

AmeriCorps Week: May 14-21, 2011

AmeriCorps Week provided the perfect opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alums, grantees, program partners, and friends to highlight AmeriCorps' impact on critical issues, bring more Americans into service, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible.

Currently AmeriCorps engages more than 80,000 men and women in intensive service each year through more than 14,000 nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups nationwide. AmeriCorps members help tackle pressing communities problems while mobilizing more than 2.6 million volunteers for the organizations they serve. Members gain valuable professional, educational, and life benefits, and the experience has lasting impact on the members and the communities they serve.

ServeNebraska provided leadership in promoting and celebrating service in honor of AmeriCorps Week.

Governor Heineman issued an **AmeriCorps Week Proclamation** on April 7, 2011 in celebration of the contributions AmeriCorps members and Alums in addressing the pressing needs in Nebraska.

Combating Hunger: On Saturday May 14, the National Association of Letter Carriers conducted the annual **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** across the country. Nebraskans joined in by placing non-perishable food products in bags by their mailboxes for their letter carriers to pick up on that day.

ServeNebraska and AmeriCorps members throughout the state were proud to join with letter carriers and their food bank & food pantry partners in promoting and assisting with the collection of needed nutritious foods.



Sharing the Impact: AmeriCorps members, Alums, and partners spoke to civic, school, and community groups throughout AmeriCorps Week – sharing their story of service and the impact it had on their community and themselves.



If you remain interested in scheduling a presentation?

Contact Cathy Plager at 402-471-6226 or cathleen.plager@nebraska.gov.

If you are interested in giving a presentation, but not sure where to start?

ServeNebraska has created a simple **Talking Guide** to help you think of potential groups and arrange your thoughts

Promoting Creative Expression: Video – Photo – Narrative Contest:

To further the understanding and appreciation of AmeriCorps and its impact on community needs, ServeNebraska encouraged members, Alums, and partners to unleash their creativity and submit video, photo, or narrative highlighting AmeriCorps.

There were not many rules or limits on how many things you can submit. There were **Further Details** though.



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