

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 Dakota

More than **4,600** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in South Dakota. Serving through **920** 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 **\$2,850,000** to support 920 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **4,300** South Dakota seniors who annually contribute more than **837,240** hours valued at more than **\$17,883,470** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **660** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **207** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **2,100** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **900** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **250** South Dakota 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 **6,581** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **132,290** hours of service valued at more than **\$2,825,670**
  - » Recruited more than **7,041** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$1,300,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **South Dakota** affiliates of the Teach for America, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Red Cloud Indian School, Volunteers for America, and Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
    - » Since 1994, more than **1,400** South Dakota residents have served more than **1.7 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$3,810,000**.
- **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.

## South Dakota Project Highlights

- In the 2010-2011 **AmeriCorps** program year, 398 youth attended and benefited from Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota childcare and education programs. The programs grew tremendously in 2010- 2011. Part of that growth can be attributed to a new partnership between the program and the local school districts Immersion Center Elementary. Newly arrived refugee and immigrant children are placed together at an Immersion Center Elementary. They learn there before going to their neighborhood school. This partnership allows students who attend the Immersion Center to all go to our after-school program, where they are integrated in with students from all backgrounds with the hope that students from the Immersion Center will make new friends with a student that will attend their neighborhood elementary school.
- AmeriCorps **VISTA** members were very active and successful over the last year working at nine organizations that address and alleviate poverty throughout the state. The VISTAs were instrumental to organizations' growth and expansion by raising \$256,223 in cash/in-kind support and recruiting 6005 volunteers who served more than 90,400 hours. These organizations served more than 26,000 disadvantaged children through after-school programs and paired 4,931 children with mentors. The Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, working with the Association on American Indian Affairs, developed online Dakota language classes in schools on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian Reservation. The VISTA serving with The Association on American Indian Affairs helped with a project that translated "The Berenstain Bears" in the Dakota and Lakota languages making it the first children's television program to air in a Native language.
- Cities are struggling from the same problems that have left the national economy sputtering. Two-thirds of SD city finance officers said they had delayed or canceled public-works projects this year. Two in five reported raising fees for city services and one in five had cut spending on public safety. Through the South Central **RSVP** Volunteer Patrol in Mitchell, fifteen volunteers provide police work in the community to increase police efficiency and build rapport with the community. Volunteers are assigned to non-enforcement duties to free officers for more critical police business. Over a one year period they reported 1,780 hours which according to city officials is equivalent to the salary (\$55,000) of one additional full time Police Officer.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 104,000 hours of service in South Dakota since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has assisted over 8,300 people in disaster areas, supported 2,087 students in out of school programs, and assisted over 800 people with disabilities. In 2011, NCCC provided disaster recovery services through Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota to Pierre, Fort Pierre, and North Sioux City. Large parts of Pierre and Fort Pierre were evacuated in May 2011 due to unprecedented flooding along the Missouri River. The flood waters continued down the river and impacted more areas including North Sioux City. NCCC members assisted with needs assessments, mucking and gutting of homes and public buildings, and the removal of sandbags.