

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 South Carolina

More than **7,700** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in South Carolina. Serving through **560** 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 **\$8,420,000** to support 560 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **4,300** South Carolina seniors who annually contribute more than **1,355,250** hours valued at more than **\$28,948,080** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **640** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **295** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **2,600** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **510** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **710** South Carolina 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 **15,320** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **521,810** hours of service valued at more than **\$11,145,950**
 - » Recruited more than **36,100** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$4,620,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **South Carolina** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including United Way, Spartanburg County School Districts 1 and 7, WINGS for Kids and SCCC Healthy Families AmeriCorps Education Program
 - » Since 1994, more than **7,600** South Carolina residents have served more than **8.9 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$16,490,000**.
- **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 South Carolina, **six** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$650,000**.

South Carolina Project Highlights

- The United Way of Greenville County **AmeriCorps** program placed members in a variety of roles to boost financial stability for low income residents in 2010-11. The most striking success of this first-year program was the result of the 12 members placed with the local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which helps individuals file their taxes and receive credits such as Earned Income Tax Credit and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. Thanks to the added capacity of AmeriCorps members, Greenville and Pickens counties recovered over \$4 million in returns to the community during the 2011 tax season. This is more than the combined sum of the program's previous three years before AmeriCorps members were placed as VITA volunteers.
- AmeriCorps **VISTA** member Vito Wicevic, a third year law student, was interested in helping individuals and families facing foreclosure. Family Services, Inc. (FSI) already provided free foreclosure prevention programs, but Wicevic wanted to increase the public awareness of the help available and thereby increase the impact. He went directly to the foreclosure court hearings, distributed information, and spoke with those who may need guidance to navigate the difficult ordeal of possible foreclosure. Wicevic established a relationship with the Masters in Equity (judges), and often the judges would extend hearings so that distressed homeowners could go to FSI to receive counseling. FSI continues this successful practice, which is sometimes requested by judges.
- The **Foster Grandparent Program** sponsored by Aiken/Barnwell Counties Community Action Agency, Inc. engages senior volunteers to serve as mentors and tutors in schools, Head Start centers, nonprofit daycares and after-school programs to help at-risk children. Today 112 Foster Grandparents mentor and tutor 825 children, ages 3 years old to 21 years old in Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell and Edgefield Counties. In varying degrees across all the volunteer stations, between 80-90% of all students receiving assistance from a Foster Grandparent have shown improvement in literacy, cognitive skill development, socialization skills and academic performance.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 750,000 hours of service in South Carolina since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has tutored 41,268 students, restored or constructed 261 miles of hiking trail, removed 89 tons of debris or exotic vegetation, recruited or coordinated 12,255 volunteers, and constructed, renovated, or weatherized 346 homes. Recent project highlights include NCCC's support of Trident United Way in Charleston in a multi-county disaster initiative. An NCCC team created a community plan that could be used by any nonprofit to better prepare their organization, staff and volunteers in times of disaster. This is the first comprehensive plan in the nation formed directly to meet the disaster-preparation needs of nonprofits. The team also worked directly with several agencies to assess their disaster preparedness.