

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 Texas

More than **100,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Texas. Serving through **2,200** 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 **\$42,780,000** to support 2,200 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **22,000** Texas seniors who annually contribute more than **5,840,590** hours valued at more than **\$124,755,110** 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 **1,625** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **23,000** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **2,000** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **3,200** Texas 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 **108,040** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **2,793,730** hours of service valued at more than **\$59,674,140**
 - » Recruited more than **47,240** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$27,510,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Texas** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Teach for America, United Way, Project Transformation and Harris County Department of Education
 - » Since 1994, more than **40,000** Texas residents have served more than **51 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$103,330,000**.
- **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 Texas, **six** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$569,000**.

Texas Project Highlights

- CitySquare engages 270 **AmeriCorps** members to fight poverty and promote healthy futures, economic opportunity and education year-round, after school and during the critical summer months. Members serve in area food pantries to provide hunger relief to over 50,000 and operate a mobile food program to deliver meals and lead physical activities for over 8,000 children. The signature program, N(2) Texas Corps, combines innovative strategies and public-private partnerships including Food on the Move, which received national attention through the “Let’s Read, Let’s Move” campaign. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has hailed Food on the Move “a model for the rest of the nation.” N(2) Texas Corps members serve Dallas and San Antonio with expansion plans to serve Austin and Houston in summer 2012.
- Idea Academy AmeriCorps **VISTA** in the Lower Rio Grande Valley area has been a project since July 2010. VISTA members help develop the Child Nutrition Program (CNP), which focuses on child obesity. This program is designed to assist low-income students and their families by helping to identify health education needs, gathering key health indicators, planning health-promoting strategies, and mobilizing teams of parent advocates to create lasting systems for CNP and community partners. This program has arranged for the local schools to purchase fresh produce from local farmers. Three cooking clubs have been started and all of the campuses have started walking clubs, cooking clubs, garden clubs, or fitness clubs.
- Volunteers engaged in literacy tutoring programs at elementary schools throughout Comal County in South Central Texas. In the fall semester of 2011, 129 **RSVP** volunteers tutored 345 students for a total of 2,560 volunteer hours. Teachers reported that 60% of students who were tutored showed “some improvement” in reading and 40% of the students showed “great improvement” as a direct result of the RSVP program. The RSVP volunteers have also impacted students in other significant ways as well, such as increases in self-esteem. Because of its success, this RSVP program was one of three programs chosen to be highlighted in RSVP’s 40th Anniversary video which debuted at the 2011 National Conference on Volunteering and Service in New Orleans.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 694,000 hours of service in Texas since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has assisted 917 at-risk youth, cleared 2,067 acres of land of unwanted brush, refurbished 913 homes for disaster victims, served 563,076 meals to disaster victims or relief workers, and tutored 3,416 students. Recent project highlights include NCCC’s collaboration with Faith Communities for Disaster Recovery (FCDR) of San Juan. Currently, NCCC teams are assessing the damage of homes in the Lower Rio Grande Valley area, conducting case management intake and follow-up as well as assisting with the repair and construction of damaged homes. The communities affected have benefitted from more comprehensive and timely assessments and repairs that helped minimize the further deterioration of their homes.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 73,000 Texas students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. The Learn and Serve Texas Grant program provides approximately 25 subgrants to K-12 public school districts, open enrollment charter schools, and school districts or education service centers to engage student participants in high-quality service-learning activities. The program strives to develop and maintain community partnerships that provide opportunities for student service learning activities and student civic and academic engagement, engage young people in service learning activities that directly address community needs in order to build healthier communities, and provide quality service-learning through the LEADERS model of service-learning and the K-12 Standards for High-Quality Practice.