands-on stewardship service projects in their communities. In the second half of the year they serve on conservation teams where they will build and/or restore miles of trails, provide acres of habitat restoration, interpret for thousands of Park visitors, and lead two dozen high school youth in providing Forest Service land protection. Each year, SCA members provide over 1200 Manchester youth with hands on experience and education in environmental science and implement over 15 team projects.

- The Families in Transition AmeriCorps **VISTA** Program sponsors 31 VISTAs stationed at 26 nonprofit and government agencies across New Hampshire. In 2011, 37 VISTAs recruited 1,612 volunteers and raised $730,000 for their host site organizations. In the first 4 months of service, VISTA members recruited 826 volunteers that served over 75,000 hours with an estimated value of $1,563,750. VISTA member Levi Kafka secured vouchers worth $78,600 that will house at least nine homeless veterans and as many as 24 of their family members. These will be the only apartments in NH dedicated to homeless veterans with larger families. For another property, he helped raise $25,000 in cash and $287,500 in state tax credits which are expected to yield another $230,000 in cash toward developing permanent housing for five homeless veterans.

- North Conway Community Center **RSVP** is located in northern and very rural Carroll County. One of the biggest challenges for low-income older adults and persons with disabilities is the lack of a public transportation system, which makes it difficult for those individuals to remain independently living in their homes. RSVP volunteers have stepped up to meet this tremendous need through the RSVP Transportation Program which provides medical transportation and Meals on Wheels. In 2011, 175 RSVP volunteers provided round-trip services totaling over 125,000 miles to over 494 low-income individuals. Over 73,000 meals were delivered and $22,000 of local funding was leveraged to assist with mileage reimbursement to RSVP volunteers.

- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 71,000 hours of service in New Hampshire since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has constructed or restored 51 miles of hiking trails, assisted 240 people in disaster areas, recruited or coordinated 311 volunteers, and removed 117 tons of debris or underbrush. Recent project highlights include NCCC's support for the Department of Human Services Emergency Services Unit and the American Red Cross. NCCC members surveyed existing and potential emergency shelter sites in 75% of New Hampshire's towns and entered shelter information into the Red Cross national shelter database. This NCCC team helped to increase disaster readiness for the majority of New Hampshire's citizens. The team also helped provide immediate disaster assistance to flood victims in the northern part of the state.