



The Corporation for National and Community Service

COVID-19 RESPONSE



We Bring Out the Best of America

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency dedicated to improving communities across the country. As our nation faces the challenges posed by COVID-19, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps are here to help. Our strength is in our ability to work with nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and state and local governments to mobilize volunteers.

AmeriCorps & Senior Corps Bring Americans Together in Service

- **Sending Resources and People Where They're Needed Most:** We provide funding and volunteers to organizations ready to help, such as the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, and Teach for America. And we partner with federal agencies including FEMA, CDC, and VA to provide volunteers who help meet critical needs.
- **In Neighborhoods Nationwide:** With a network of 2,000 partner organizations and nearly 300,000 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps volunteers serving in more than 45,000 locations, national service is positioned to help almost everywhere.
- **Benefiting Those Who Serve:** Participants benefit from valuable, life-changing experiences.

Helping the Nation Today, Ready to Help Tomorrow.

Despite the obstacles presented by social distancing, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs across the country have acted quickly and creatively to continue their critical work in new ways, or to pivot to meet emerging needs.



Disaster Response

Our members and volunteers are assisting with COVID-19 emergency response efforts nationwide, just as they have assisted with response and recovery efforts after every major disaster.

- State Service Commission partners nationwide are activated and responding to COVID-19.
- Collaborating with CDC to offer public health departments volunteers to support contact tracing.
- Furthering emergency response efforts by constructing medical facilities, supplying logistics support for donation warehouses, and staffing call centers, blood donation events with partners like the Red Cross, and COVID-19 testing sites.
- Sewing and distributing masks and using 3D printers to make face shields for medical personnel, essential workers, and vulnerable community members.
- Performing wellness checks with vulnerable populations.



Food Security

AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs across the country are ramping up efforts to help communities address growing nutritional needs.

- Helping food banks and pantries to meet higher demand by organizing volunteers, packing meal kits, staffing distribution events, and delivering food to homes.
- Delivering meals and groceries to vulnerable seniors through programs such as Meals on Wheels.
- Supporting students by staffing school food distribution sites and food delivery.
- Caring for community gardens that provide fresh, healthy produce to food banks.



Education

Each year, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps provide educational programming to more than 1 million youth. More than 40,000 AmeriCorps members and 30,000 Senior Corps volunteers support education.

- Helping students whose schools are closed by teaching and tutoring students remotely through programs such as City Year, Teach for America, and Senior Corps Foster Grandparents.
- Supporting students as they navigate the college application and financial aid process.
- Providing support for summer education opportunities to help students stay on track.
- Aiding students' social, emotional, and academic development with one-on-one mentoring.



Economic Opportunity

AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs increase economic opportunity, while providing participants with valuable skills sought by employers.

- Preparing Americans for success in the workplace by helping individuals re-train and up-skill.
- Helping people find jobs by providing job counseling and placement services.
- Improving financial literacy, such as how to build a budget, and improving access to financial tools.
- Helping people secure safe and affordable housing, by building or refurbishing homes through programs such as Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together.
- Helping volunteers gain marketable skills and valuable job experience. AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can pay for college or repay qualified student loans.



Helping communities tackle tough challenges is what we were built for.

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