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# AmeriCorps VISTA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign

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# Tips For Participating

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- Submit questions to the presenter at any time using the Q & A feature.
- Share tips, resources, and ideas with other attendees using the Chat feature.
- “Raise” your hand during Q&A to ask a question verbally



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Welcome to  
AmeriCorps VISTA 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Campaign



**VISTA**  
— **50 years** —  
Volunteers In Service To America

# Today's Team



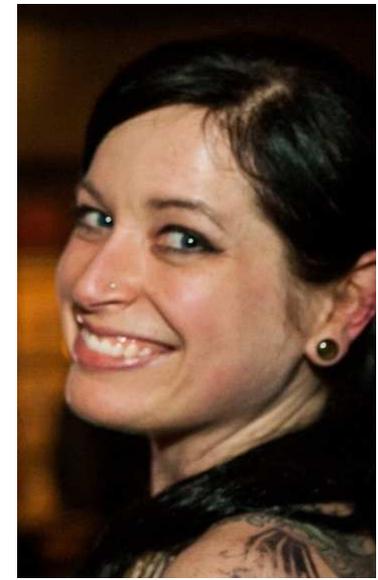
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# Today's Agenda

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- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Goals
- National Solutions Summit
- Community Solutions Summit
- Solutions Incubator & Showcase
- Ways to Get Involved
- Support Available
- What are YOUR ideas?

# VISTA's Launch

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VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)

- August 20, 1964 – The Economic Opportunity Act is signed into law
- Part of President Johnson's War on Poverty
- February of 1965, the first class of VISTAs started serving
- More than **190,000** VISTAs have served



# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Goals

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- Celebrate & Innovate
  - Honor past and present members, projects, and communities
  - Bring greater visibility to AmeriCorps VISTA members and projects
  - Empower communities to create innovative solutions that address poverty in their neighborhoods

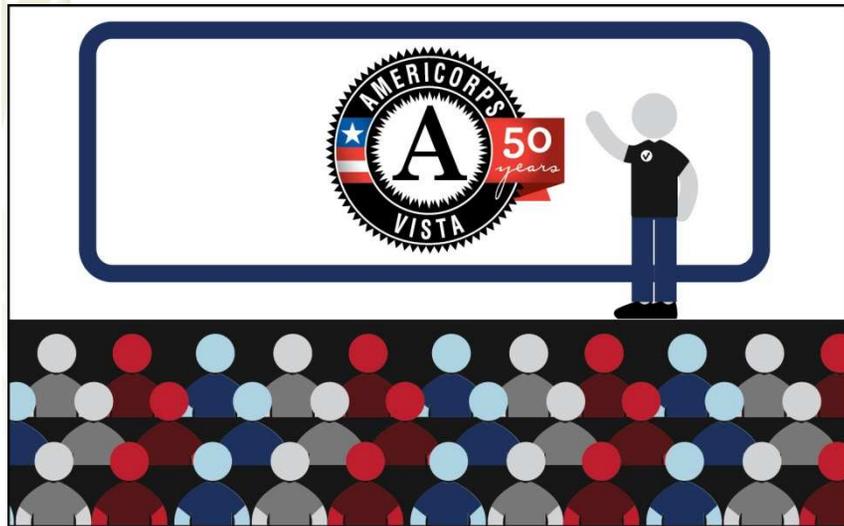
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# National Solutions Summit

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- February 25, 2015 at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC
- Kicks off the AmeriCorps VISTA 50th Anniversary activities
- Honors VISTA's history of addressing poverty & sets a vision for future poverty solutions
- In-person event and live-streamed for a national audience

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# Community Events & Solutions Summits

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- Local events around the country throughout 2015
- Community members come together to celebrate VISTA's local impact
- Generate innovative solutions to local poverty issues



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# Community Solutions Spotlights

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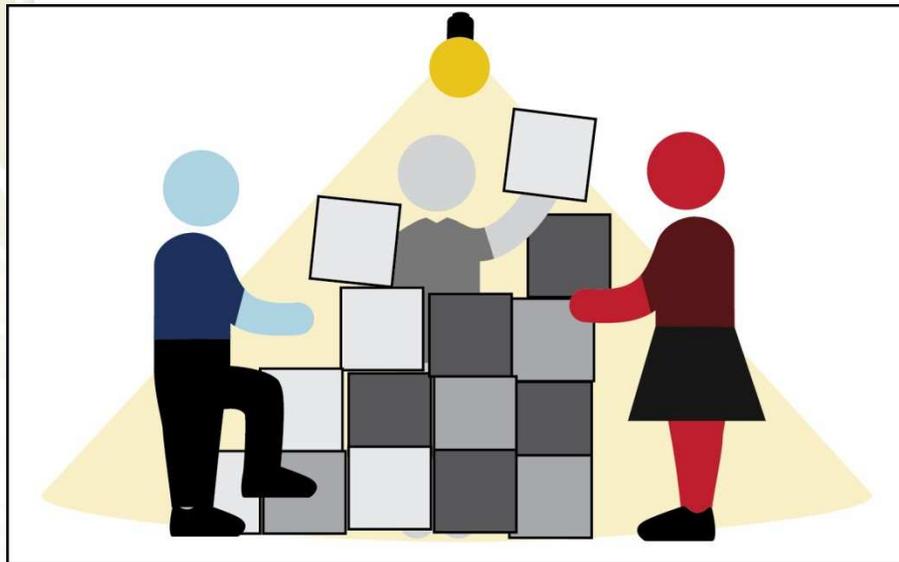
- 5 summits will be Community Solutions Spotlights:
  - Philadelphia, PA: April 2015
  - Pineville, KY: June 2015
  - Salt Lake City, UT: August 2015
  - Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN: October 2015
  - Austin, TX: December 2015



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# Solutions Incubator

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- Turns ideas generated during Community Solutions Summits into action plans or concept papers
- Members from each local Community Solutions Summit form community workgroups
- Workgroups follow a six month process and use an online platform to network and further their work across issues and localities

# Solutions Showcase

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- Launches in Fall 2015
- Online showcase that highlights solutions and potential VISTA projects developed throughout 2015
- Showcase highlighted during finale event on December 3, 2015 at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, TX



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# Ways to get Involved

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- **Spread the Word to Your Network**
  - Forward messages, connect people to sign-up for [50<sup>th</sup> updates](#)
- **Join us on Social Media**
  - Share suggested 50<sup>th</sup> Twitter and Facebook posts with your network
  - Connect with others on the VISTA Campus
  - Share stories of VISTAs doing great work
  - Engage members and alumni via these channels
- **Participate in the 50<sup>th</sup>**
  - Attend the National Solutions Summit in-person or through live stream
  - Organize or participate in a Community Solutions Summit
  - Do your own thing – and tell us about it!

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# What's Ahead

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## Webinars:

- October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm ET: The Nuts & Bolts of Planning a Community Solutions Summit

## Email Messaging:

- Public announcement later this fall

## Online Presence:

- Website designed to glance through VISTA's history, share stories, download toolkit to organize a Community Solutions Summit, get social media messaging

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# Support Available

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If you have questions or want to contact us with plans that are developing in your community:

- Reach out to your State Office
- Email us at [VISTA50@cns.gov](mailto:VISTA50@cns.gov)
- Call us toll-free at 1-844-VISTA50

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# How to Ask Questions

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- To ask a question electronically, use the Q&A box.
- To ask a question verbally, “raise” your hand your line will be unmuted.



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# Evaluation

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Please take a few moments to share your feedback. How can we improve these sessions? What topics should we include in future webinars?

Thank you very much for your time and participation!

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# Thank You for Your Participation!

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If you have further questions or for more information, contact us: [VISTAwebinars@cns.gov](mailto:VISTAwebinars@cns.gov)

**The Nuts & Bolts of Planning a  
Community Solutions Summit**

Thursday, October 30, 2014

2:00 – 3:00 pm ET

Visit the Connect & Learn section on the VISTA Campus for a complete schedule of VISTA webinars

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