

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 Ohio

More than **42,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Ohio. Serving through **1,900** 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 **\$24,720,000** to support 1,900 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **13,000** Ohio seniors who annually contribute more than **2,171,940** hours valued at more than **\$46,392,660** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **1,300** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **205** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **3,800** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **1,800** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **1,300** Ohio 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 **64,930** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **1,145,900** hours of service valued at more than **\$24,476,530**
 - » Recruited more than **71,030** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$14,390,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Ohio** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, United Way, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Catholic Volunteer Network, YouthBuild, Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development and The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks
 - » Since 1994, more than **25,000** Ohio residents have served more than **39 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$74,320,000**.
- **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 Ohio, the United Way of Greater Cincinnati has received **\$3 million** in SIF funding to support community nonprofit organizations across the state. In addition, **15** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$2.7 million**.

Ohio Project Highlights

- The AMVETS Career Center **AmeriCorps** program engages members to educate employers about the benefits of hiring veterans and assisting veterans with career assessments, training opportunities, and developing tools such as resumes, cover letters, job search techniques, and interviewing skills. AMVETS works to reduce unemployment for veterans by helping them gain the skills to better market themselves to employers and by working to eliminate what employers see as barriers to hiring veterans. Today there are 20 AmeriCorps members at thirteen service sites who serve 880 veterans annually with 70% of those served reporting an increased confidence in their ability to find employment. Additionally, 90 veterans have been placed into employment, self-employment or job training programs and 130 employers have been recruited.
- As economic conditions worsen, a college education has become more necessary yet less affordable. To ensure Wright State University students did not have to choose between eating and staying in school, Ohio Campus Compact AmeriCorps **VISTA** Rebecca Fensler was brought in to set up and coordinate a student food pantry. The Friendship Food Pantry, one of only two campus pantries in Ohio at that time, opened in February 2011. Since then, it has served 3,438 meals to 303 students (including 43% first-generation college students) and 111 dependent children, and provided Ohio Benefit Bank services and other referrals. Over 100 volunteers have served 910 hours stocking, organizing and assisting with client intake. Through food drives and fundraisers, Fensler has raised \$17,068 in monetary and in-kind donations.
- The Washington County **RSVP** in Marietta runs the Commodity Food Supplemental Program (CFSP) which provides low income seniors with a monthly box of nutritious staples. The program was at risk of being cancelled as volunteer participation was waning and organizers were looking for ways to expand the current 2-hour distribution window. In March 2012, CFSP will move to a permanent home in donated space at the county fairgrounds where a dozen RSVP volunteers will operate the program three days a week through distribution and delivery of the monthly boxes. Without the leadership of the RSVP program, the CFSP program in Marietta would have ceased to be a source of nutritious food for low income seniors.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 158,000 hours of service in Ohio since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has recruited and coordinated 630 volunteers, assisted over 1,300 people in disaster areas, participated in community wide safety awareness programs for over 400 people, completed over 1,275 tax returns, and ensured 800 people's homes are safer or protected from natural disasters. In 2011, NCCC assisted the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance educate more communities and help connect homeowners with energy saving programs and services. Members were able to reach out to more than 13,000 households through door to door canvassing and community outreach activities.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 26,000 Ohio students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is the collaboration between Ohio Campus Compact and the Kentucky and Michigan Campus Compacts on "Pay it Forward: Strengthening Community through Student Led Philanthropy." This project addresses economic needs in communities through student-led grant making and volunteerism. Pay it Forward is based on a successful academic student philanthropy project piloted by Ohio Campus Compact. The project focuses on neighborhood development and revitalization; hunger, homelessness and health issues; and children and youth programs. Annually, the project allows roughly 125 nonprofit organizations to receive desperately needed financial and volunteer support while teaching 1,000 students philanthropy and volunteerism.