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Volunteer Mississippi

Through the enactment of Senate Bill 2447 in the 1996 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, known as Volunteer Mississippi, officially became the state office of volunteerism. The 20 commission members appointed by the Governor represent a broad-based constituency, dedicated to the concept of community service and the building of public/private coalitions to strengthen Mississippi communities.

Volunteer Mississippi's mission is to engage and support Mississippians of all ages and background in service to their communities. Believing that volunteers are a powerful force for community improvement, whose efforts make the most of limited resources, Volunteer Mississippi seeks to involve Mississippians to make a difference in every community in the state.

Volunteer Mississippi is the official grant-making, technical assistance provider, and training entity for national service in the State of Mississippi. Volunteer Mississippi provides national service programs with the expertise to develop and manage community volunteer centers, strong and competitive national service programs, inclusive outreach for volunteers with special needs, and disaster assistance.

As the state's official organization to promote community service and volunteerism, Volunteer Mississippi invests in Mississippi communities by building public/private coalitions, linking communities and organizations to local and national resources, coordinating state resources for volunteers, and supporting and initiating Volunteer Centers to connect volunteers with meaningful opportunities that address serious social needs.

Volunteer Mississippi offers an exciting challenge and opportunity to serve. Our programs are designed to increase volunteer participation and sustainable systems for volunteer management. The investment in volunteer infrastructure generates a substantial return for Mississippi. Volunteers can meet our state's challenges by building a better, brighter future for all Mississippians.

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS):

National service legislation created the new Corporation for National and Community Service in 1993. Formed in conjunction with the White House Office of National Service, built upon the foundation of the former Commission on National and Community Service and ACTION, and incorporating the new Civilian Community Corps, the Corporation is positioned to revitalize service in every region and community across the country.

The Corporation supports a range of national and community service programs, providing opportunities for participants to serve full-time and part-time, as volunteers or as stipend participants, and as individuals or as a part of a team. From our youngest citizens engaged in service learning activities in grades K-12 to our older Americans assisting those in need in their communities, the Corporation provides "seasons of service" for all Americans. The State Office of the CNCS administers the

AmeriCorps VISTA programs and the three components of the Senior Service Corps (Foster Grandparents, Retired & Senior Volunteer Programs, and Senior Companions).

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members, assigned to one of five campuses, are organized into teams of 10-12 members and serve in communities in every state responding to needs that are identified by community-based organizations state or local government entities. Campuses are currently located in Baltimore, MD; Denver, CO; Vinton, IA; Sacramento, CA, and the newest campus in Vicksburg, MS.

Partners in Service:

With the passage of the Kennedy Serve America Act in 2009, Volunteer Mississippi, along with national service programs, has been challenged to expand the reach of volunteers and national service programs across Mississippi. Volunteer Mississippi has responded to this challenge by strengthening our partnerships with national service agencies in Mississippi through the Mississippi Cross Stream Council to streamline and increase outreach to the public.

Information in this booklet is collected and generated from the Cross Stream Council in order to maximize national service impact and to enable opportunities to better serve local community needs. Listed below are Partners In Service and members of the Mississippi Cross Stream Council:

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What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 men and women in intensive service each year at more than 21,000 locations including nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country. AmeriCorps members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve. Members gain valuable professional, educational, and life benefits, and the experience has a lasting impact on the members and the communities they serve.

This year over 546 AmeriCorps members are serving through 11 AmeriCorps State programs to **Get Things Done for Mississippi**. Others serve in AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps). Upon completion of their term of service, AmeriCorps members receive education awards to help finance college costs or repay student loans.

What do AmeriCorps Members do?

AmeriCorps members train volunteers, tutor and mentor at-risk youth, build or refurbish housing, clean up rivers and streams, help seniors live independently, provide emergency and long-term assistance to victims of natural disasters, and meet other community needs.

Is there more than one type of AmeriCorps program?

Yes, there are three main branches of AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps State and National, whose members serve with national and local nonprofit and community groups; AmeriCorps VISTA, through which members serve full time fighting poverty; and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a team-based residential program for young adults 18-24 who carry out projects in public safety, the environment, youth development, and disaster relief and preparedness.

- **AmeriCorps State and National:** AmeriCorps State members serve in the programs sponsored by Volunteer Mississippi and provide direct service. AmeriCorps National programs site members in more than one state and receive their funding directly from the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- **AmeriCorps VISTA** members serve economically challenged communities and are dedicated to increasing the capability of people to improve the conditions of their own lives. Members of AmeriCorps VISTA serve full-time and live in the communities they serve, creating programs that can continue after they complete their service.
- **AmeriCorps NCCC** is a ten-month, full-time residential service program for men and women ages eighteen to twenty-four. Members help meet the nation's critical needs in the areas of natural and other disaster services, environmental stewardship and conservation, urban and rural development, energy conservation and infrastructure improvement. AmeriCorps NCCC combines the best practices of civilian service with the best aspects of military service, including leadership and team building.

What agencies oversee AmeriCorps?

All national service programs are funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Corporation (or CNCS) works with governor-appointed state commissions, nonprofits, faith-based

groups, schools, and other organizations to provide opportunities for Americans of all ages to serve their communities.

To learn more about Mississippi AmeriCorps programs and opportunities, call the programs listed or Volunteer Mississippi at 601.432.6224 or 1.888.353.1793, or visit the Volunteer Mississippi webpage at www.volunteermississippi.org. To learn more about AmeriCorps nationwide, visit www.AmeriCorps.gov or call 1.800.942.2677 (TDD 1.800.833.3722).

AmeriCorps State Programs

Volunteer Mississippi oversees 11 AmeriCorps State programs engaging 546 AmeriCorps members in Mississippi communities.

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■ **America Reads - Mississippi (ARM) “Tutors with a Mission”**

Statewide - America Reads – Mississippi is dedicated to improving the reading skills of students, encouraging public awareness and support for literacy, and helping to increase the number of certified teachers in Mississippi. 87 AmeriCorps members tutor a total of 1,232 students per day in school settings, resulting in students demonstrating growth equal to or greater than what is expected for one year. Members also provide homework help and tutoring to 920 k-3 students in afterschool programs resulting in students demonstrating improvement in homework completion and attitudes toward school.

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■ **City of Jackson / Capital City Rebuilds**

20 AmeriCorps members function as liaisons between food pantries, health care agencies, and community members in the poorest neighborhoods of our Capital City. Individuals receiving referrals, nutritional information and a monthly food box will report an increase in food security. Clients being served by AmeriCorps members will demonstrate an increased awareness of available healthcare resources and will report improved health behaviors as a result of using the preventive and primary healthcare services and programs provided by AmeriCorps members.

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■ **CLIMB CDC / Workforce Training Institute AmeriCorps Gulf Coast**

Engages 26 AmeriCorps members, 100% of whom are Opportunity Youth. Members receive job and related skills training in environmental careers and other fields, enabling them to apply these skills to restore 20 acres of parks or public land.

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■ **Delta State University/Delta Reads**

50 AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one and small group tutoring 5 days a week throughout the 2016-2017 school year (30 weeks) to 400 underachieving, economically disadvantaged students in grades K-8 in Mississippi Delta school districts in Bolivar, Coahoma, Leflore, Sunflower, and Washington counties. At the end of the first program year 320 students in grades K-8 will complete the program by participating in 30 or more tutoring sessions. 300 students will demonstrate improved attitudes toward learning and 275 students will demonstrate improved classroom behavior.

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■ **FoodCorps Mississippi**

Collaborating with community partners and school teams, 10 FoodCorps AmeriCorps members serve in high-need schools, providing an intervention designed to transform children's attitudes toward healthy eating and improve school food environments. Members increase children's understanding of healthy food, increase their excitement to try new foods that are good for them, enable new healthy eating habits and increase opportunities to eat healthy food on a daily basis at school. FoodCorps is creating a future in which every school is a healthy school, and every child is well-nourished and ready to learn. Through our work, future generations will grow up to lead healthier, more productive, and longer lives.

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■ **Grenada School District**

29 AmeriCorps members tutor over 1,000 k-8 low performing students one on one or in small groups resulting in students achieving at least a 15% academic improvement in reading and/or math.

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■ **Northtown CDC / Veterans Service Network**

20 veterans serving as AmeriCorps members connect veterans, their family members, and family members of active military service personnel to existing resources such as VA registration, peer to peer mentoring, and referral for PTSD/Suicide prevention.

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■ **Scientific Research 1(SR1) – COOL Project**

64 AmeriCorps members prepare low-income k-12 students for college access and success through a holistic academic and 21st century skills approach. One-on-one tutoring and mentoring provided by AmeriCorps members will result in students demonstrating gain in literacy and/or math on standard pre-/post-tests and promotion to the next grade level.

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■ **The University of Mississippi / Mississippi College Corps**

122 students, serving as AmeriCorps members at the University of MS, the University of Southern MS and MS University for Women, serve economically disadvantaged children by delivering an enhanced pre-K curriculum, by providing sustained after-school tutoring, and by supporting a summer learning program.

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■ **The University of Southern Mississippi / Campus Link AmeriCorps**

80 AmeriCorps members, mostly college students, provide in- and after-school tutoring for 4th-8th grade students, resulting in improved academic engagement and preparation for moving forward to the 9th grade. Members also recruit community volunteers and engage youth in service projects.

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■ **The University of Southern Mississippi / TRIAD Service AmeriCorps**

38 AmeriCorps members, with and without disabilities, focus on providing health education and physical activity opportunities to children and youth with disabilities in at least one school district in Forrest, Hancock, Harrison and Lamar counties. Middle school students with disabilities served will demonstrate adoption of health behaviors and increased physical activity.

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AmeriCorps National Programs

■ Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE)

ACE is a two-year service program offering college graduates the opportunity to serve as full-time teachers in under-resourced Catholic schools across the southern United States. Because we believe that good teachers need excellent formation, ACE prepares its teachers in an innovative Master of Education program at Notre Dame. ACE teachers represent a broad variety of undergraduate disciplines, with a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences. There are 5 ACE AmeriCorps members serving in Pascagoula and Biloxi at Resurrection Catholic Elementary School, Resurrection Catholic Middle/High School, and St. Patrick's High School.

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■ DeltaCorps

60 DeltaCorps members will serve with nonprofit organizations that have already distinguished themselves as powerful catalysts for change in the Delta (AL, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO, and TN), utilizing a diverse portfolio of proven program models that develop economic opportunity through workforce development, health and wellness, emergency preparedness, environmental stewardship, education, and engagement of veterans and military families. DeltaCorps adds capacity and people power to successful Delta-developed assets, allowing them to expand and reach into traditionally underserved communities. *(Recruiting placement sites for 2016-2017.)*

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■ Equal Justice Works

The Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Program was created in 2003 with the goal of improving access to justice by increasing the availability of pro bono legal services. The program offers law graduates the opportunity to promote public service among law students and at law schools, while developing their own legal and professional skills. AmeriCorps Fellow projects are based at various host organizations across the country. Each host site has created its own project to meet the unaddressed legal needs in its community; however, all projects require AmeriCorps Fellows to collaborate with area law schools, student groups, community organizations, and legal aid providers in the creation of pro bono opportunities. An Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow, serving with the Mississippi Center for Justice, recruits lawyers and law students to provide pro bono legal services across the state. She is based in Biloxi and is focusing on providing expungement petitions and eliminating other barriers to employment for ex-offenders throughout the state.

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■ Habitat for Humanity International AmeriCorps National Service

The Habitat for Humanity International AmeriCorps National Service program provides a unique human resource to affiliates—a motivated, passionate, hard-working AmeriCorps member who can address community needs in a variety of ways. Members engage directly with the community, including

volunteers and partner families and also have the opportunity for personal development and skill improvement. During the 2016-2017 program year 10 Habitat National Direct AmeriCorps members are serving with Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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■ **Teach For America**

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the effort to end educational inequity. Today, more than 53,000 Teach For America corps members and alumni are leading within schools, school systems, and every sector and field that shapes them. Among them are 19,000 teachers, including nearly 7,000 first and second year corps members in 53 urban and rural regions across the country. In Mississippi, 200 first- and second-year corps members and over 200 alumni are working to ensure every child has an excellent education. Teach For America is a proud member of the AmeriCorps national service network.

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■ **The Student Conservation Corps**

AmeriCorps members spend 3-12 months devoted to critical environmental issues such as public land visitor use surveys, public safety education and outreach, interpretation, wildlife studies, waterfowl surveys, and moist soil management. To date, AmeriCorps members served in Mississippi during this grant year at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge, North Mississippi Refuge Complex, and Vicksburg National Military Park

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■ **NCCC Southern Region** (National Civilian Community Corps)

NCCC members serve in a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members are organized into teams of 10-12 members and serve in local communities responding to needs that are identified by community-based organizations. Through an interagency agreement with FEMA and arrangement with the American Red Cross, NCCC members also respond to national disasters. Members are certified in disaster response; approximately 15% are trained as wildland firefighters by federal land-management agencies. NCCC teams also support local disaster relief organizations to help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural or man-made disasters. The Mississippi campus is located in Vicksburg, MS. Other campuses are currently located in Baltimore, MD; Denver, CO; Vinton, IA; and Sacramento, CA.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Volunteers in Service to America (AmeriCorps VISTA) are committed to increasing the capability of low-income people to improve the conditions of their own lives. More than 7,000 AmeriCorps VISTA members serve in rural and urban areas across the nation, providing employment training, literacy services, housing assistance, health education, and neighborhood revitalization.

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What is Senior Corps?

The National Senior Service Corps is a network of programs that connects individuals ages 55 or older with service opportunities related to their interests and in their communities. Through grants and other resources—including the energy and efforts of citizens age 55 and over—Senior Corps helps meet the needs and challenges of America’s communities. Senior Corps Volunteers receive guidance and training so they can make a contribution that suits their talents, interests, and availability. Their contributions of skills, knowledge, and experience make a real difference to individuals, nonprofits, and faith-based and other community organizations throughout Mississippi.

What do Senior Corps Volunteers do?

Senior Corps volunteers work closely with their local project director, who gathers specific information about how potential volunteers would like to serve. They become mentors, coaches or companions to people in need, or contribute their job skills and expertise to community projects and organizations. They find the program that interests them most which helps to shape their placement and assignments.

Is there more than one type of Senior Corps program?

Yes, there are three branches of Senior Corps programs:

- **Foster Grandparents:** The Foster Grandparent Program provides support to children with special needs and offers seniors aged 55 or older opportunities to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for children and youth with special needs. They serve in community organizations such as schools, hospitals, and youth centers. Foster Grandparents strengthen communities by providing youth services that community budgets cannot afford and by building bridges across generations. Foster Grandparents who meet income eligibility requirements and serve between 15-40 hours per week may receive small stipends.
- **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP):** Retired and Senior Volunteers help seniors aged 55 and older to find service opportunities in their communities. They tend to a variety of local services that range from leading local museum tours to teaching adult education computer classes. They choose how, where, and how often they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week. They provide hundreds of services in organizations that range from education centers to policy departments to hospitals. The involvement of the RSVP volunteers, who serve without compensation, is bounded only by their personal interest and project need.
- **Senior Companions** offer assistance to help elderly individuals live independently. Through the Senior Companion Program, volunteers aged 55 and older provide assistance and friendship to elderly individuals who are homebound and, generally, living alone. By taking care of simple chores, providing transportation to medical appointments, and offering contact to the outside world, Senior Companions often provide the essential services that prevent older Americans from having to enter nursing homes. They also provide respite care to relieve live-in caretakers for short periods of time. Senior Companions also help make the lives of the people they serve less lonely. Senior Companions usually serve two to four clients and provide 15-40 hours of weekly service.

To learn more about Mississippi Senior Corps programs and opportunities, call the local programs listed below or the Mississippi State Program Office at 601.965.5664 or ms@cns.gov. To learn more about Senior Corps nationwide, visit www.nationalservice.gov or call 1.800.942.2677 (TDD 1.800.833.3722).

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Foster Grandparent Programs

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What are Volunteer Centers?

Mississippi's Volunteer Centers are conveners for the community, catalysts for social action, and a key resource for volunteer involvement. They are funded by the Volunteer Generation Fund, which is a program that supports voluntary organizations and state service commissions in boosting the impact of volunteers in addressing critical community needs. Volunteer Centers may look different in different communities, but they share core functions, roles, and purposes. Volunteer Centers promote volunteerism, mobilize people to meet community needs through meaningful service and equip volunteers and nonprofits to more effectively solve community problems.

What do Volunteer Centers do?

Volunteer Centers act as the local Volunteer Hub where concerned citizens can go to get informed and involved. They inspire people to serve through the promotion of volunteering and mobilize people to meet community needs through meaningful service. They connect people with opportunities to serve through community partnerships and build capacity for effective local volunteering. They improve the quality and level of volunteer service in a community.

How are Volunteer Centers structured?

Volunteer Centers are primarily structured in one of two ways: 1) as an independent non-profit organization governed by a board of directors; or 2) as a program internal to another organization, most commonly United Ways, Community Foundations, or similar established community agencies. Sometimes Volunteer Centers may be part of a local government, college, or university.

To learn more about Mississippi Volunteer Center programs and opportunities, call the programs listed or Volunteer Mississippi at 601.432.6306 or 1.888.353.1793 or visit the Volunteer Mississippi webpage at www.volunteermississippi.org. To learn more about the Volunteer Generation Fund nationwide, visit www.nationalservice.gov or call 1.800.942.2677 (TDD 1.800.833.3722).

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