



# AMERICORPS NCCC

Atlantic Region

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The state of New Jersey is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region. Located in Perry Point at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, the Atlantic Region campus houses approximately 200 members and team leaders each year and serves the District of Columbia, the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members, assigned to one of five regional campuses, are organized into teams of approximately ten members and serve in local communities in every state responding to needs that are identified by community-based organizations. Approximately 1200 members serve in NCCC each year.

Teams serve with local and national organizations, providing an infusion of resources and leading volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and hundreds of other organizations. These dedicated and energetic young adults lead youth development activities, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address other pressing local needs. A flexible program structure allows for partnership with organization that might lack the capacity to manage grant programs and for strategic collaboration with other national service programs to magnify the impact on the communities served.

As the federal government's direct national service wing, NCCC's structure allows for rapid deployment of teams in emergencies. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, NCCC teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. **Since 2000, NCCC members have served more than 4.7 million hours on over 1,760 disaster services projects.**

## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN NEW JERSEY SINCE 2000

## SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Over **168,000** service hours since 2000
- ★ Service valued at **\$3.6** million
- ★ **32,000** people assisted in disaster areas
- ★ **135** Community Gardens started or maintained
- ★ Assisted **2,500** at risk youth
- ★ Removed **45** tons of debris, underbrush and exotic vegetation
- ★ Collected, inventoried and distributed **5** tons of food and **3.75** tons of clothing
- ★ Over **4,000** students supported in extracurricular programming
- ★ Camden City Garden Club – Camden Children's Garden
- ★ Camden Shipyard and Maritime Museum
- ★ Trail Blazers Camp
- ★ Respond, Inc.
- ★ Camp Vacamas
- ★ NJ Volunteer Commission
- ★ Metro Camden Habitat for Humanity

*In 2009, with the help of AmeriCorps NCCC, the Camden City Garden Club, Inc. created 31 new community gardens – 25 of them faith-based. From 2010-2011, 51 additional gardens were added. A total of 116 community gardens are now growing nutritious food throughout the City of Camden, NJ. Our partnership with AmeriCorps NCCC helps demonstrate the concept that people living in a small, very poor city employ gardening in diverse ways to address issues of hunger, health, youth, aging, and other social, ecological, and economic challenges.*

-Valerie Frick  
Camden Children's Garden

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