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New Jersey 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.

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN NEW JERSEY SINCE 2000

- ★ 290,055 service hours completed
- ★ \$6,421,818 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 35,000 people assisted at mass care facilities
- ★ 716 community gardens started or maintained
- ★ 2,500 damage assessments completed
- ★ 46 tons of debris, exotic vegetation or underbrush removed
- ★ 165 tons of food collected, inventoried, and distributed
- ★ 6,000 volunteers recruited and coordinated

SELECTED NEW JERSEY PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Groundwork Elizabeth
- ★ Linwood MacDonald YMCA Conference Center
- ★ Rutgers University Department of Entomology
- ★ Vacamas Programs for Youth
- ★ Respond INC
- ★ Camden City Garden Club, Camden Children's Garden
- ★ Camp Sun N Fun
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Metro Camden

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Camden City Garden Club, Camden Children's Garden

The Camden City Garden Club inspires and educates people of all ages by providing opportunities to improve their quality of life, health, and community through horticulture. It is the vision of Camden City Garden Club to be a valuable center to foster learning and community, while being a leading resource enabling community access to healthy, high quality, safe, and affordable food. NCCC members tended seven existing gardens and started six additional gardens in Camden, NJ, in the process gaining an understanding of how to build and nurture gardens and helping create additional community recreational and educational spaces.

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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