

Georgia 4-H and AmeriCorps VISTA

...a partnership in positive youth development to break the cycle of poverty

Georgia 4-H



A part of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, Georgia 4-H has over 100 years experience delivering positive youth development to the youth of Georgia.

Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H programming have higher education achievement, higher motivation for future education, and are more civically engaged in their communities than youth in other out of school programs.

Georgia 4-H programming creates opportunities that allow youth to build important life skills through the Essential Elements of 4-H:

- 1** Belonging – youth don't just join, they belong!
- 2** Mastery – youth master skills that are relevant
- 3** Generosity – youth become active and engaged citizens
- 4** Independence – youth have opportunities to choose and learn to make good choices

AmeriCorps VISTA



The Volunteers in Service to America program, or VISTA, has been fighting poverty since 1965 as part of the War on Poverty. By 1975, VISTA members had helped develop a wealth of projects across America. Now a part of the AmeriCorps program, VISTAs still serve to end poverty.

Many projects created then still thrive today, including some of the first Head Start programs! In the 1990s VISTA became part of the newly formed AmeriCorps program, a part of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

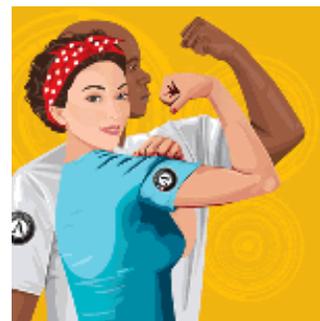
In 2014, VISTA is bigger, stronger, and more vital than it has ever been! Currently, 8,000 VISTA members serve at 1,100 sites throughout America fighting poverty. VISTAs are developing new programs, raising funds, helping manage projects, and building the capacity of organizations to become sustainable and for families to break the cycle of poverty. They also are setting the standard for volunteer mobilization and leading the charge to answer President Obama's call for every American to become engaged in their community through volunteer service!

Together We Can

GET THINGS DONE

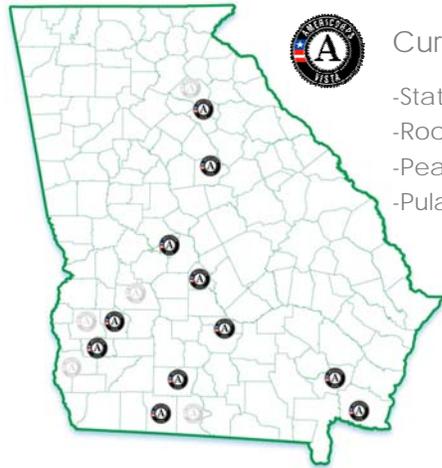
The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. AmeriCorps VISTA members are passionate and committed to their mission to bring individuals and communities out of poverty.

Working together, our goal is to reduce the percentage of children continuing the cycle of persistent poverty in areas where Georgia 4-H VISTA members are located by increasing the capacity of local 4-H programs to engage low income youth and provide them with research based positive youth development.



Where We Are

Our current team includes 13 VISTA members serving at 11 different sites throughout Georgia.



Current VISTA Locations

- State Office (2)
- Rock Eagle (2)
- Peach County
- Pulaski County
- Ben Hill County
- Colquitt County
- Terrell County
- Thomas County
- Calhoun County
- Brantley County
- Camden County



Previous VISTA Location

- Jackson County
- Sumter County
- Randolph County
- Early County

What We've Done



Our VISTA team has created over **1,400 unique marketing pieces**, ranging from newspaper articles to radio interviews to social media campaigns.



We've worked with **913 4-H volunteers** who performed **5,184 service hours**. We've recruited volunteers, trained volunteers, recognized volunteers, and served with volunteers!

We've raised money for Georgia 4-H, too! We've raised \$525,390 in cash resources and in-kind donations valued at \$56,999. That's a total of **\$582,389!**



WHAT WE'LL DO

After 4 years, our VISTA team is still going strong, building upon the work that has already been done, and charting new territories.



We're going to engage even more volunteers

We're going to raise more money



We're going to educate Georgians about 4-H

We're going to lead the way for more youth to participate in 4-H



And we're going to

**Fight Poverty
with PASSION**



For more information about the Georgia 4-H AmeriCorps VISTA program visit www.georgia4h.org
To learn more about AmeriCorps service opportunities through the country visit www.nationalservice.gov