

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 Wisconsin

More than **24,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Wisconsin. Serving through **1,700** 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 **\$27,650,000** to support 1,700 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **9,600** Wisconsin seniors who annually contribute more than **1,633,120** hours valued at more than **\$34,883,358** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **690** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **110** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **8,800** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **1,600** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **1,700** Wisconsin 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 **35,150** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **1,830,520** hours of service valued at more than **\$39,099,880**
  - » Recruited more than **31,330** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$21,770,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Wisconsin** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Teach for America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Public Allies, Boys & Girls Clubs, Milwaukee Teacher Education Center and Fresh Start
    - » Since 1994, more than **18,000** Wisconsin residents have served more than **22 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$62,020,000**.
- **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 Wisconsin, **two** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$500,000**.

## Wisconsin Project Highlights

- Wisconsin Association for Runaway Services' **AmeriCorps** members provide street outreach and crisis intervention for youth living on the street, who left unbearable situations only to enter high risk situations with few resources and support systems. 30 full-time and 9 part-time members provide service at 10 sites throughout Wisconsin. Last year, members recruited 1,691 volunteers who provided 62,268 hours of service including crisis hotline coverage, street outreach and peer/intervention groups. 5,125 youth received referrals to services and 97% of those youth were reunited with their families or placed in a mutually agreed-upon living arrangement. With resources dwindling for social services, this program provided valuable assistance to the communities served, while excelling at recruiting highly committed volunteers who continue to sustain these efforts.
- The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction developed an AmeriCorps **VISTA** project in 2002 using the research of Joyce Epstein at the National Network of Partnership Schools. Epstein's research shows the family partnership school model as the most effective in improving low-income student achievement. The statewide VISTA Project works to increase sustainable family engagement in low-income schools. A survey of former VISTA service sites revealed that 1) 90% of schools reported that the percentage of low-income families attending school-wide events increased, 2) 80% reported that the programming and parent councils continue to be sustained, and 3) 100% reported that their school partnerships program improved after hosting a VISTA member. Other accomplishments since 2002 include the recruitment of over 15,000 volunteers and \$2.2 million of in-kind and monetary donations raised.
- Rock County is home to many seniors who needed occasional assistance to help them remain independent in their own homes. Rock County **RSVP** stepped up to address this need following the closure of the Senior Companion Project serving the county. In 2010, RSVP started the Seniors Volunteering for Seniors Program in which seniors help other seniors with activities of daily living that allow them to remain independent in their own homes. In its first year of operation, 69 volunteers served nearly 250 individuals and answered 1,554 requests for services. These services help provide access to health care by helping seniors get to their medical appointments. They also provide economic benefit to seniors in need by providing a low cost alternative to costly in-home or long-term care.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 91,000 hours of service in Wisconsin since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has recruited and coordinated over 1,200 volunteers, assisted approximately 950 people in disaster areas, completed over 400 damage assessments, refurbished 130 homes for disaster victims, and constructed and restored approximately 50 miles of trails. Recent project highlights include NCCC's support of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Necedah. AmeriCorps NCCC worked directly with the Fire Management Program and was responsible for all of the duties related to prescribed burn operations and burn unit preparation. When the weather was not suitable for burning, members assisted with public outreach projects, interpretive seminars, biological surveys, trail maintenance, and invasive plant management.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 8,200 Wisconsin students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is the WI State Campus Compact collaborating with Campus Compacts from Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Minnesota to form the Midwest Campus Compact STEM Consortium (MCCSC). MCCSC partnered with the Science Education for New Civic Engagement and Responsibilities (SENCER) Project to provide training and technical assistance to sub-grantees as they implement multi-institution service-learning projects focused on local/regional food issues. Annually at least 20 service learning courses are delivered to at least 400 students to address local food security issues.