



# AMERICORPS NCCC

South Dakota 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 SOUTH DAKOTA SINCE 2000

- ★ 112,445 service hours completed
- ★ \$2,489,532 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 8,385 people assisted in disaster areas
- ★ 1,060 environmental education programs conducted
- ★ 602 museums or historical buildings renovated or supported
- ★ 11,000 books sorted, inventoried, repaired, or shelved
- ★ 626 community assessments conducted or evaluated
- ★ 36,719 feet of fencing built or repaired

### SELECTED SOUTH DAKOTA PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Custer State Park
- ★ Spirit of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary
- ★ Black Hills Workshop
- ★ Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
- ★ Turtle Island Learning Circle, Inc.
- ★ City of Sioux Falls
- ★ SuAnne Big Crow Boys and Girls Club
- ★ Oahe Family YMCA

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

*Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSS-SD) is a statewide human services agency with a wide variety of programs in 30 communities. Large parts of South Dakota's capital city of Pierre and neighboring Ft. Pierre were evacuated May 26, 2011, due to unprecedented flooding along the Missouri River. The river remained above flood stage throughout the summer. NCCC teams began responding on September 26, 2011 and continued responding until June 2012 in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota. Tasks included removing sandbags; conducting damage or needs assessments; mucking, gutting, and sanitizing homes; and refurbishing homes for disaster survivors. In addition, teams mucked and gutted four public buildings including the Pierre Auditorium and Amphitheater. Members gained knowledge of disaster relief and recovery efforts.*

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