

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 West Virginia

More than **6,300** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in West Virginia. Serving through **480** 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 **\$11,330,000** to support 480 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **3,700** West Virginia seniors who annually contribute more than **946,250** hours valued at more than **\$20,211,857** 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 **35** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **2,200** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **420** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **1,000** West Virginia 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 **35,270** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **719,950** hours of service valued at more than **\$15,378,190**
 - » Recruited more than **57,760** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$7,800,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **West Virginia** affiliates of the Boys & Girls Clubs Of America, YMCA, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including United Way, Coal Heritage Highway Authority, LifeBridge AmeriCorps Veterans Corps and West Virginia's Promise
 - » Since 1994, more than **9,900** West Virginia residents have served more than **10 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$22,040,000**.
- **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 West Virginia, **two** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$200,000**.

West Virginia Project Highlights

- On December 10, 2011 the LifeBridge **AmeriCorps** program spearheaded a Holiday Outreach event in Charleston. It involved members from the LifeBridge program, the Veterans Corps program, members from other local AmeriCorps programs and **VISTA** members working on veterans outreach. The program partnered with community organizations to offer free clothing, children's activities and a visit from Santa. More than 350 people came to eat a holiday meal. The program targeted veterans, especially homeless veterans and those suffering service related disabilities. This project involved faith-based groups (including the use of a church hall and kitchen), the local community, VISTA and Senior Corps members. All remaining food was delivered to three local shelters, feeding an additional 150 people.
- The Eastern Panhandle Medical Reserve Corps' (EP-MRC) Homeless Outreach Strike Team participates in a pilot program developed as part of the ERFN MRC AmeriCorps **VISTA** project in collaboration with St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Martinsburg, WV. A group of five dedicated EP-MRC volunteers recruited by VISTA members Kristen Lewis hold a "See the Nurse" session during the congregate meal held on the last Wednesday of each month. Two EP-MRC nurses offer guests blood pressure screenings and glucose testing, free of charge. In addition, the nurses refer guests to local health facilities based on these screenings and overall health concerns. The average number of guests at these screenings is around 21. In October EP-MRC, in conjunction with the Berkeley County Health Department, offered free flu shots to guests. 48 flu shots were given to guests, as well as 17 of St. Luke's volunteers.
- The Brooke County Committee on Aging **RSVP** and **VISTA** After School Adventures Program (ASAP) is the brainchild of RSVP Volunteers who serve as coordinators for the project at five sites in Brooke and Marshall Counties. Two VISTA members are assigned to build and sustain the capacity of the program. In less than six months, 79 trained volunteers serving 2,594 hours as tutors and mentors assisted 87 students in after school activities and 3,260 student meals were provided. Families have indicated great satisfaction with the program. One family of five considers the program to be a lifeline. Due to job loss they were unable to meet expenses and lost their electricity. Volunteers provided the family meals on weekends and assisted them in getting their electricity back on by December.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 175,000 hours of service in West Virginia since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has removed 282 tons of debris or vegetation, planted 18,416 trees, painted or renovated 72 buildings, constructed or restored 116 miles of hiking trails, and constructed, renovated, or weatherized 87 homes. Recent project highlights include NCCC's work with the United States Forest Service, Monongahela National Forest, as part of a regional effort to restore reclaimed coal-mined land. An NCCC team planted 17,100 trees using a variety of different techniques to find the most effective process which will now be implemented at various sites across the state.