

At a time of great social need, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) engages millions of Americans in focused, sustained service to solve community problems, improve the lives of our nation's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen nonprofits and communities, and transform their own lives. Nationwide, CNCS:

- Engages more than **5 million Americans** in results-driven service through **70,000** community and faith-based organizations each year, supporting America's civic infrastructure of food banks, homeless shelters, youth centers senior homes, state service commissions, and volunteer centers at a time of increasing demand for services.
- Places **tens of thousands** of teachers, tutors, and mentors into America's lowest performing schools, helping children learn the skills they need to graduate and be successful in the 21st century economy.
- Leverages **\$800 million** in non-federal resources each year to strengthen impact on communities.
- Strengthens America's nonprofits by mobilizing more than 3 million community volunteers each year.
- Provides **tens of thousands** of young adults a living allowance, work skills, and educational support to help them graduate, go to college, and find work, saving taxpayer dollars.
- Supports Governor-appointed **State Service Commissions** in every state to engage citizens in solving critical problems.

Impact in Tennessee

More than **9,500** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in Tennessee. Serving through **710** nonprofits, schools, public agencies or faith-based groups across the state, these citizens tutor and mentor at-risk youth, assist veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, build homes, and recruit and manage volunteers. This year CNCS is committing more than **\$13,900,000** to support 710 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **6,300** Tennessee seniors who annually contribute more than **18,824,770** hours valued at more than **\$40,209,470** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
 - » Provided **530** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **54** caregivers
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **12,000** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
 - » Helped more than **650** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **740** Tennessee citizens in intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic and other pressing community needs. Last year they:
 - » Tutored or mentored more than **25,040** disadvantaged children and youth
 - » Provided more than **697,290** hours of service valued at more than **\$14,894,130**
 - » Recruited more than **47,180** volunteers
 - » Raised more than **\$7,910,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
 - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **Tennessee** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Teach for America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Boys & Girls Clubs of America, United Way, The Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Making Veterans Priority
 - » Since 1994, more than **9,000** Tennessee residents have served more than **17 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$25,160,000**.
- **The Social Innovation Fund (SIF)** mobilizes public and private resources to grow promising, innovative community-based solutions that have evidence of compelling impact in three areas of priority need: economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development.
 - » To date, the SIF has awarded **\$95 million** to **16** intermediary grantmakers in **10** states, which have made subgrants to nearly **150** subgrantees in **33** states and the District of Columbia, leveraging **\$250 million** in additional private and non-federal dollars in matching funds.
 - » In Tennessee, **two** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$1 million**.

Tennessee Project Highlights

- Community Cares **AmeriCorps**' 35 members assisted 34,973 frail seniors and persons with disabilities through in-home assistance in more than 39 Tennessee cities so that the residents remained living independently in their homes and avoided having to go into nursing homes, saving millions of taxpayer dollars. Community Cares recruited 2,397 volunteers who provided 26,306 hours of additional services to frail seniors. CAC AmeriCorps' 40 members taught 8,390 Knoxville students water and air quality, gardening, energy conservation, waste reduction and recycling with 2,317 students participating in service projects and/or increasing environmental knowledge. Members recruited 5,758 volunteers who gave 18,373 hours of service to environmental projects. Members taught families about energy conservation and provided 296 households with energy audits, weatherization inspections or retrofits to improve energy efficiency.
- Tennessee Campus Compact was created as the sustainability strategy for a 2006 Learn & Serve America grant to Vanderbilt University. Since 2008, the Compact has placed AmeriCorps **VISTA** members in 25 colleges and universities and 7 high schools in 21 counties where student engagement through campus/community partnerships is being sustained. Through the support of VISTA members, the Compact has trained 2,300 higher education faculty members in service-learning curriculum integration, established 12 new university service center offices, mobilized 6,285 volunteers, generated 493,572 service hours to hundreds of community organizations for an economic impact of over \$9,000,000 (non-cash) and over \$460,000 (cash) resources. Eight former VISTA members have transitioned into newly created, permanent university staff positions with a focus on sustaining service-learning, student engagement and community partnerships.
- Upper East Tennessee HDA **RSVP** provides volunteers across an 8-county service region. Within this area, more than 790 elderly/disabled individuals have been identified as needing nutritious daily meals in order to maintain their independence. The First Tennessee HRA Nutrition Program prepares nutritious meals for home delivery to these individuals and RSVP volunteers are an integral part of the delivery process. During calendar year 2011, 247 RSVP volunteers served 9,869 hours to deliver 89,943 meals to homebound individuals in their 8-county region. Nutrition Program data indicate that 735 of the 790 individuals receiving home delivered meals maintained health and well-being sufficient to remain living independent of expensive long-term care services frequently provided at public expense.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 348,000 hours of service in Tennessee since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has recruited or coordinated 5,490 volunteers, removed 259 tons of debris or vegetation, assisted 9,468 people in disaster areas, constructed or restored 645 miles of hiking trails, and sorted, received or distributed 45 tons of clothing. Recent project highlights include NCCC's collaboration with cosponsors Arkwings, Inc. and Wolf River Conservancy in Memphis. In 2011, NCCC teams blazed three miles of new trail, removed 9,400 pounds of exotic vegetation and underbrush, and removed 700 pounds of trash in the Wolf River Greenway Corridor. NCCC improved Arkwings' 17-acre facility used to provide retreats and other healthy-living programs for at-risk youth by establishing a garden and improving recreation spaces.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 2,400 Tennessee students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One school-based Learn and Serve grant will be implemented by the Tennessee Department of Education in collaboration with Volunteer Tennessee. Subgrantees are selected to provide high quality service-learning projects as a dropout prevention strategy, incorporating the K-12 Service-Learning Standards for Quality Practice. Approximately six school districts in Tennessee conduct programs that include district-wide implementation across the three grade spans. The subgrantees work to engage at-risk youth in 6 school districts in high-quality service learning programs aimed at increasing civic engagement, and expand the number of schools/teachers using service learning through teacher training.