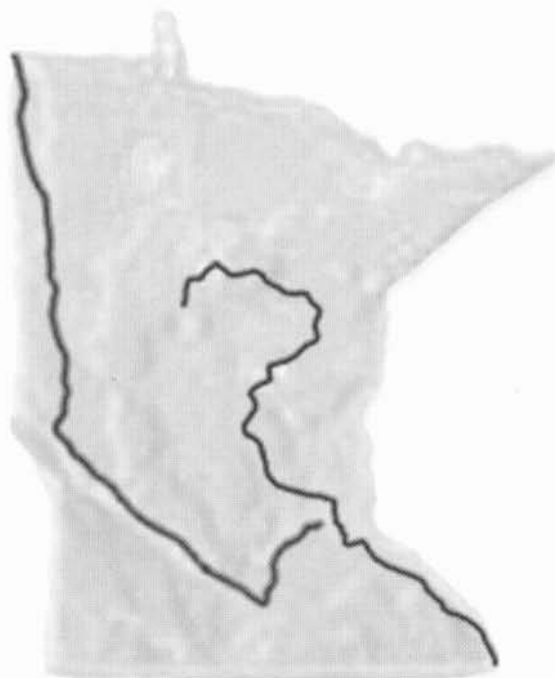


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*From the Wellspring of Generosity  
flows a mighty river of hope.*



**Minnesota Commission**  
**on National & Community Service**  
Department of Children, Families and Learning

# **Annual Report**

## **2000**

## Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service

# Vision and Mission

## Vision

All Minnesotans will engage in service that strengthens the well-being of both self and community.

## Mission Statement

The Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service promotes and supports community service and service-learning for all Minnesotans through resource development, public relations and outreach, training and evaluation and continuous improvement.

## Minnesota Streams of Service

The Commission is charged with creating a unified vision for service in Minnesota.

The Streams of Service refer to the many programs and organizations that – under the collaborative efforts of the Minnesota Commission – work together to ensure all Minnesotans are engaged in service. The Commission leads the state by bringing together many initiatives – the Streams of Service – into a mighty river of hope for all Minnesotans.

## Streams of Service Partners

Corporation for National and Community Service Minnesota Office

Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning/Learn and Serve America

Minnesota Alliance With Youth

Minnesota Campus Compact

Minnesota Office of Citizenship and Volunteer Services

National Youth Leadership Council

# AmeriCorps and Minnesota YouthWorks

The Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service was established in 1994 to administer and coordinate a variety of community service and volunteer programs.

The primary service program administered by the Commission is AmeriCorps, and its state equivalent, Minnesota YouthWorks. Individuals join YouthWorks•AmeriCorps and devote one year of service to address human, educational, environmental and public safety needs in communities throughout the state. Within each community, additional organizations or groups partner with YouthWorks•AmeriCorps to best accomplish the priorities identified for that community.

Because the education and the development of children and young adults is so critical to Minnesotans across the state, many members of YouthWorks•AmeriCorps tutor and serve as mentors. Others build housing in lower income neighborhoods or work with those who are homeless, have disabilities, or are elderly.

Members are paid a modest living allowance and receive an education award to help pay for college or student loans. Between 1994 – 2000, 2,225 people have served as YouthWorks•AmeriCorps members, earning education awards valued over \$8.6-million. In 1999 - 2000, 383 total members received education awards with an approximate value of \$1,369,316.00.



# Working Together For Real Results:

## 1999-2000 YouthWorks•AmeriCorps Accomplishments

In 1999-2000, eight YouthWorks•AmeriCorps programs engaged nearly 300 YouthWorks•AmeriCorps members in service. These members mobilized additional community volunteers who contributed **14,718 volunteer hours of service** to Minnesota communities.

### In 1999-2000, YouthWorks•AmeriCorps members:

- **TUTORED** 4,410 students in grades 1 – 12
  - Organized **SERVICE-LEARNING** or community education activities for 2,778 children
    - Taught GED, ESL or basic skills development for 463 adults
  - **MENTORED** or counseled 396 youth concerning school success or achievement
- Distributed health information materials to 2,134 people
  - Counseled 900 people concerning **JOB DEVELOPMENT** or placement
    - Provided housing services and loan development to 495 new homeowners
  - Built 40 **HOUSING** units for 308 low income, elderly or disabled residents
- Renovated or rehabilitated 167 housing projects for 413 individuals
  - Removed 1.25 tons of trash during neighborhood **CLEAN-UPS**
    - Planted 3,850 **TREES**
  - Counseled 989 individuals about substance abuse **PREVENTION**
- Built interagency **COLLABORATIONS** among 78 organizations
  - Distributed information on community services to 3,000 people
    - and much more!



# City of Lakes

Minneapolis YMCA/Minneapolis Public Schools

**Number of members:**

31 (23 full-time and 8 part-time)

**Geographic location of program:**

Minneapolis

**Partnering organizations:**

Jenny Lind School  
Andersen School  
YMCA Teen Moms  
Beacons  
Jefferson Community Education  
Public Achievement – Humphrey Institute  
Jane Adams School  
Henry High School  
North High School  
South High School  
Boys and Girls Club  
Chiron Middle School  
Education Place  
YMCA Camps Warren and Menogyn  
Martin Luther King Park  
Pilot City  
Minneapolis Urban League  
Ridgedale YMCA  
YWCA Girl Power  
YMCA Y's Start  
Franklin Learning Center  
Anderson Family Resource Center

**Overview:**

City of Lakes members taught or tutored over 2,300 students in the classroom. Members also developed or coordinated 32 after-school/service-learning activities for over 1,600 youth. A sample of these youth were evaluated and 80% showed a dramatic increase in their ability to learn and interact socially. Members also recruited and trained volunteer peer tutors, worked with 128 parents or families on parenting skills, and taught GED or basic skills to 58 adults.







# Future Force

Amherst Wilder Foundation

**Number of members:**

22 (8 full-time and 14 part-time)

**Geographic location of program:**

Saint Paul

**Partnering organizations:**

West Minnehaha Recreation Center

Thomas-Dale Block Club

Leap Forward Summer Day Camp

Save Our City's Kids (SOCK)

**Overview:**

Future Force members worked with local organizations to put idle activity space and computers to use for neighborhood children. The members developed and ran three safe, structured and nurturing after-school and summer programs for 200 children. Members also provided preschool activities for 30 additional young children and tutored 54 children in grades 1 – 12.





# Multicultural Communities in Action

## Neighborhood House

**Number of members:**

34 (25 full-time and 9 part-time)

**Geographic location of program:**

Saint Paul

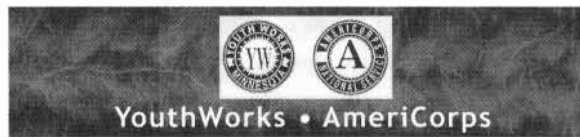
**Partnering organizations:**

Jane Addams School for Democracy  
Chicanos Latinos Unidos en Servicio (CLUES)  
Casa de Esperanza  
El Rio Vista  
Boys and Girls Club  
West Side Literacy Provider Group  
Teens Networking Together  
Saint Paul Public Schools  
St. Matthew's School  
University of St. Thomas Precollege Project  
Talmud Torah Middle School  
Torres San Miguel

**Overview:**

Multicultural Communities in Action operates on the West side of St. Paul where members engaged over 660 children in assisted learning activities and parental involvement activities. This assistance took the form of tutoring, after-school enrichment, summer school programs and more. In addition, members worked with over 2,250 children on increasing resiliency to others' inappropriate behavior through activities such as teen councils, team sports, camping, drug/alcohol awareness, domestic violence prevention, arts, and cultural events. Over 3,300 traditionally underserved adults received services such as language and job skills assistance, tax preparation assistance and access to community gardening.





# Pillsbury Neighborhood Services

## Number of members:

44 (32 full-time and 12 part-time)

## Geographic location of program:

Minneapolis

## Partnering organizations:

ACES

Brian Coyle Community Center

Bridge for Runaway Youth

Camden Center

Chicanos Latinos Unidos en Servicio (CLUES)

District 202

Heart of the Beast

Holland Elementary School

Jefferson Elementary School

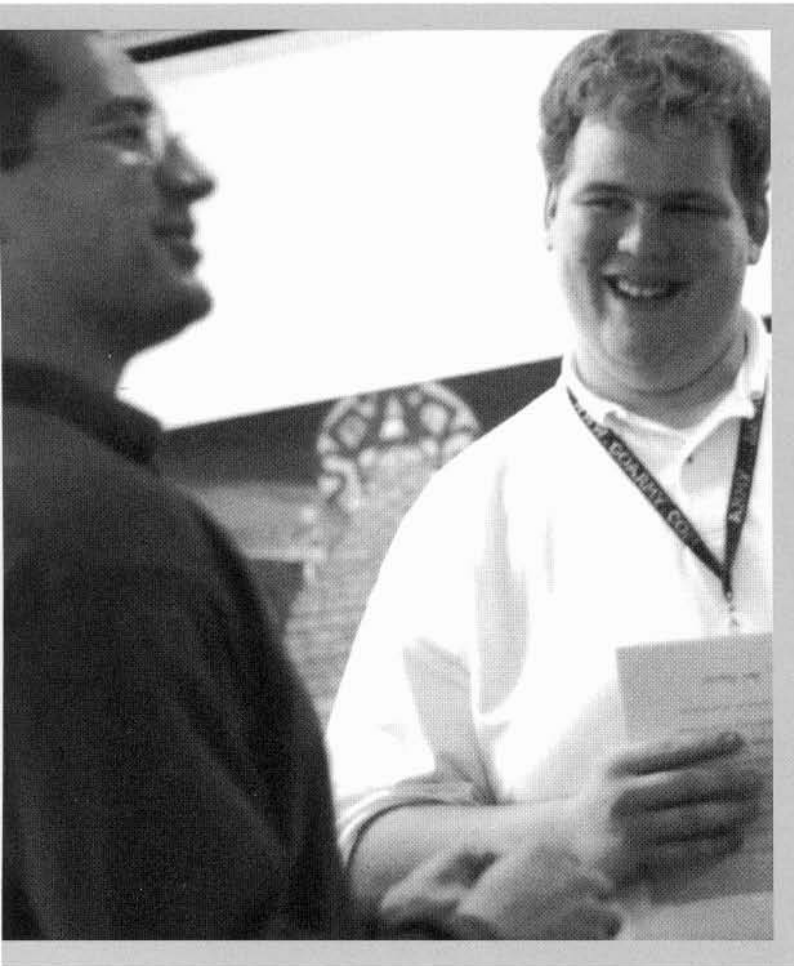
Little Earth Housing Project

Park House

Red Cross

Resource Center of the Americas

Waite House



## Overview:

The AmeriCorps program at Pillsbury Neighborhood Services provides services to low-income, inner-city youth and adults and focuses on building the 40 developmental assets children need to be successful (as determined by Search Institute). 3,000 children benefitted from mentoring, tutoring, personal goal setting, arts activities, and engaging in community service activities themselves. Over 1,700 adults increased their abilities to be economically self-sufficient through services such as ESL classes, citizenship classes, employment counseling, and housing services. AmeriCorps members recruited an additional 475 community volunteers who contributed over 4,600 hours to Pillsbury programs.





# Inclusivity Makes People Act

## Crookston IMPACT

### Number of members:

37 (20 full-time and 14 part-time)

### Geographic location of program:

Northwestern Minnesota

### Partnering organizations:

University of Minnesota – Crookston

UMC Early Childhood Development Center

Cathedral Elementary

Lincoln Elementary

Family Service Center Headstart

Crookston Independent School District 593

Care and Share Homeless Program

Polk County Social Services

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council

North Country Food Bank

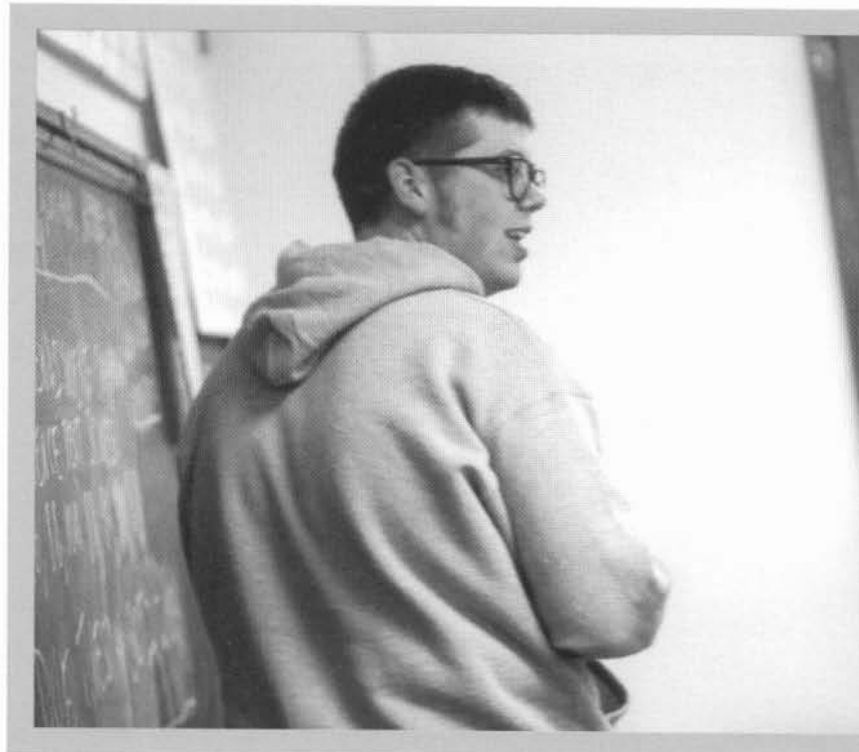
21st Century

Community Education Summer School

North Star Summer Program

### Overview:

Crookston IMPACT members serve children in the community and also recruit and engage school-age and college-age volunteers in various community service projects, including visiting with senior citizens, community clean-ups, and remodeling the elementary school. Members tutored 515 children and provided after-school and summer programming. As a result, youth reported a decrease in gang activity and healthy alternatives for out-of-school time.



"We took one child at a school from a whole lot of F's and D's to real close to being on B Honor Roll. When he realized he was close it was a shining moment for him and me."



# Southern Minnesota YouthWorks\*AmeriCorps

The Initiative Fund of Southeast and South Central Minnesota

**Number of members:**

69 (63 full-time and 6 part-time)

**Geographic location of program:**

Various communities in Southern Minnesota

**Partnering organizations:**

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Winona State University

Southern MN Initiative Foundation

Rochester Community Technical College

45+ community organizations in Southern Minnesota

**Overview:**

Through the activities of the Southern Minnesota YouthWorks\*AmeriCorps program, nearly 2,000 individuals increased their ability to live independently through member activities such as tutoring adults with limited English; building affordable housing; assisting people with disabilities; visits to Alzheimer's patients; and providing first aid and disease prevention training. Members also mentored 180 children and mobilized 160 volunteer mentors for an additional 500 children. 260 additional children received tutoring assistance from members. Members also focus on increasing local organizations' use of volunteers. Members recruited, coordinated and trained over 1000 community volunteers for these organizations.





# MN SERV

## Minnesota Department of Economic Security

### Number of members:

99 (63 full-time and 36 part-time)

### Geographic location of program:

School districts and community-based organizations in Oklee, Monticello, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Chaska, including 15 school districts.

### Partnering organizations:

15 school districts

St. Cloud Habitat for Humanity

St. Cloud Boys & Girls Club

Minneapolis Telecommunications Network

Princeton Community Education

Lyndale Neighborhood Association

CAP Agency Thrift Store

MacRostie Art Center

Barnum Community Education

Hibbing Parents Nursery School

Harborview Resident Management Corporation

Discovery Day Care Center

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

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Young Women's Mentoring Program

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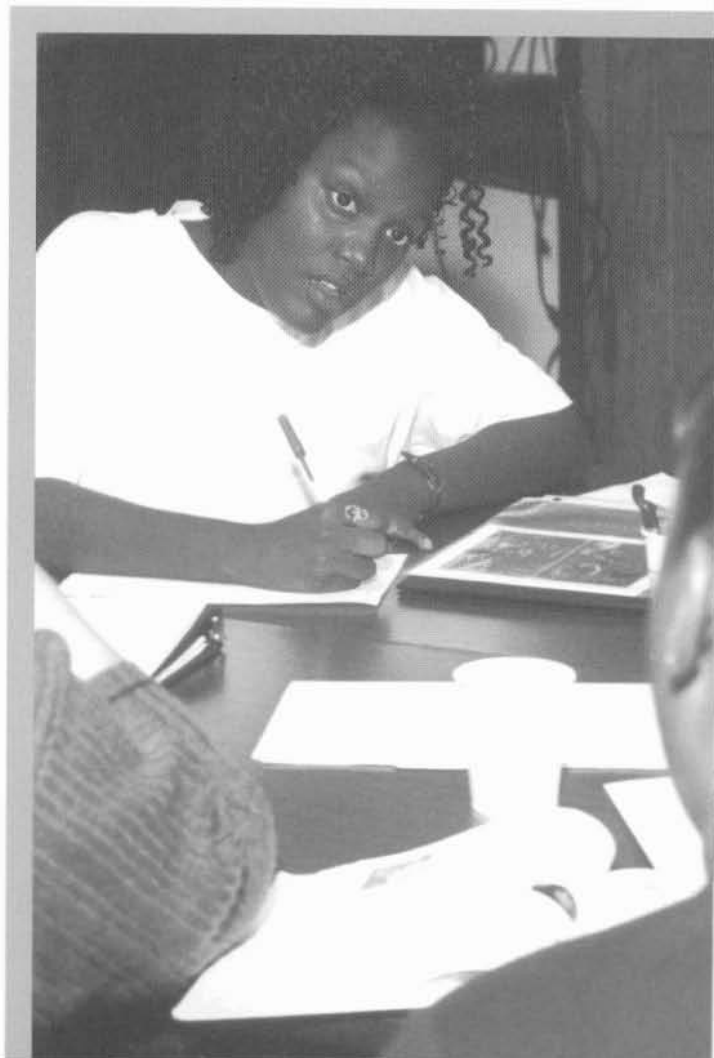
Copeland Community Center

Hibbing Community College

Residential Services of NE MN, Inc.

### Overview:

Two-thirds of the members in the MNSERV program are at-risk young people who have not completed their high school diploma or GED. The program engages these young people in service activities and assisted 34 of these members to complete their GED in 1999-2000. Typical service activities include providing childcare for 153 children, tutoring or mentoring over 1500 younger children; building and renovating low-income housing; and creating community gardens, planting trees, and trail restoration.





# Partners in Service to America

## Red Lake Tribal Council

### Number of members:

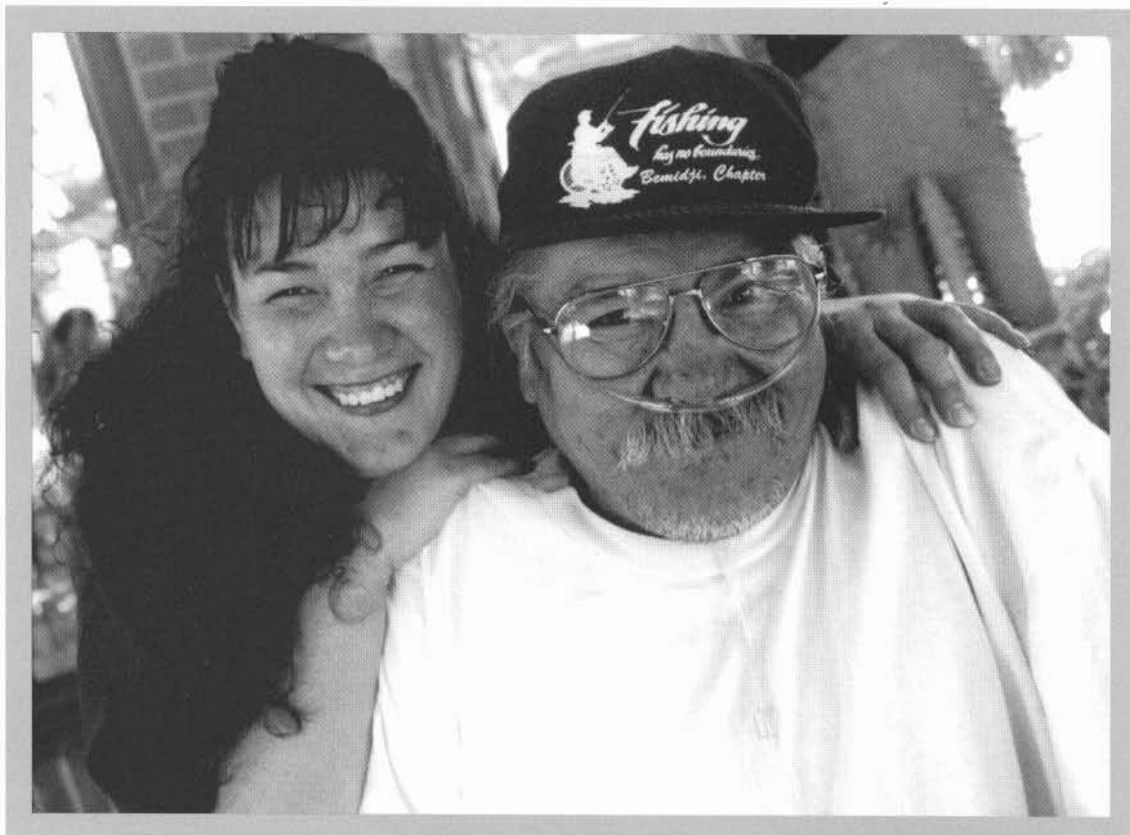
34 (26 full-time and 8 part-time)

### Geographic location of program:

Red Lake, Ponemah and Bois Forte

### Overview:

Members serve at Red Lake, Ponemah and Bois Forte elementary schools to provide individual or small group attention to over 950 K-6 students. Program evaluation shows improvement in these students' enthusiasm toward school, rate of homework completion, reading and math skills, and attendance. Members also helped over 100 preschool children with their skills development and over 120 elderly by providing meals, gardening, and work on affordable housing. In addition, members provided a camp and traditional gathering for over 250 community members and teachers to increase skills and Indian culture self-awareness.





# YouthQuake

Worthington Community Education

**Number of members:**

35 (4 full-time and 31 part-time)

**Geographic location of program:**

Bemidji, Brainerd, Red Wing, Willmar  
and Worthington

**Partnering organizations:**

Bemidji Community Education  
Brainerd Community Education  
Red Wing Community Education  
Willmar Community Education  
Worthington Community Education  
YMCA Camp in Red Wing  
Minnesota Extension Service/4H

**Overview:**

YouthQuake members in five Minnesota cities strive to build developmental assets in youth. Over 3,700 youth have participated in YouthQuake's summer and after-school activities, such as homework tutoring, youth leadership development, physical fitness and camping. Over 1,000 children received academic assistance through classroom tutoring, reading programs, etc. In addition, members led over 900 youth in service projects, such as visiting senior citizens, food drives, clean-ups, holiday events, etc.







# Family Housing Impact

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity



## Number of members:

29 (10 full-time and 9 part-time)

## Geographic location:

Twin Cities metro area

## Partnering organizations:

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Project for Pride in Living

Summit Academy OIC.

## Overview:

Family Housing Impact is a partnership between Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Project for Pride in Living and Summit Academy OIC. Members build, rehab and repair homes for low-income families. They also provide technical assistance, education and support services and activities for children, youth and their families to ensure they build the skills and the self-sufficiency to sustain themselves in their homes. By the end of the program year, members completed 47 homes and 1780 repair projects, benefitting over 740 families. They also conducted 56 revitalization projects with youth who participated in after-school kids clubs. The projects included activities such as neighborhood clean-ups and planting community gardens.



# Minnesota Promise Fellows

Promise Fellows are a special category of AmeriCorps members who are charged with ensuring that the Five Promises of America's Promise (mentor, protect, nurture, teach/learn and serve) are made available to all of Minnesota's children.

A corps of ten Promise Fellows is managed by the Minnesota Alliance with Youth. The mission of the Alliance is to develop the capacity of Minnesota communities to engage children and youth in reaching their full potential as citizens. Since October 1997, the Alliance and its partners have worked with hundreds of Minnesota communities to: build Communities of Promise, recruit volunteers and commitment makers, engage youth in leadership roles, promote service, and build authentic youth/adult partnerships.

Two State Summits, dozens of regional conferences, Five Days of Promise at two State Fairs, and PeaceJam have drawn thousands of participants together to promote positive youth development, connection to the Five Promises and improving resources to build healthy communities. The Minnesota Alliance with Youth is co-chaired by Lt. Governor Mae Schunk and high school students.

"During the past year I have made some great progress in fulfilling goals and found a whole new set of goals to work at."





## AmeriCorps \* VISTA

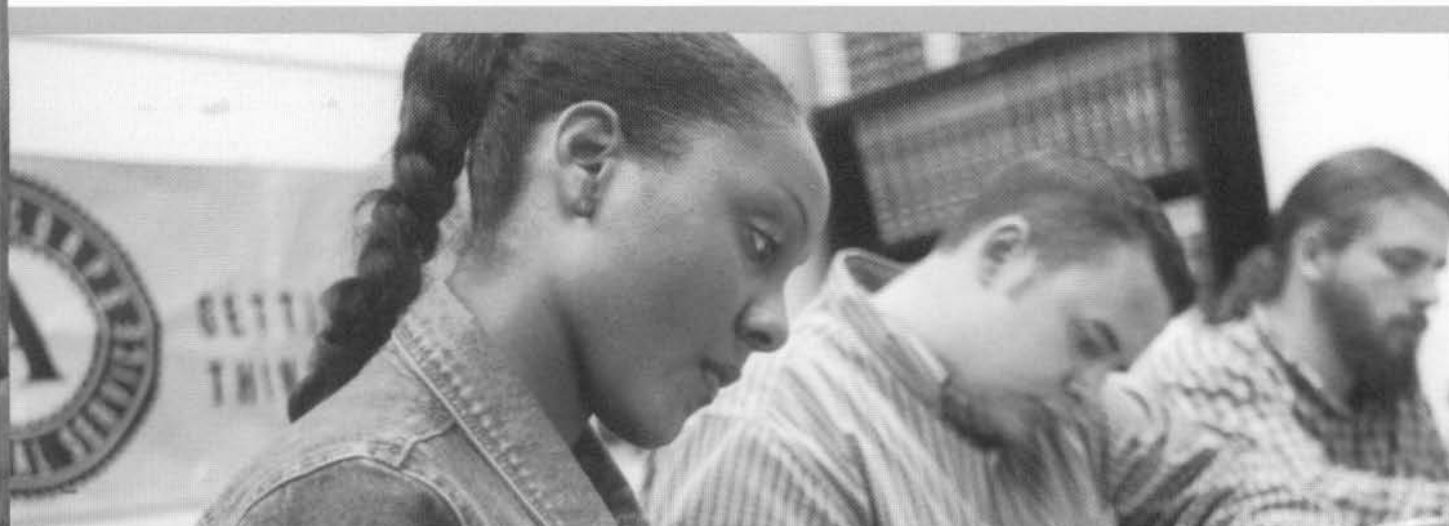
AmeriCorps\*VISTA provides those who want to make a difference in their community a chance to work as organizers, builders and catalysts for change. Among other activities to help people overcome poverty in Minnesota, AmeriCorps\*VISTA members find resources to build or preserve affordable housing, create tutoring programs for low income children and support newly arrived immigrants. AmeriCorps\*VISTA members live and serve in low-income neighborhoods, reaching out to residents and developing local leadership to create sustainable change. There are about one hundred VISTAs serving statewide in Minnesota annually.

AmeriCorps\*VISTA members work with community nonprofit organizations full-time for one year and receive a modest living allowance.

AmeriCorps\*VISTA has a 37-year track record of helping low-income people in communities across the country.

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**"Through my AmeriCorps years I've gained valuable skills in teaching ESL, speaking Spanish, and organizing events."**



# Minnesota Conservation Corps

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

**Number of members:**

154 (86 full-time and 68 part-time)

**Geographic location of program:**

Statewide

**Partnering organizations:**

Numerous city, county and regional government organizations, schools and community groups.

**Overview:**

Minnesota Conservation Corps members work in crews to preserve and improve the natural resources of the state and educate young people about their environment. Members planted over 160,000 trees; improved over 44,000 acres of existing timber, prairie, wetland or other native habitat; repaired roads and trails; restored or stabilized over 20,000 feet of streambanks; and built nine trail shelters. Working with youth, members constructed 15 Outdoor Learning Classrooms benefiting over 7,000 youth and 56 schools.

"I have received personal coaching and been accepted to a University."



## Cross-stream Partner Profiles

The Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service works closely with other organizations to engage Minnesotans of all ages in service. These organizations help spread the reach of the Commission to children, young adults, college and university students, corporate volunteers, senior citizens, and beyond. These Streams of Service partners work with the Commission by administering national service programs and participating actively in statewide planning and events.

### Partners Include:

The Corporation for  
National & Community Service – Minnesota Office

Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and  
Learning/Learn and Serve America

Minnesota Alliance with Youth

Minnesota Campus Compact

Minnesota Office of  
Citizenship and Volunteer Service

National Youth Leadership Council



## Minnesota Streams of Service

# National Senior Service Corps

The Corporation for National and Community Service Minnesota Office manages the National Senior Service Corps programs throughout the state — a network of 20,000 senior volunteers who are making a difference as Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers. These programs tap the experience, skills, talents, interests and creativity of seniors age 55 and over. Senior Corps participants are committed to sharing their life experience to help solve critical local problems in the areas of education, public safety, the environment and other human needs.

In Minnesota, National Senior Service Corps volunteers served 3 million hours through local nonprofits, schools, and community-based organizations. Senior Corps volunteers tutor children in classrooms and after school programs; build homes; clean up rivers and streams; organize community

safety projects; provide companionship and light chore services to community members in need of extra assistance; and contribute to a vital and healthy community.

Raising the awareness of the ever increasing number of “older Minnesotans” and the potential they represent as volunteers to strengthen communities and enhance service delivery is critical to meet tomorrow’s needs.

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### Focus on Child Literacy

In 1999, Senior Corps projects invested significant time and resources in meeting the literacy and support needs of children and their families.

- Placed 1,308 tutors who helped 13,256 children learn to read;
- Placed 837 volunteer mentors with 4,092 children;
- Provided before and after school enrichment activities to 2,822 children through the service of 315 volunteers;
- Assisted 2,101 young children in child care programs;
- Provided outreach services to 359 children with limited English language proficiency.

# Learn and Serve America

## Minnesota's Service-Learning Efforts:

The Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service and the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning have been actively engaging schools and communities in service-learning.

Minnesota is considered a leader in the field of service-learning. As part of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Learning in Deed and the Learn and Serve America initiative, the MDCFL has been involved in identifying best practices and strategies to integrate service-learning throughout the K-12 and higher education curriculum of every school. The vision of our efforts is to create opportunities for every student, at every level, in every community to be actively involved in high quality service-learning.

In 1999-2000, schools and communities across the state participated in service-learning. According to the 2000 Youth Development/ Youth Service annual report, 63% of high schools report offering service-learning courses for credit. In 2000, over 210,000 young people were engaged in service or service-learning totaling over 450,000 hours of service. Through service, thousands of students demonstrate learning in complex real-world settings many of which meet High School Graduation Standards.

The MDCFL and MCNCS administered several federal grants to schools. Among these are Learn and Serve School-Based, Kellogg Learning in Deed, Taking the Next Steps, Community, Higher Education and School Partnership (CHESP), and Communities Engaging and Enhancing Learning through Service (CEELS).

Federal funds have been used in a variety of creative strategies to further promote service-learning to Minnesota's schools. Among the strategies are Kellogg Peer Consultants for Training and Technical Assistance, a State Summit and Service-Learning Conference for Networking and Training, Video and Publications for Training and Communications, and the Minnesota Student Service Awards for Recognition.

For more information on the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service's service-learning efforts, please contact:

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# National Youth Leadership Council



## Service Learning...

- is a method whereby students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service that is conducted in and meets the needs of communities;
- is coordinated with an elementary school, secondary school, institution of higher education, or community service program and the community;
- helps foster civic responsibility;
- is integrated into and enhances the academic curriculum of the students, or the education components of the community service program in which the participants are enrolled;
- provides structured time for students or participants to reflect on the service experience

**National Youth Leadership Council** is a Minnesota-based, national non-profit organization that works primarily to integrate service-learning practices into elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education. Founded in 1983, NYLC offers a variety of services and products including training, clearinghouse services, materials and curriculum, technical assistance and program development. Highlights of NYLC's work in 1999 - 2000 include:

- Began collaborative relationship with Aid Association for Lutherans to incorporate youth leadership and service-learning in its 10,000 branches.
- International project office launched by Wokie Weah in Liberia.
- St. Paul Public Schools launches plan to engage all 43,000 students in service-learning and selects NYLC as the lead organization to support these efforts.
- Second major edition on service-learning in the Phi Delta Kappan edited by Jim Kielsmeier. NYLC launches strategic alliance with Youth Service America called "Service Learning International."
- NYLC fulfills a major commitment to America's Promise by co-managing the National Youth Summit in Orlando, Florida, with the Points of Light Foundation and YouthLEAD.

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# Minnesota Campus Compact

Minnesota Campus Compact is a coalition of 47 college and university presidents committed to engaging their students and institutions in strategic partnerships that strengthen communities and education for informed and active citizenship. Member campuses (public and private, two- and four-year campuses) are located throughout the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota.

Minnesota Campus Compact is affiliated with Campus Compact, a national coalition of over 660 college and university presidents, 22 other state Compacts, and a National Center for Community Colleges.

Service-learning and broader campus-community collaboration takes a number of forms at colleges and universities in Minnesota, ranging from students tutoring young children to institutional partnerships and investments in neighborhood economic

development. Minnesota Campus Compact estimates that over 25,000 college students contribute over 1,000,000 hours of service annually in Minnesota; over 500 faculty in various disciplines now integrate service-learning into courses

Minnesota Campus Compact services include professional development, technical assistance, publications, funding, and other resources.

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## 1999 - 2000 Program Highlights

- placed 14 VISTA members on campuses throughout Minnesota to assist in expanding and improving early and family literacy efforts
- awarded 12 grants to campuses and community-based organizations through the State of Minnesota's "Post-Secondary Service-Learning Grant Program"
- coordinated a cross-streams Facilitative Leadership Training to increase the effectiveness of national service and service-learning program leaders
- convened a year-long learning community on Multicultural Education and Social Change
- continued discipline-specific workshops for faculty
- hosted and led a National Colloquium for Chief Academic Officers
- organized the third annual conference on America Reads and Community Service Work-Study
- coordinated a series of meetings and dialogues with Nobel Peace Prize winner Adolfo Perez Esquivel
- published "Lessons Learned from the Development of Community Service Work-Study Programs" and "Evaluation Report: Sustainability of America Reads Programs", as well as a monthly newsletter



## Minnesota Streams of Service

# Minnesota Office of Citizenship and Volunteer Services

### **State of Volunteerism Report**

Every five years MOCVS produced a report for the MN Legislature and the general public on the state of volunteerism. To prepare this report MOCVS held nine community meetings in 1999 around the state asking for input. MOCVS asked specifically what are the trends and barriers in volunteerism. MOCVS staff and Advisory Committee members presented the report at a press conference on March 30, 2000 at the State Capitol with Lieutenant Governor Mae Schunk. Media, legislators, public and private agencies and many volunteers were present. (The capitol pressroom couldn't hold the group and people were lined up out in the hall.) The report was widely mailed across the state to over 250 media contacts, most National Service programs, and all MOCVS members.

### **Day at the Capitol - March 2000**

MOCVS sponsored, with community partners, a Day at the Capitol and had over 300 youth and adults in attendance. Besides a rally with speakers including Dr. John Kretzman from the University of Chicago, multiple workshops were held educating volunteers and community leaders on the legislative process, youth involvement, and civic engagement. Also, those in attendance met with legislators to educate them on the value of volunteerism and service. Youth and adults in attendance (including trainers) were from all sectors and areas of service.

### **New Connections - Strengthening Communities**

As a part of the Cross Streams Training Plan for the MN Commission for National and Community Service, MOCVS and partners sponsored a cross cultural collaboration event July 27, 2000. Sponsoring organizations included: MN Commission; Corporation for National Service; MN Alliance with Youth. Partial funding was from PDAT funds as well as some private donations and registration fees. About 280 participants engaged in this daylong interactive event exploring various cultural expressions of service and volunteerism. Another event is being planned for the summer of 2002.

### **State Fair - Five Days of Promise**

MOCVS, the MN Alliance with Youth, and partners sponsored five full days at the MN State Fair promoting youth service, positive youth development, and the five promises of America's Promise. Activities for families were centered around the five promises including mentoring, teach/learn, and for service youth and adults built a house right on the grounds of the state fair.

### **Student Service Awards and Governor's Volunteer Award the Acts of Kindness**

Once again MOCVS sponsored the annual Youth Service and Governor's Volunteer awards. Nominations were accepted from January - May 2000 and in August over 35 youth and adults were honored at the state Fair with a special ceremony and award presented by Lt. Governor Mae Schunk.



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