

National Service Impact in Indiana

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The Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County Indiana, Inc. sponsors Project ACES (Accelerating Children with Educational Support). Last year, the program hosted 129 members who provided direct educational support and character/leadership programming at Boys and Girls Clubs throughout Indiana. Project ACES members facilitated homework help and academic enrichment sessions for over 24,000 youth ages 6-18. Over 12,500 youth increased their reading or math fluency scores by at least 15%. Members also supported Indiana youth in developing healthy lifestyles. Over 40,000 youth engaged in activities led by members to reduce childhood obesity, and over 15,000 youth increased their time spent in physical activity by 85% to meet recommended standards. In addition to providing direct service to Indiana youth, members also recruited over 2,500 volunteers who provided nearly 41,000 hours of service.

AmeriCorps NCCC

Metro United Way provides services to seven counties including 3 in Southern Indiana. On March 2, 2012 5 counties in Southern Indiana were devastated by a F4 tornado. Days later, Metro United Way set up a Volunteer Reception Center (VRC). NCCC has since sent 4 teams to work with Metro United Way. NCCC teams were essential in opening and operating the VRC during the first few months after the tornado. Corps Members gained knowledge of disaster response work and communities' stages of disaster recovery; learned how to speak to survivors and deploy volunteers, and learned how to set up work deployment and progress tracking systems. NCCC staffing at the VRC provided over 5,000 interested volunteers a better experience as they assisted in rebuilding the surrounding communities.

AmeriCorps VISTA

VISTA sponsor Trustees of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana deployed 14 fulltime members and 10 VISTA summer associates in high impact activities which fostered innovation and entrepreneurship in meeting national anti-poverty goals. VISTA members engaged community volunteers who performed more than 2,000 hours of service. These efforts resulted in 1,496 individuals provided with financial literacy education and/or employment services, 5,415 individuals demonstrated improved academic performance in programs supported by VISTA members, and \$56,000 in resources including 1,480lbs of food were generated.

Senior Corps

RSVP sponsor, the Area Agency on Aging engaged 460 volunteers in Healthy Senior Independence Services serving more than 1,200 seniors, many who are low income and homebound, helping them stay in their homes and remain as independent and active as possible. Volunteers provide a menu of direct services for seniors including companionship, mental stimulation, light exercise, safety education, cleaning, and meal preparation in the Bloomington and Ellettsville, Indiana communities. All senior clients reported an increased ability to maintain their independence as a result of the services and 100% reported an overall increase in their safety and quality of life.

Social Innovation Fund

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), an intermediary grantee of the Social Innovation Fund, is growing Financial Opportunity Centers – a workforce development and asset-building model that boosts earnings, reduces expenses, and coaches low-income families on how to make better financial decisions – to reach 7,500 total participants. In Indianapolis, LISC has six nonprofit subgrantees receiving total annual grants of \$802,000 which they match dollar-for-dollar. A rigorous evaluation will provide greater evidence about the model's impact on employment, earnings and savings.