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Minnesota 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 MINNESOTA SINCE 2000

- ★ 124,002 service hours completed
- ★ \$2,745,404 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 555 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 1,074 tons of underbrush removed
- ★ 1,275 people with disabilities assisted
- ★ 2,936 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted
- ★ 7,502 acres of brush removed to prevent forest fires
- ★ 12,600 meals served to disaster survivors

SELECTED MINNESOTA PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Laurentian Lakes Chapter, North Country Trail Association
- ★ Friends of the History Museum of East Otter Tail County, Inc
- ★ USDA Forest Service Superior National Forest
- ★ Habitat for Humanity-Twin Cities
- ★ One Heartland
- ★ YMCA of Twin Cities
- ★ Minneapolis Veterans Home
- ★ The Nature Conservancy of Minnesota

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: The Minneapolis Veterans Home

The Minneapolis Veterans Home was originally established in 1887 for indigent veterans of the Civil War. The Home provides skilled nursing and domiciliary care to 341 veterans. NCCC members painted and made minor repairs such as wall patching in 62 rooms in one of the Minneapolis Veterans Home's residential facilities. They also painted dayrooms and hallways. Members improved their painting skills and helped improve living conditions and the aesthetic appeal of the resident veterans' home.

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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