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Illinois is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region campus. Located in Vinton, IA, the North Central Campus serves as the base for approximately 480 members and team leaders each year and serves the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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 ILLINOIS SINCE 2000

- ★ 111,930 service hours completed
- ★ \$2,478,130 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 1,428 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 9 historical cemeteries restored
- ★ 20,000 community assessments conducted or evaluated
- ★ 4 archeological sites supported
- ★ 10,770 tax returns completed
- ★ 1,960 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted

SELECTED ILLINOIS PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ The Illinois Chapter - The Nature Conservancy (Emiquon Preserve)
- ★ Home Sweet Home Ministries
- ★ Living Lands & Water (LL&W)
- ★ USDA Forest Service - Shawnee National Forest
- ★ Champaign County RPC
- ★ Illinois Coalition for Community Service
- ★ Center for Economic Progress
- ★ Campton Historic Agricultural Lands, Inc.

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Champaign County Regional Planning Commission

The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a community action agency that supports the well-being and quality of life for at-risk, low-income, and underserved residents of Champaign County through programs that promote self-sufficiency. The NCCC team conducted countywide outreach for the Weatherization Assistance Program through distributing information on home energy conservation door-to-door, and also assembled over 3,500 energy efficiency kits. The team gained knowledge about weatherization and the impact it has on homes, residents, and the environment through their work and presentations with the CCRPC. Over 2,000 potentially qualified residents are now aware of programs offered by the CCRPC.

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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