

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 Pennsylvania

More than **50,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Pennsylvania. Serving through **3,400** 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 **\$38,200,000** to support 3,400 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **19,000** Pennsylvania seniors who annually contribute more than **3,716,200** hours valued at more than **\$79,378,030** 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 **174** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **6,500** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **3,300** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **3,400** Pennsylvania 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 **110,303** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **2,330,530** hours of service valued at more than **\$49,780,080**
 - » Recruited more than **61,950** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$27,050,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Pennsylvania** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Teach for America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including United Way, Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, Pennsylvania Mountain Service Corps and Keystone SMILES
 - » Since 1994, more than **37,000** Pennsylvania residents have served more than **47 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$105,420,000**.
- **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 Pennsylvania, **four** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$800,000**.

Pennsylvania Project Highlights

- Keystone SMILES **AmeriCorps** was born out of a need for improved academic engagement for rural students in impoverished northwestern Pennsylvania. It serves 17 school districts and 15 community organizations throughout 10 counties. In school-based settings, AmeriCorps members tutor students demonstrating a lack of proficiency in specific subject areas. In community-based efforts, members organize volunteers and provide mentoring services and volunteer opportunities promoting life-long civic engagement. In one year alone, 160 AmeriCorps members provided support to 5,512 students in jeopardy of not meeting academic standards and mentored 2,817 students in danger of being suspended, expelled or adjudicated. These members also recruited a total of 5,950 volunteers who provided 26,450 hours of service to communities who have fallen victim to high unemployment rates and single income families.
- Three AmeriCorps **VISTA** members serving with Philabundance, the Philadelphia region's largest food bank, helped launch a new Community Food Center, a choice-style food pantry that promotes dignity as clients can select food items as in a grocery store. The CFC has served approximately 5,000 clients since its November 2009 launch and has distributed about 1.2 million pounds of food. VISTA members are now focusing their attention on launching another CFC in Chester City in Delaware County, for which the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded Philabundance a \$1 million dollar grant.
- Philadelphia's Klein Jewish Community Center's **RSVP** program leveraged a PNS grant in 2009 to add Fix for a Friend (FFF) and Grow for a Friend (GFF) to its volunteer-driven Cook for a Friend (CFF) program, all serving seniors struggling to maintain their independence. Over 380 volunteers with CFF have served 615 clients with 42,240 volunteer-prepared meals since the shift. The meals have utilized produce grown by twenty-three GFF volunteers (in partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society), from 7 community gardens (6 established by the program), yielding 1,500 pounds of vegetables. Ten FFF volunteers have weatherized homes for eighty seniors in the Rhwnhurst Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (in Northeast Philadelphia).
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 217,000 hours of service in Pennsylvania since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has removed 68 tons of debris, constructed or restored 78 miles of hiking trails, recruited or coordinated 1,732 volunteers, planted 40,199 trees, and constructed, renovated, or weatherized 111 homes. Recent project highlights include the assistance NCCC provided to several Pennsylvania communities in response to devastating flooding and storm damage caused by Tropical Storm Lee. NCCC teams conducted damage assessments, removed storm debris, mucked and gutted flooded homes, distributed food and clothing, and coordinated volunteers in disaster response efforts. NCCC teams helped local faith-based and other disaster response organizations better meet the needs of disaster victims.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 27,000 Pennsylvania students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is PHENND (the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development), a consortium at Drexel University, which engages over 30 institutions of higher education across the region. The initiative expands four regional campus community partnership initiatives focused on key areas of economic recovery including food stamp enrollment, income tax assistance for low-income families, financial education, and micro-entrepreneurship training. PHENND builds capacity of partnering nonprofits and their affiliates through a series of targeted programs: capacity-building workshops, student internships, and student leadership development. Over 500 student leaders participate in the program annually.