



# AMERICORPS NCCC

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**Connecticut** is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region campus. Currently located in Perry Point, MD and moving to Baltimore in 2013, the Atlantic Region campus serves as the base for approximately 400 members and team leaders each year and serves Washington D.C., Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members are assigned to one of five regional campuses into teams of approximately ten members, and complete 2- to 3-month projects responding to local communities' needs in every state. Teams serve with local and national organizations, infusing resources and leading volunteers for hundreds of organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross. These young adults lead youth development activities, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address other pressing local needs.

NCCC's flexible program structure allows both the opportunity to partner with non-profit or government organizations that might lack the capacity to manage longer grant programs, as well as the ability to create strategic collaborations with other national service programs and federal agencies to magnify the impact on communities served. In 2012, NCCC collaborated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and created a new unit of members called FEMA Corps. These teams are devoted solely to FEMA disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts, which strengthen the nation's ability to respond to and recover from disasters while expanding career opportunities for young people. Between the traditional and FEMA Corps, up to 2,800 members serve with AmeriCorps NCCC each year.

In addition to the FEMA Corps, the traditional NCCC teams are coordinated for rapid disaster deployment anywhere in the country. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. Since 2000, members have served more than 5.1 million hours on 1900 disaster services projects across the nation.

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## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CONNECTICUT SINCE 2000

- ★ 92,608 service hours completed
- ★ \$2,050,341 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 3,600 volunteers recruited and coordinated
- ★ 13,960 meals served in disaster areas
- ★ 14,800 feet of fencing built or repaired
- ★ 430 damage or needs assessments conducted
- ★ 6,540 trees or shrubs removed
- ★ 7,200 people assisted at mass care facilities

## SELECTED CONNECTICUT PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Camp Mountain Laurel
- ★ Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach
- ★ Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity
- ★ Hamden/North Haven YMCA
- ★ Wakeman Boys & Girls Club
- ★ Red Cross Connecticut - Middletown
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield
- ★ Torrington Area Health District's Medical Reserve Corps

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield

*Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County seeks to build community and to improve lives by partnering with low-income families, community volunteers, and donors to build simple, decent, safe and affordable neighborhoods. In an area that has been identified as having the widest income gap in the United States' 516 metropolitan areas, according to the Census Bureau, greater Bridgeport area benefits from the collaboration with NCCC by making more housing to low-income residents. Through collaboration with NCCC members, 200 new volunteer relationships were generated, 2,000 pounds of debris were removed from identified communities, 8 homes were constructed, and two Blitz builds were coordinated and with between 600-800 corporate volunteers.*

AmeriCorps NCCC is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

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