

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 Puerto Rico

More than **2,900** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Puerto Rico. Serving through **130** 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 **\$9,080,000** to support 130 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **1,800** Puerto Rico seniors who annually contribute more than **1,163,540** hours valued at more than **\$24,853,320** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:

- » Provided **3,600** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes
- » Tutored or mentored more than **2,400** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
- » Helped more than **75** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges

- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **300** Puerto Rico 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 **5,240** disadvantaged children and youth
- » Provided more than **393,870** hours of service valued at more than **\$8,413,170**
- » Recruited more than **7,510** volunteers
- » Raised more than **\$4,830,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
- » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Puerto Rico** affiliates of the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc., The Salvation Army, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Campus Compact, Municipio de Mayaguez, Cantera Peninsula Project and Instituto Psicopedagogico de PR

- » Since 1994, more than **4,800** Puerto Rico residents have served more than **9.9 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$13,550,000**.

- **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.

## Puerto Rico Project Highlights

- Since 1999, La Tierra Prometida (LTP), Inc. has been offering treatment and housing services to homeless men with drug and alcohol dependency in the northwest region of Puerto Rico. Responding to the lack of job opportunities, LTP began an innovative work program in 2010, establishing training in urban organic agricultural activities. This process evolved into a Community Farmer's Market of hydroponic special crops and marketing fresh products to local community food industries. In 2011, LTP started the development and implementation of a Social Enterprise called "Fresh Picked" that included the participants from the Transitional Housing Program. Three AmeriCorps **VISTA** members made this possible with 10 full-time volunteers investing over 2,000 hours of service each. Sales for 2011 exceeded \$39,000. Future plans include the development of a Community Agricultural Program in order to establish a packaging and processing area of products cultivated and prepared by community farmers graduating from the program.
- The **FGP** Program has been in existence for over 35 years on all three United States Virgin Islands; St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix. The program currently supports 80 volunteers, who assist and provide service to over 200 children, especially those with special needs, in various Head Starts, elementary and pre-elementary schools. They fill the void for these children, who may otherwise be deprived of a normal relationship at home. During the 2010-2011 school year, FGP volunteers volunteered over 61,000 hours at 40 volunteer sites assisting children in correcting social and behavioral difficulties and helping them to adjust to classroom activities. Over 75% of children assisted by the FGPs have shown improvement in their academic and social skills as documented on the assignment plans.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 2,800 hours of service in Puerto Rico since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has built or repaired 30 feet of erosion walls, 4 observation overlooks, 1 footbridge, steps into steep slopes, and restored 1 mile of hiking trail.