

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 Vermont

More than **5,300** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Vermont. Serving through **810** 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 **\$4,790,000** to support 810 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **2,300** Vermont seniors who annually contribute more than **544,660** hours valued at more than **\$11,633,960** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **350** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **5** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **1,200** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **780** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **240** Vermont 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 **6,710** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **212,260** hours of service valued at more than **\$4,533,850**
 - » Recruited more than **6,680** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$2,590,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Vermont** affiliates of the Goodwill Industries, YouthBuild, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Student Conservation Corps, Central Vermont Council on Aging, Lyndon State College and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
 - » Since 1994, more than **4,000** Vermont residents have served more than **5.8 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$12,990,000**.
- **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.

Vermont Project Highlights

- The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board has partnered with nonprofits (e.g. community land trusts, homeownership centers, subsidized housing developments, emergency shelters and land conservation organizations). 25 **AmeriCorps** members provided housing and residential services to 13,737 people, including, elderly, people living with disabilities, homeless and near-homeless individuals. Some of the member services included foreclosure prevention and intervention counseling, housing identification, referrals, food assistance, home rehabilitation loans and enhancements, home sharing services, job placements, tax preparation workshops, case management, and outreach. The 25 members contributed to the stewardship of 17,459 total acres and 70 miles of preserved and public lands. 9 members also implemented energy efficiency and weatherization measures on 289 lower-income housing units.
- The Washington County Youth Service Bureau statewide AmeriCorps **VISTA** project works to ensure that youth successfully transition into caring, involved adults. Last year, the 29 VISTA members served 5,678 youth statewide in mentoring, education, nutrition, job skills, civic engagement, and environmental programs. In addition, 51,507 Vermont youth benefit indirectly from the service of the VISTA members. VISTA members procured \$635,662 in cash and in-kind donations, developed 295 operational systems, and created 792 public relations documents. They planned and implemented 200 youth program curricula, as well as 36 community service events where 951 community members participated. Members also recruited and managed 1,738 community volunteers and mentors who served 8,821 hours.
- Complications from falls account for 50,000 deaths each year and numerous nursing home placements. The average rehabilitation cost for such a fall is \$70,000. The Vermont **RSVP** Bone Builders project (sponsored by all 4 VT RSVPs) provides strength training, balance exercises and education to seniors statewide to prevent, reverse and alleviate osteoporosis. This past year, 301 Vermont RSVP volunteers served as exercise trainers serving 1,514 individuals at 106 sites resulting in a health care savings of \$21,000,000. Functional capacity surveys show an average of 91% increases in the areas of Strength, Balance, Flexibility, Well Being and Socialization and DXA Bone Density testing confirmed these positive results.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 50,000 hours of service in Vermont since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has constructed or restored 44 miles of hiking trail, assisted 4,196 people in disaster areas, removed 19 tons of debris, and gutted 92 homes. Recent project highlights include NCCC's work with the Franklin Watershed Committee, a grass-roots organization working to protect Northern Vermont's Lake Carmi watershed. NCCC members completed erosion control projects, buffered the lake shoreline, and installed rain gardens in strategic locations around the lake. The NCCC team, alongside community residents and volunteers, helped to reduce pollutants and algae growth in Lake Carmi, preserving its ecological integrity and the ability of the community to access this recreational resource.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 2,700 Vermont students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. The University of Vermont and the Vermont Department of Education (DOE) collaborate on this initiative to systematically incorporate service-learning into the teacher preparation curriculum. To keep the initiative focused and relevant to the needs of the community, the DOE focuses on the needs of English Language Learners. Approximately 140 pre-service teachers go through this program to engage those in need while also refining the skills of future teachers.