



# AMERICORPS

# NCCC

GETTING THINGS DONE FOR AMERICA



## ABOUT AMERICORPS NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. AmeriCorps 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.



## ABOUT FEMA CORPS

The AmeriCorps NCCC 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, AmeriCorps 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.



## ABOUT DISASTER RELIEF

In addition to the FEMA Corps, the traditional AmeriCorps 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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# WE'RE GETTING THINGS DONE IN MINNESOTA

## Austin, MN | Habitat for Humanity - Freeborn/Mower

The Freeborn and Mower Counties' Habitat for Humanity (HFH) chapter requested an NCCC team to help with the ReStore and Community Home Improvement Program (CHIP). To start, Corps members deconstructed two homes before they were to be demolished so that the materials inside the homes could be sold in the ReStore. To assist the Freeborn/Mower chapter with CHIP, corps members painted the exterior of two homes and one large garage, plus installed a new cement sidewalk for homeowners. NCCC members painted murals on aluminum can collection bins, created signs to creatively advertise the HFH chapter, landscaped around the HFH warehouse, and removed graffiti from HFH's large warehouse door and semitrailer. Ten "Little Free Libraries" were constructed by Corps members with the help of HFH volunteers and will soon be given to local businesses for placement throughout the Austin community. The team also filmed and edited personal stories for a "testimonial video," which will appear on the chapter's YouTube channel.

## Willow River, MN | One Heartland

An NCCC team partnered with One Heartland to support facility maintenance and serve as counselors. One Heartland provides an accepting environment to underserved children, youth and families facing social isolation so that they may lead healthier and more fulfilling lives. Participants face a variety of circumstances including HIV/AIDS, Type 2 Diabetes, and homelessness. Corps members assisted with facility maintenance by installing new screens in cabins, constructing a 100'x100' garden, leading a group of 83 volunteers to deconstruct a deck, and other activities. NCCC members also served as counselors. As counselors, Corps members provided campers with positivity, enthusiasm, and kindness. They helped implement the camp motto, "SPARC," which stands for Safety, Participation, Acceptance, Respect, and Compromise. This motto instills values that will continue to be important in all aspects of the campers' lives.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MINNESOTA SINCE 2000	HIGHLIGHTED SPONSORS IN MINNESOTA
▶ 150,464 service hours completed	▶ Voyageur Outward Bound
▶ \$3,331,273 dollars worth of service provided	▶ Headwaters Science Center
▶ 583 volunteers recruited or coordinated	▶ Friends of the History Museum of E. Otter Tail County Inc.
▶ 4,513 senior citizens assisted	▶ One Heartland
▶ 42,890 ft. stream banks & riverbeds restored /protected	▶ The Nature Conservancy of Minnesota
▶ 1,275 people with disabilities assisted	▶ Itasca Moraine Chapter, North Country Trail Association
▶ 1,705 tons of debris, vegetation & underbrush removed	▶ St. John's Abbey
▶ 3,219 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs	▶ Minneapolis Veterans Home



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