

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 Utah

More than **34,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Utah. Serving through **740** 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 **\$10,930,000** to support 740 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **5,600** Utah seniors who annually contribute more than **1,463,810** hours valued at more than **\$31,266,920** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **1,300** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **108** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **14,000** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **690** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **1,800** Utah 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 **61,130** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **614,290** hours of service valued at more than **\$13,120,980**
  - » Recruited more than **61,310** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$7,030,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Utah** affiliates of the Campus Compact, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including YMCA, United Way, Utah Conservation Corps and Brigham Young University
  - » Since 1994, more than **12,000** Utah residents have served more than **6.4 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$23,780,000**.
- **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.

## Utah Project Highlights

- The Utah **AmeriCorps** Literacy Initiative works with 120 schools across the state, providing AmeriCorps members who serve as tutoring coordinators. 129 members recruit and train community volunteers who tutor children in reading. The focus is to ensure that children are at or above grade level by the end of third grade. The program has developed a successful partnership with a local faith-based organization to recruit volunteers. This partnership allowed the program to expand the number of children receiving tutoring and provided more consistent tutors. In the 2010/2011 school year this program recruited 9,950 volunteers who donated 190,300 hours tutoring 12,464 children. 75% of the students tutored showed significant academic improvement by the end of year.
- The Volunteer Empowerment AmeriCorps **VISTA** operational grant serves as a large intermediary project for human services agencies statewide. Nineteen VISTA members serve at a variety of agencies mostly in rural Utah, engaging in the creation and expansion of programs that help those in low-income, underserved communities. In one year VISTAs have recruited over 11,000 community volunteers who served 32,690 hours. Members recruit community volunteers who also served 20,929 disadvantaged children and youth, mentored 4058 individuals, and provided services to 525 economically challenged veterans. VISTAs also increased the number of community members and volunteers who engage in the VITA tax assistance program. The results of these 19 members continue to grow and flourish with the creativity, caring and hard work of these dedicated VISTA members.
- Salt Lake County **Senior Companion Program** has a memorandum of understanding with the Veteran's Administration medical center Hospital Based Primary Care (HBPC) unit. The Social Worker for the HBPC unit assigns five Senior Companions to provide respite for caregivers of homebound veterans. Volunteers provided a total of 3,958 hours to caregivers of veterans. Stressors and caregiver burden is reduced because they have regular break from caregiving. This service contributes to maintaining the veterans in their home rather than in in-patient programs. The VA completes client satisfaction surveys with their patients. They included a specific question regarding satisfaction with the service of the Senior Companion volunteer and this survey found that clients are extremely grateful and satisfied with their experience with this important respite program.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 287,000 hours of service in Utah since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has assisted 2,583 at-risk youth, started or tended 33 community gardens, tutored 2,797 students, assisted 5,663 homeless people, and served 147, 028 meals served. Recent project highlights include NCCC's collaboration with the Utah Food Bank. Hunger in Utah is a serious problem, as one in seven children in Utah is at risk of being hungry. The Utah Food Bank provides much needed food to 150 service providers throughout the state. The service of the NCCC teams has greatly increased the Food Bank's ability to manage more donations and volunteers during the holidays, the busiest season at the Food Bank.