

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 Rhode Island

More than **4,700** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Rhode Island. Serving through **550** 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 **\$7,040,000** to support 550 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **3,700** Rhode Island seniors who annually contribute more than **830,730** hours valued at more than **\$17,744,410** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **1,800** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **5** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **7,700** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **500** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **550** Rhode Island 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 **18,510** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **317,030** hours of service valued at more than **\$6,771,690**
  - » Recruited more than **13,000** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$4,550,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Rhode Island** affiliates of the Boys & Girls Clubs Of America, City Year, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Teach for America, Providence CityArts for Youth, Brown University and East Bay Community Action Program
    - » Since 1994, more than **5,400** Rhode Island residents have served more than **7.5 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$16,550,000**.
- **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.
    - » In Rhode Island, **seven** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$796,000**.

## Rhode Island Project Highlights

- Thirteen MuseumCorps **AmeriCorps** members at the Providence Children's Museum reach families and their children in some of Rhode Island's most economically depressed neighborhoods, engaging children who are at risk of failure in positive learning opportunities, developing science processing skills and improving their overall propensity to succeed in their basic skills learning. Between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011, AmeriCorps Members successfully conducted 41 after-school and summer Learning Clubs – interdisciplinary, problem-solving activities designed to encourage participants' use of process skills – serving 587 children ages 5-12 at 18 sites in low-income neighborhoods in Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls. 82% percent of the children surveyed reported having learned new things as a result of participating in Learning Clubs and 85% would like to come back to Learning Club again.
- Named as one of the nation's top 25 inspiring volunteer models in 2010, the Rhode Island Free Clinic provides free comprehensive health care to uninsured, working poor and low-income adults through a statewide network of volunteer medical providers and community partners. The 5-member AmeriCorps **VISTA** team at the Free Clinic is at the forefront of community-based health care. In 2011 the team helped build the Clinic's capacity to: provide 8,000 patient visits through an active corps of nearly 700 volunteers; dispense 12,000 free prescriptions; expand Wellness Programs on fitness and nutrition; raise over \$130,000 in donations; and, conduct health outcome research on the impact of moving uninsured people from costly emergency room triage to a medical home with comprehensive medical care.
- East Bay **RSVP** spearheads the Volunteers in Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. This IRS- sponsored, no-cost tax assistance program provides increased access to tax credits, namely the Earned Income Credit (EIC), Child Tax Credit, and Credits for the Elderly. RSVP volunteers certified through IRS training recognize the need for no cost Tax Preparation, Financial Literacy and sustainability for the low/moderate income populations. Eight RSVP volunteers facilitated both site and hourly service expansion, resulting in over \$1.4 million dollars brought back into the communities and neighborhoods of the underserved. The RSVP-run VITA program saved East Bay service area patrons more than \$148,000.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 36,000 hours of service in Rhode Island since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has completed 1,991 damage or needs assessments, removed 47 tons of debris or underbrush, assisted 25,162 people in disaster areas, recruited or coordinated 335 volunteers, and cleared 15 acres of unwanted brush. Recent project highlights include NCCC's disaster response support following Tropical Storm Lee. NCCC members removed storm debris from the properties of elderly and disabled community members, assisted the United Way call center in responding to calls for assistance, and organized work orders to facilitate timely response to citizens' requests for assistance. NCCC helped Rhode Island's Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) respond more efficiently and effectively to disaster victims' needs.