

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 Jersey

More than **18,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in New Jersey. Serving through **880** 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 **\$16,760,000** to support 880 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **6,300** New Jersey seniors who annually contribute more than **191,440** hours valued at more than **\$40,956,582** 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 **77** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **1,700** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **800** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **1,800** New Jersey 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 **21,770** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **634,490** hours of service valued at more than **\$13,552,830**
 - » Recruited more than **13,340** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$11,500,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **New Jersey** affiliates of the Salvation Army, Jumpstart, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Teach for America, Jefferson Park Ministries and Rutgers University
 - » Since 1994, more than **17,000** New Jersey residents have served more than **23 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$51,370,000**.
- **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 New Jersey, **three** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$441,000**.

New Jersey Project Highlights

- With a high school dropout rate of more than 25% and child abuse, neglect, and alcoholic/drug addicted parents a commonality, it is an accomplishment for a child to succeed being raised in Newark. To combat these issues, 30 **AmeriCorps** members have been assigned to serve more than 27,000 mentoring hours with the 90 youth attending Salvation Army after-school programs each day. Salvation Army AmeriCorps members provide a safe environment, homework help, a hot meal each night, and also serve as a role model for their mentees. AmeriCorps members have developed close, one-to-one relationships with 91% of the youth attending Salvation Army programs.
- AmeriCorps **VISTAs** have helped North Start Academy Charter School meet its mission to close the achievement gap for children in Newark. VISTAs have been charged with building strong systems to support high quality enrichment programs to better prepare young people for higher education. This year, across the seven schools, three VISTAs have built and successfully maintained more than 40 afterschool programs and initiatives for more than 700 students. VISTAs have developed critical systems that have allowed North Star students have a safe place and rigorous activities to occupy them in the critical afterschool hours for many years to come.
- Reading Buddies, a signature project developed by Monmouth County **RSVP**, is an innovative early-childhood literacy development program that advances literacy skills and creates enthusiastic, confident young readers in 17 public schools. The program uses a small-group, read-aloud strategy implemented by volunteer readers which augments the school reading curriculum. Reading Buddies is the only in-school reading program in Monmouth County and last year linked 215 RSVP volunteers with more than 1,600 elementary-aged students in grades K-2. Statewide, 63% of third grade students test at or above proficient in language arts and in the Reading Buddies partner schools that number is 53%. After a year of the program in their classroom, teachers report that 75% of Reading Buddies participants read at grade level and 85% have an increased motivation to read.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 168,000 hours of service in New Jersey since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has assisted 2,503 at-risk youth, renovated 106 buildings, started or tended 135 community gardens, served 1,222 meals, supported 178 disaster services facilities, and assisted 32,086 people in disaster areas. Recent project highlights include NCCC's response to devastating flooding in New Jersey in early fall of 2011. NCCC teams helped to provide shelter services, coordinate volunteers, and distribute emergency relief supplies to disaster victims in several counties. NCCC support increased the capacity of the Red Cross and other relief organizations to respond effectively to citizens in need of shelter and assistance.