

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 Wyoming

More than **1,200** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Wyoming. Serving through **250** 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 **\$3,710,000** to support 250 nonprofits and communities.

• **Senior Corps** engages more than **720** Wyoming seniors who annually contribute more than **421,650** hours valued at more than **\$9,006,490** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:

- » Provided **580** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes
- » Tutored or mentored more than **3,400** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
- » Helped more than **230** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges

• **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **380** Wyoming 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 **3,880** disadvantaged children and youth
- » Provided more than **223,830** hours of service valued at more than **\$4,780,940**
- » Recruited more than **15,580** volunteers
- » Raised more than **\$1,970,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
- » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Wyoming** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Wyoming Conservation Corps, Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault and Raising Readers in Wyoming, Inc.

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• **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.

Wyoming Project Highlights

- The Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence Sexual Assault (WCADVSA) is dedicated to building communities where violence against women and children is not tolerated or ignored. The WCADVSA is committed to provide leadership, education and systems advocacy to advance social change and end violence. **AmeriCorps** members provide services such as crisis intervention advocates addressing the safety concerns of adult and child victims, and as educators giving presentations to help develop a better awareness. During the 2010-2011 program year, 2,050 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse received crisis intervention and follow up services from member advocates. 341 new and on-going volunteers were recruited, trained or managed by AmeriCorps members and provided an amazing 11,068 hours of service to victims, programs, and their communities.
- In 2009, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County opened a 2,000 square foot ReStore and brought on the first of nine AmeriCorps **VISTA** members. These VISTAs have been integral to Habitat's success in providing 32 families, including 61 children, safe and affordable housing. In addition to creating a public relations campaign and developing volunteer policies, procedures and trainings, VISTAs help raise enough money to fund a 5,000 square foot ReStore Annex that will open in early 2012. The many special events coordinated by the VISTAs included a neighborhood weatherization and beautification project that involved 167 volunteers and provided 668 hours of community service to honor the memory of the lives lost on September 11, 2001.
- The **Foster Grandparent Program** sponsored by the Northwest Community Action Program in Thermopolis annually places 75 FGPs in 35 classrooms throughout the Big Horn Basin and Natrona County, including at Head Start programs, elementary schools, a residential school for students with severe disabilities, and a correctional educational treatment center for juveniles. Over 18 years of service, these Grandparents have enriched the lives of more than 3,000 different children. The parent of one student described her son's experience this way, "I am the mother of a ten year old boy who has been blessed with the one-on-one help of a Foster Grandparent [whose] help, encouragement and support have helped him gain the confidence and skills to read out loud and be successful in the classroom."
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 53,000 hours of service in Wyoming since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has supported 807 students in out of school programs, removed 5,156 pounds of exotic vegetation, filled or installed 5,280 sandbags, assisted 4,412 people in disaster areas, built or repaired 12,190 feet of fencing, and aided 8,931 people whose homes are safer and protected from natural disasters. Recent project highlights include service projects with the Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites, and Trails. The NCCC team served at two popular State Parks to increase access and safety for visitors. The team removed hazardous dead trees, improved trail systems, installed signs, and built a fence to preserve protected areas.