

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 York

More than **87,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in New York. Serving through **2,900** 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 **\$95,960,000** to support 2,900 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **26,000** New York seniors who annually contribute more than **6,141,470** hours valued at more than **\$131,181,880** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **2,400** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **1,542** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **6,500** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **2,700** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **5,000** New York 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 **110,480** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **27,463,590** hours of service valued at more than **\$58,662,080**
  - » Recruited more than **788,880** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$56,360,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **New York** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Teach for America, American Red Cross, Harlem Children's Zone and Rockland County Youth Bureau
  - » Since 1994, more than **64,000** New York residents have served more than **100 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$218,630,000**.
- **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 York, **four** intermediary grantmakers—the Corporation for Supportive Housing, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, and the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation—have received **\$42.1 million** in SIF funding to support community nonprofit organizations in New York and across the country. In addition, **21** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$4.6 million**.

## New York Project Highlights

- Monroe Community College, Rochester **AmeriCorps** places FT members at a variety of agencies serving the Rochester community. Forty-five AmeriCorps members provide positive activities for the Rochester's youth. Members also focus on various aspects of the criminal justice system, including specialized family court programs, victim assistance, and services for ex-offenders. They provide employment readiness, financial literacy training or volunteer management. As a result of member service, at-risk youth have safe places for structured activities, families are connected with support services, and communities become safer.
- The New York City Coalition Against Hunger represents more than 1,100 nonprofit soup kitchens and food pantries in New York City and the 1.5 million low-income New Yorkers who live in households that can't afford enough food. The coalition works to meet these residents' immediate food needs as well as enacting innovative solutions to help society move "beyond the soup kitchen" to ensure economic and food self-sufficiency for all Americans. From March 2011 to September 2011, 10 AmeriCorps **VISTA** members recruited a total of 496 of skilled based volunteers who served a little over 2,300 hours as web designers, accountants and nutritionists. The VISTA project is dedicated to building sustainable programs in NYC's food pantries and soup kitchens through the utilization of skilled based volunteers.
- The New York City **RSVP** Financial Coaching Corps engages volunteers to support low-wage individuals in need of money management skills. In NYC, 42% of the population is described as low income without any access to free basic money management services. These individuals are unbanked, conduct their financial transaction at check cashing outlets and often fall prey to predatory lending. The Financial Coaching Corps provides information and tools needed to stabilize finances and build assets. In 2011, 41 volunteers served as financial coaches to over 662 clients to increase knowledge of basic financial management information to obtain and review their credit reports. 214 clients successfully created a debt reduction plan and a budget helping them make informed choices, stabilize their finances, and build assets.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 421,000 hours of service in New York since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has assisted 4,654 at-risk youth, assisted 2,688 homeless people, tutored 13,723 students, assisted 53,975 people in disaster areas, and constructed, renovated, or weatherized 283 homes. Recent project highlights include NCCC's support for Buffalo's efforts to clean up and improve many of the city's most distressed neighborhoods. NCCC teams cleared vacant lots, cleaned up graffiti, restored city parks and playgrounds, planted community gardens, and implemented programs for children and youth. NCCC teams have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life for community residents, as well as helping to make neighborhoods cleaner and safer.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 55,000 New York students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is New York State's Capital Region Consortium for "PROJECT SLATE," a higher education service learning capacity-building effort with partners that include The College of Saint Rose Thelma P. Lally School of Education, Union Graduate College School of Education, The School of Education of The Sage Colleges, Early Childhood and Teacher Education Transfer programs at Schenectady County Community College, Greater Capital Region Teacher Center, and the NYS Education Department Learn and Serve America Program. SLATE's service learning activities impact over 2,500 future and current teachers who may someday be employed by high-need Capital Region schools.