

(Indianapolis, IN) Nearly 30% of Indiana residents volunteer their time and talent to serve others, according to “Volunteering in America: State Trends and Rankings,” a study released by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The report shows that each year Hoosiers give over 189 million hours of volunteer service, valued at over \$3.4 billion. Volunteers provide critical services that could not be replaced.

“This study confirms what we have long known; that the great Hoosier tradition of helping your neighbor is alive and strong”, said Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels. “People are helping in schools, houses of worship, community groups and many other places. Volunteers make a real difference in our state; I encourage all Hoosiers to take time to help others”.

The study analyzes data collected over the past four years by the U.S. Census Bureau, and documents volunteer efforts in each state. The full report is available at www.nationalservice.gov. After reviewing the study, Paula Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives stated that “OFBCI is inspired and encouraged by the deep commitment to volunteering in Indiana. Through the efforts of thousands our state is stronger.” Since being created by Governor Daniels on the second day of his administration, OFBCI has provided volunteers for activities as diverse as Rx for Indiana and the resettlement of hurricane refugees in Indiana.

Over 41,000 Hoosiers volunteer through programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service, including Americorps, Learn and Serve America and Senior Corps.. These programs are supported by the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Department of Education Service Learning, and the Corporation for National and Community Service’s Indiana office. There are currently 68 sites in Indiana hosting Corporation for National and Community Service programs.

“Service-learning is often the beginning influence to a lifetime of volunteerism,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Suellen Reed. “It is important that we develop students who make informed decisions based on moral and civic values and become actively engaged within their communities.”

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