



AMERICORPS NCCC

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The state of Texas is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region campus. Located in the Loretto Heights neighborhood of Denver, the Southwest Region campus houses approximately 320 members and team leaders each year and serves the states of Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members, assigned to one of five regional campuses, are organized into teams of approximately ten members and serve in local communities in every state responding to needs that are identified by community-based organizations. Approximately 1200 members serve in NCCC each year.

Teams serve with local and national organizations, providing an infusion of resources and leading volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and hundreds of other organizations. These dedicated and energetic young adults lead youth development activities, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address other pressing local needs. A flexible program structure allows for partnership with organization that might lack the capacity to manage grant programs and for strategic collaboration with other national service programs to magnify the impact on the communities served.

As the federal government's direct national service wing, NCCC's structure allows for rapid deployment of teams in emergencies. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, NCCC teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. **Since 2000, NCCC members have served more than 4.7 million hours on over 1,760 disaster services projects.**

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN TEXAS SINCE 2000

- ★ **694,635** service hours completed
- ★ Service valued estimated at **\$14.8** million
- ★ Assisted more than **430,000** disaster survivors
- ★ Removed **240** tons of trash from public areas
- ★ Approximately **2.2** million dollars returned to communities through tax returns
- ★ More than **9,100** at-risk youth were assisted through tutoring and mentoring

SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ American Red Cross
- ★ Bastrop County Emergency Management
- ★ City of Houston Mayor's Office, Volunteer Initiatives Program
- ★ Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge
- ★ Brazos Bend State Park
- ★ Brazoria Boys and Girls Club
- ★ Houston Parks and Recreation Department
- ★ Land Heritage Institute Foundation, Inc
- ★ Faith Communities for Disaster Recovery

"By the end of this rotation we will have succeeded in transforming a portable classroom into a very handsome "bunkhouse" in perfect character for the property. I would estimate the value of the work way beyond the hourly wage that we are allowed to accrue by IRS standards. This building would cost \$300,000 to construct new and with AmeriCorps' help we will have done it for 20% of that cost. It will be a great asset as we move forward in our development."

- Mark Oppelt, President of the Land Heritage Institute Foundation, Inc.

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