

# Meeting on the Web to Share Ideas and Resources

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**Ellen:** One of the main things we were trying to do is capture some of the successful projects and practices of our AmeriCorps and VISTA Members. It's amazing, you'll have a community that's 50 miles from another community, and they're both struggling with the same problem. But because there's not a lot of road and traffic between the two, when one community has come up with a solution, the community right next door hasn't. So, we were trying to help members capture that and share that with others. So, our "Success Story" area of that web site was a big part of it.

It's hard to do your service when you're on your own a bit and you're the only VISTA in your community. So, we were trying to create a meeting place, too, for the VISTAs and AmeriCorps Members and their site supervisors to stay more connected. One person will email us, "We've found this great web site." Or someone would say, "Here's a funding opportunity some other communities might want to share." So, now we have a place where we can put all that rather than just massive amounts of emails going back and forth.