

National Service Impact in New Mexico

AmeriCorps

The Rocky Mountain Youth Corps AmeriCorps program in northern New Mexico provides opportunities for 16 to 24 year olds to revitalize communities and preserve and restore the environment while preparing members for productive, responsible lives. Twenty-five percent of northern New Mexican youth ages 16 to 24 are not in school and not working. Rocky Mountain Youth AmeriCorps recruits disenfranchised youth, offering job skills, GED attainment, stackable workforce credentials, education awards, and the opportunity to re-engage with their community through high impact service. Each year more than 100 Rocky Mountain Youth Corps AmeriCorps members complete nearly 50,000 hours of service through valuable projects in forest restoration, trail building, and weatherization. At the end of their service year, AmeriCorps members transition to post-secondary options, employment, or further community service.

AmeriCorps NCCC

Local youth members of the Boys and Girls Club of Farmington, New Mexico need additional positive role models. The Boys and Girls Club provides mentoring services to individual youth, small groups, and teaches skills to members. AmeriCorps NCCC teams worked with the Boys and Girls Club of Farmington to provide mentoring and activities to 1,322 elementary students in an out-of-school program, while also spending 285 hours tutoring elementary school students, and assisting more than 1,275 at risk youth.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The AmeriCorps VISTA Cadre Project is a network of approximately 25 VISTA members who serve at community organizations across New Mexico. From April 2012 through September 2012, VISTAs recruited more than 1,760 volunteers who performed more than 17,000 hours of service in some of New Mexico's most underserved communities. In addition, VISTAs have played a key role in developing more than \$320,000 in resources for their host sites through seeking out in-kind donations, working to procure grants, and garnering other donations. VISTA members have also excelled in increasing their host sites ability to help community members receive access to health care and locally grown organic produce. During this period, VISTA-led efforts provided more than 20,000 organic vegetable servings for local at-risk school children. In addition, VISTAs helped 290 low- income families gain access to health care services.

Senior Corps

During a tough economic climate, nonprofits and public agencies are experiencing the challenge of providing an ever-widening array of services with limited funding. In response, the Las Cruces RSVP, sponsored by the City of Las Cruces Network Volunteer Center, organized the first ever Las Cruces Volunteer Fair to help local nonprofit organizations recruit community volunteers. The fair was planned and organized over a six month period by a steering committee comprised of nonprofit leaders and ten RSVP volunteers. More than 30 organizations participated in the Volunteer Fair which was held at City Hall and recruited a total of 36 volunteers as a result of the event. The impact these volunteers have made in the local community is far-reaching, enabling nonprofit and public agencies to expand and enhance the delivery of quality services to the Las Cruces community.