

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 Mexico

More than **7,300** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in New Mexico. Serving through **680** 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 **\$9,120,000** to support 680 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **5,800** New Mexico seniors who annually contribute more than **2,274,920** hours valued at more than **\$48,592,291** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:

- » Provided **1,200** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **101** caregivers
- » Tutored or mentored more than **1,700** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
- » Helped more than **580** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges

- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **740** New Mexico 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 **7,170** disadvantaged children and youth
- » Provided more than **620,130** hours of service valued at more than **\$13,246,100**
- » Recruited more than **11,930** volunteers
- » Raised more than **\$6,540,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve

- » Strengthened the reach and impact of **New Mexico** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Teach for America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Catholic Volunteer Network, New Mexico Department of Corrections, Wellness Coalition and New Mexico Department of Corrections

- » Since 1994, more than **7,700** New Mexico residents have served more than **8.4 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$16,710,000**.

- **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 Mexico Project Highlights

- New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD) engaged seven **AmeriCorps** members in providing sign language instruction to students' family members and the broader community. Two major activities supported by these members were Family to Family Weekend in June and ASL (American Sign Language) Immersion Week in July. Members focused on outreach to families of the NMSD students. The June event saw a 40% increase in attendance over 2010, as families took advantage of the rare opportunity to socialize with other parents of deaf children. The ASL week drew 179 attendees and had 29 more on a waiting list. On pre-post surveys, adult participants gained eight to 12 percentage points in agreeing that their children were more comfortable signing at home and interacting with non-family members.
- Over the year the AmeriCorps **VISTA** Cadre Project has made a great impact within the communities where the VISTAs serve. Currently there are 31 VISTA members that are serving in low income communities throughout New Mexico. In the past two years, the VISTA Cadre Project has recruited over 7,700 volunteers. These recruited volunteers have donated over 60,000 volunteer hours. During this two year span, the VISTA Cadre Project has also developed \$848,111 in cash resources and developed \$269,706 in non-cash resources. The VISTA Cadre Project continues work towards accomplishing its goal which is to help low income youth in New Mexico break the cycle of poverty through education initiatives and a positive youth development framework.
- According to the Census of 2010, the average household income in Chaves County is \$34,634 and 21% of the population lives below the poverty line. The Chaves County **RSVP** recruits volunteers for three non-profits in Roswell: the Good Samaritan Food Bank, Harvest Ministries Food Bank, and Community Kitchen Soup Kitchen. Thirty-five volunteers served 7937 hours in 2011 at the three locations. The Good Samaritan and Harvest Ministries Food Banks distributed 60,944 pre-packaged food boxes (2,437,760 lbs of food) to low income families in Roswell in 2011. The Community Kitchen served 58,400 hot meals in 2011 for an average of 160 meals per day. The food assistance provides an immeasurable impact on the increased health and nutritional levels experienced by all recipients.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 97,000 hours of service in New Mexico since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has cleared 4,054 acres of land of brush, tutored 1,070 students, constructed or restored 30 miles of hiking trails, removed 17 tons of debris, and renovated or weatherized 25 homes. Recent project highlights include a project working with the Boys and Girls Club of Farmington. NCCC members provided mentoring support to over 250 Club members. Activities ranged from homework help and other academic support activities, to playing games and coaching sports teams for Club members. NCCC members were also able to start new clubs for the youth, such as photography and guitar, by matching their interests, passion and abilities with those of the youth.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 760 New Mexico students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is the Laguna Education Foundation, which developed an initiative to develop leadership skills, encourage community service, and continue to connect young people to their community through digital media, experiential learning and place-based projects. These projects allow youth to engage and promote their culture, history, traditions and language. Youth are trained in media design, digital storytelling and website development in order to document and promote aspects of the Laguna culture, as well as collect and highlight components of the Keresan language for future generations of the Pueblo. Approximately 50 youth go through the program annually.