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Ohio 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 OHIO SINCE 2000

- ★ 159,792 service hours completed
- ★ \$3,537,795 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 822 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 2,350 people educated on sustainability and energy conservation practices
- ★ 126 tons of underbrush removed
- ★ 16,503 seedlings planted
- ★ 1,199 homeless people assisted
- ★ 1,275 tax returns completed

SELECTED OHIO PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks
- ★ Akron Summit Community Action, Inc.
- ★ Gorman Heritage Farm
- ★ Habitat for Humanity - Greater Columbus
- ★ Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance
- ★ Camp Echoing Hills
- ★ Toledo Botanical Gardens
- ★ Supports to Encourage Low-Income Families

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation

The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC) is a citywide multifaceted neighborhood development organization launched to catalyze strategic reinvestment in City of Youngstown neighborhoods. NCCC assisted with YNDC's Lots of Green, Model Blocks, and Vacant Land Stabilization programs. Members removed over 14,900 pounds of debris, worked in three community gardens, and removed over 50 stumps. Members learned about the negative impacts that vacant homes have on communities and the importance of productive land use, as well as how to install hoop houses, construct garden beds, and operate power tools like wood chippers. The community gardens benefit the community by providing healthy food options and the opportunity for citizens to grow their own food.

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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