**VOLUNTEERING: A PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT**

The new report from the Corporation for National and Community Service provides the most compelling empirical evidence to date linking volunteering and employment in the United States.

Volunteers have higher odds of finding employment in today’s job market.

Volunteers have a 27% higher odds of finding employment than non-volunteers.

The relationship between volunteering and employment was strongest for individuals without a high school diploma and those who live in rural areas.

The relationship is stable across time and economic conditions.

How could volunteering help individuals find employment?  

Volunteering increases an individual’s networks and connections.  
Volunteering increases an individual’s experience or useful education, skills, and training.  
Volunteering helps to create a positive impression in a competitive job market.

CNCS expands economic opportunity through all its programs.

CNCS helps disconnected youth, new Americans, veterans, military families, seniors, and people with disabilities acquire the skills, education, and training they need for employment.

Through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and Volunteer Generation Fund, CNCS engages Americans in service at 70,000+ locations in the U.S.

National Service recruits 4.7+ million community volunteers through AmeriCorps and Days of Service to strengthen nonprofits and communities.

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