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NEBRASKA AMERICORPS YEARBOOK



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***Mobilizing Nebraskans to Strengthen Their Communities Through
Volunteering, Collaboration, and National Service Programs***



Welcome!

2012-2013 was a great year for AmeriCorps in Nebraska!

AmeriCorps engages men and women in intensive service at sites including nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups. AmeriCorps members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing volunteers for the organizations they serve. Members gain valuable professional, educational, and life benefits. The experience has a lasting impact on the members and the communities they serve.

As you will see on the following pages the faces and accomplishments of AmeriCorps in our state are highly diverse. Throughout Nebraska, lives and communities were made better through the dedicated efforts of impassioned AmeriCorps members. Their efforts helped children thrive in and outside of school, taught adults skills that increased their ability to secure & sustain competitive employment, and advanced the functioning of families.

As you view & read about AmeriCorps achievements. please consider how you can increase the culture of service in our state.

Thank You!

ServeNebraska

InterCorps Council

The ServeNebraska InterCorps Council (ICC) is a representative leadership group composed of AmeriCorps members and other national service partners in service in Nebraska. During the 2012-2013 program year, the ICC provided leadership to the following efforts.

LEGISLATIVE VISITS

InterCorps Council members visited the offices of Nebraska State Senators during the 2013 legislative session to educate them and their staffs on the good work of AmeriCorps.

Top Left: Senator Amanda McGill (center)

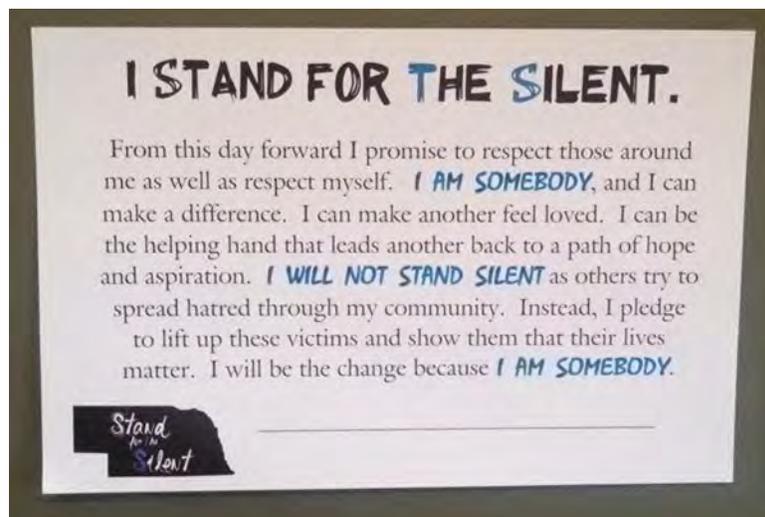
Bottom Left: Senator Jerry Johnson (center)

Right: Senator Ken Haar (2nd from left)



STAND FOR THE SILENT ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

InterCorps Council members mobilized more than 60,000 Nebraska youth to make a personal pledge to avoid bullying and support those bullied. The initiative was launched at an April 5th rally on the State Capitol steps featuring youth motivational speaker & founder of Skate for Change Mike Smith and State Senator Amanda McGill. Special thanks to Oriental Trading and other partners for supporting this effort.





GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY



Global Youth Service Day

ServeNebraska is proud to be a Global Youth Service Day Lead Agency as selected by Youth Service America and supported by State Farm. InterCorps Council members were instrumental in the funding process, selecting the service learning projects below that engaged youth in their communities.

INITIATIVES SUPPORTED DIRECTLY BY STATE FARM

Freeman Future Farmers of America: fire safety education
Southeast Nebraska Community Action (SENCA): financial literacy education

INITIATIVES SUPPORTED THROUGH YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA LEAD AGENCY STATUS

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership: Anti-bullying promotion campaign
Creighton University Talent Search: Hunger awareness & education
United Methodist Ministries: Social justice & poverty education & awareness
YWCA of Adams County: Hunger & multi-cultural awareness

LEFT: Students in Freeman take part in a fire safety education activity.



RIGHT: Youth involved with the SENCA financial literacy activity visit ServeNebraska. Pictured are Matt Mullins, ServeNebraska Executive Director Cathy Plager, Reba Burgett and David VonBehren



CORNHUSKER COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE

InterCorps Council members coordinated efforts of their AmeriCorps colleagues statewide to mobilize their fellow Nebraskans to donate books to increase reading and literacy among children and families.

20,866 books were donated and distributed statewide. Donated books benefit 36 organizations serving children and youth in schools, community centers, and after school programs statewide.

Through the generosity of Union Bank & Trust, RISE AmeriCorps members Jenna Tweedy (left) and Katie Rea receive Nooks from ServeNebraska Executive Director Cathy Plager in celebration of their "raising" the most books for the Cornhusker Community Book Drive.



BVCA AmeriCorps

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership — Fairbury

AmeriCorps members provide guidance to youth and assist with the facilitation of parent classes - including Parenting with the 40 Developmental Assets. AmeriCorps members in service at the Family & Youth Involvement (FYI) Center also contribute regularly to the Safe Homes website, incorporating everyday ways parents and caring adults can increase the 40 Developmental Assets in all children.



Collena Laschanzky
Program Director

TAKE A
STAND
AGAINST
BULLYING



BVCA AmeriCorps united with Mike Smith (center) of Skate for Change and THE Bay and other partners to lead community efforts to combat bullying.



Deborah Barnes



Nora Brand



Teresa Crow



Katie Durfee



Angie Harroun



Holly Harroun



Rachelle Hines



Jennifer McPherson



Samantha Rink



Jordan Scott

Not Pictured: Anastasia Crow • Shawn Harroun • Barbara Schmidt

BVCA AmeriCorps

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership — Fairbury

A Brighter Future

My service is having great impact. I did not see a way to go to college but because of AmeriCorps I have this opportunity so my daughter's and my life will be improved. Our volunteers at BVCA consist of some of those most familiar with poverty and financial hardships. They see what I am accomplishing and know they are valued and respected because of the support and recognition they receive from me and the other AmeriCorps members. They can see themselves going to college and bettering their futures for themselves and families.

- Rachelle Hines

Instilling an Ethic of Service

For a Martin Luther King Jr. Day project we had 47 youth come together in support of the Hurricane Sandy victims and tied 78 blankets for them. Several youth commented, "We are lucky that we have these to send and help the people that lost everything." and "I wish we could do more, but they will appreciate this and use them for the kids." Our youth learned a valuable lesson that it does not matter what you do or how far away you are... you can always have an impact on someone somewhere. I think this will have a positive way the youth think about how they can help others and help themselves.

- Jordan Scott

A Pathway Out of Poverty

I train volunteers to set up and teach RentWise classes. RentWise is a program designed to teach low income people how to become better tenants. Participants are low income residents who want to learn about finances, set up budgets, and get their budgets in order so they too can move up and advance. We've had participants at the end of the class say they had learned so many more skills that they would be recommending it to other people. These skills will help attendees gain financial independence and work their way out of poverty. As an AmeriCorps member I have gained valuable skills in working with volunteers.

- Jennifer McPherson

Making a Difference

Working directly with our youth, letting them know that there are caring adults in their lives, showing them a path to a brighter future through education and a strong work ethic is how long term change happens. We changed lives this year. This year of service will continue to make a difference in our community for many years.

- Holly Harroun



AmeriCorps members provided direction to the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) in a "Take A Hike Hunger" Zombie Walk in October. This event brought deeper awareness of hunger in Jefferson County to our students and our community. The YLC collected 54 pounds of food for the local food pantry.



AmeriCorps members reward southeastern Nebraska youth with a trip to the University of Nebraska Lincoln athletic facilities and the opportunity to meet Husker athletes & coaches.



College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps

College Possible

College Possible AmeriCorps makes college admission and success possible for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support.



College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps members at the 2012 ServeNebraska AmeriCorps Conference



Karissa Carillo



Jessie Gotsdiner



Brandon Henderson



Maddie Moore



Jake McVeigh



Deanne Schmidt



Brent Schmoker



Becky Smith



Jenny Wysocky

College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps

College Possible



College Possible is proud to help students in Omaha achieve their full potential through a college education.



A group of high school seniors pose at the year-end celebration held at the Kroc Center



Senior Coach Jessie Gotsdiner helps Omaha South High Magnet student, Mario, with his scholarship application.

Over the course of the year, I worked harder than ever before and observed firsthand how difficult it can be to get to college as a first-generation, low income student. Job and family commitments, language barriers, and low expectations were just a few of the factors working against my students on their quest to make their college dreams a reality.

At first, I resented these challenges and worried for my students' futures. Towards the end of the year, however, I began to realize that these obstacles, although frustrating and unfair, were actually providing my students and me an incredible opportunity: the chance to learn just how strong we can be when things get tough.

- Brent Schmoker

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College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps

College Possible

85% of involved students will be the first in their family to attend college

97% of the 69 seniors participating in College Possible Omaha earned admission to college

\$325,000+ in private scholarship dollars were awarded to these seniors

75 juniors participated in Summer Enrichment programs at UNO, UNL, Carleton, College of St. Mary and SummerWorks



Jake McVeigh leads a discussion with students at Omaha North High Magnet School.

In foster care for three years, Ashley was shifted from home to home before she moved with her family in Omaha. "I always felt like I was just that foster kid and not much more." Thanks to the support of College Possible Omaha and the guidance of her coach, Ashley knows that she has a bright and successful future ahead of her. But now Ashley has dreams of attending college to obtain a degree in psychology and counseling. Her mother has struggled with addiction which has fueled Ashley's desire for something more. Says Ashley, "I want to help others who've experienced the same thing I have felt."



Jessie Gotsdiner accepts the 2013 **First Lady's Outstanding** Community Service Award for National Service from Nebraska First Lady & ServeNebraska Honorary Chair Sally Ganem. Jenny Wysocky shared this honor.

CHANGE LIVES

FAST TRACK YOUR CAREER

LOVE WHAT YOU DO

www.CollegePossible.org

ECHO AmeriCorps

City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation

ECHO AmeriCorps Members provide service to Kindergarten to adult; developing programs that focus on academic support, literacy, fitness, adult and youth nutrition, GED and job skills. We partner with multiple organizations that focus on keeping kids in school, healthy lifestyles and working towards a brighter future!



Deb Buckman



Melissa Lindeman
Program Co-Directors



Khadija Al Haider



Megan Allemang



Angela Stacie
Bannon



Jordan Bates



Paul Callahan



Jessica Cole



Keyuo Craver



Rachel Elston



Matthew Emerton



Chelsea Forehead



Julie Frith



Amy Gerdes



Mema Shua Grant



Joy Nealeigh
Heimes



Rossana Jaeger

ECHO AmeriCorps

City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation



ECHO AmeriCorps members serve at 21 locations within Lincoln. They provide programming at recreation centers, Community Learning Centers, community cultural centers and non profits. Members are working with youth in schools, in afterschool programs and assisting adults in the areas of GED and literacy. 382 youth have attended academic after school programs on a regular basis. 471 have consistently participated in 30 minutes of fitness programs 5 times a week in conjunction with nutrition education which will improve their overall health. ECHO AmeriCorps who have been working with youth in school in literacy have seen 187 youth improve their reading and comprehension. 820 adult immigrants and refugees have benefited from literacy programs that ECHO AmeriCorps Members have offered. Expanding capacity, members have managed the experience of 541 volunteers to impact youth and adults in the Lincoln community.



Carlest Johnson



Kailey Keefe



Raina Keel



Carrie Knapp



Emilie Konold



Scott Larsen



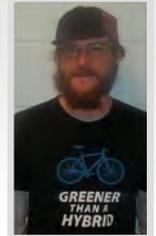
Lindsay Limbach



Mollie Magnuson



Sayvon Miller



Charles Mitchell



Tony Nguyen



Michael Oliverius



Marc Otero



Logan Pfeiffer



Drew Ramos

ECHO AmeriCorps

City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation



In Their Own Words — Members Speak

- Serving my community has not only impacted and changed the lives of others, it has transformed mine.
 - I've learned to judge myself by what I give others and not what I was given.
 - My people skills have blossomed and I have had to learn real responsibility. AmeriCorps is the best thing I have done for myself.
- I have learned that service is HARD. It taxes your patience, pushes your boundaries, and tests your endurance. It also rewards your spirit, renews your commitment, and opens new opportunities.
 - I feel like a stronger, smarter person because of the challenges I faced as well as the impact I was able to make.



Sondra Roman



Tara Russell



Jackie Severin



Linda Stevenson



Meghan Sullivan



Alia Taylor



Britt-Marie Varisco



Emily Wilson



Elektra Wrenholt

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Kristina Alas
Sarah Fulton
Chandra Walker

Healthy Rural Communities AmeriCorps

Volunteers of America—Western Nebraska

AmeriCorps members leverage volunteers to impact health, income capacity and a healthy environment for individuals and rural communities in Garden, Dakota, Thayer and Holt Counties. The project specifically targets underserved rural populations including those with low incomes and minority groups including Santee Sioux, Hispanics and Somali immigrants.



Jean Jensen
Program Director
Volunteers of America



Erin Frank



PJ Kiolbasa



Bailey Mahlberg



Kathie Starkweather
Site Supervisor
Center for Rural Affairs



Abbey O'Neil



Cristina Perez



Deb Schubert

Healthy Rural Communities AmeriCorps

Volunteers of America—Western Nebraska

SNAPSHOTS OF SERVICE

- ◆ Bailey Mahlberg organized and held the first Farm to School Summit in the state of Nebraska. The purpose of Farm to School Summit is to get good, healthy, locally raised food to children in Nebraska's schools. The outcome of the Summit was that several farmers connected with schools throughout the state, making arrangements to provide locally grown fruits, vegetables and meat to the schools.
- ◆ Cristina Perez led the community garden effort in South Sioux City, organizing and holding meetings with growers and developing an Advisory Committee for the community garden. A larger garden space was secured after the initial two garden spots were filled with growers, some of whom sold their food at the local farmers market.
- ◆ Erin Frank, who speaks fluent Spanish, organized and led training for Latino Beginning Farmers in Lexington. The outcome has been new farmers starting small farms and understanding business practices to lead to successful operations.



Bailey Mahlberg organized and held the first Farm to School Summit in Nebraska. She is standing (center) with her supervisor Kathie Starkweather and Tim Burkink, Dean of the Business College at the University of Nebraska Kearney



Erin Frank receiving an award for the excellent service she has provided helping Latino beginning farmers get started

LFS AmeriCorps

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska



36 members in urban and rural Nebraska communities assist Nebraska's refugee and immigrant populations in accessing housing, employment, education, medical services and legal services. Members also assist with military/veteran family mentoring and youth enrichment services.



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Andrea Barrera



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Kirsten Johnson



Dillon Jones



Thira Kanti



Zen Kim



Magee Kopecky

LFS AmeriCorps

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska

STORIES FROM THE FRONT LINES

"I would like to say a few words of thanks to you about your help, kindness and the confidence that inspired me to do my best. Being enrolled in your computer classes such as the Microsoft Word, keyboarding and internet e-mail I have become more knowledgeable about my skills to improve my outlook in gaining employment. One of the most important things that had helped me was to be able to rewrite my resume with your experience to guide me and I was able to use that resume to look for employment. With my resume and new skills that I have learned I built up my confidence so that I was not afraid to go in front of other job interviews.

**I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU: I GOT A JOB!
THANK YOU!"**

"My family has benefitted greatly from At Ease. It took persistence to get my husband in the At Ease program but you were able to help. His PTSD was so severe after the first deployment and then the second deployment I seriously doubted whether our marriage would survive. My husband drug his feet at first but he goes to group every week and individual counseling. It is making a tremendous difference in his life, our marriage and to our 3 children."



Shannon Linehan



Dieudonne Manirakiza



Carolina Mejia de Sarakinós



Ternesha Morton



Matt Rehbein



Eh Say



James Schmidt



Micki Schwertdfteger



Richard Surber



Kylie Underwood



Austin Wells



Shideh Yavary Mehr

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MCC*Corps

Metropolitan Community College



MCC*Corps, an education-award-only AmeriCorps program based in Omaha, provides service activities including developing a culture of success among homeless shelter residents; benefitting elementary and middle schools in one-on-one and small group mentoring and academic settings; and engaging MCC students in meaningful cultural activities. This program not only allows members to have an impact on the community through meaningful, experiential service opportunities in their fields of study, but also provides them with valuable skills that give them great opportunities to succeed in the future.



Shannon Snow
Program Leader



Shakira Davis



Fontrell Ellington



Omari Hunt



Christopher Leet



Vanessa Martinez



Kyle McAndrews



Sarah
Schneiderwind



Sue Trisler



Rich Wahl



Ciara Watson



Becca Woitaszewski

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Taneka Hinton
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MCC*Corps

Metropolitan Community College



MMI AmeriCorps

Munroe Meyer Institute

University of Nebraska Medical Center



MUNROE-MEYER INSTITUTE
FOR GENETICS AND REHABILITATION



MMI AmeriCorps provides services with and for people with disabilities. MMI AmeriCorps is a state wide program that serves individuals with behavioral, developmental, cognitive, and physical disabilities. The program emphasizes utilizing the talents of persons with disabilities, as well as increasing access to behavioral health services across the state of Nebraska.



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Dr. Jennifer Burt
Dr. Ryan Thorson

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Leslie Cummings
Darcy Dawson
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Holly Shield
Kristal Steinbeck
Pamela Stoffel
Patrick Waugh
Christina Winters

MMI AmeriCorps

Munroe Meyer Institute

University of Nebraska Medical Center



PICTURED AT LEFT:

FARM CAMP, frontier area rural mental health camp and mentorship program, is a week long summer camp targeting high school students who are interested in pursuing mental health careers.

The inaugural FARM CAMP featured local professionals with specialties in drug & alcohol therapy, school counseling, social work, geriatric/end of life counseling, and group work. Students additionally dissected sheep brains as part of an interactive presentation on brain anatomy under the guidance of a Chadron State College neuropsychologist. There was also a focus on self care tactics. MMI AmeriCorps is very much looking forward to next year, with the anticipation of progressing to even bigger and better opportunities!



NEBRASKA CAMPUS COMPACT SERVICE SCHOLARS

University of Nebraska Lincoln

Nebraska Campus Compact Service Scholars AmeriCorps promotes civic engagement among college students through addressing locally identified unmet educational and health education needs through sites on partner institution campuses across Nebraska.



Service Snapshot:

"Through working with the CHANCE Initiative through AmeriCorps I have truly grown as an individual. I have learned how to both work within a community and to have an impact on that community. I have also learned that change comes over time and you must continue to put your efforts forward to see that change. So much has happened in less than a year, and I never would have imagined experiencing any of these opportunities without AmeriCorps."

- Allie Buesing on her AmeriCorps service at Peru State College

As a Nebraska Campus Compact Service Scholar Allie Buesing participated in the Children's Health, Activity & Nutrition Community Engagement (CHANCE) initiative, a longitudinal service-learning endeavor designed and implemented by Peru State College associate professors Dr. Kyle Ryan and Dr. Sheri Grotrian-Ryan to combat childhood obesity in Southeast Nebraska. Allie and her fellow AmeriCorps member Rachel Henry helped lead a variety of efforts in Lincoln and Auburn including tracking activity levels of elementary school students and hosting a field day and an Earth Day 5K run.

Reflecting on her service, Allie states, "If it wasn't for AmeriCorps, and finding something I was passionate about like the CHANCE Initiative, I wouldn't have continued my education at Peru State College. After working with the CHANCE Initiative I have a greater passion for continuing to work with the project and continuing as an AmeriCorps Service Scholar. For the upcoming year, I have developed an after school program to address the lack of physical activity that was identified as a result of my work as an AmeriCorps Service Scholar."

Program Leaders

Courtney Jerke
Linda Major

AmeriCorps Members

Messan Ametitovi	Rachel Henry	Mirae Nakouzi
Wendi Anderson	Ashley Hillman	Tasha Phillips
Joe Beckman	Mariama Issoufou	Janine Plumb
Caitlin Boyle	Jasmine Khamouna	Amberley Proctor
Megan Brand	Heather Kyhn	Megan Rudolph
Allie Buesing	Cassandra McLeod	Kelsey Sylvester
Chelsea Dean	Daniel Moseman	Jessica Wagner
Jamielee Demske	Taylor Muzzey	Lauren Weihe
Samuel Fischer		

NEBRASKA CAMPUS COMPACT SERVICE SCHOLARS

University of Nebraska Lincoln



Through service at the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL), Dan Moseman undertook efforts to benefit and engage veterans & active duty military personnel including:

- Creating educational materials for veteran & military member students and presenting new student enrollment briefings to students currently or previously associated with military service
- Serving on the UNL Veteran Task Force committee to promote positive change in veteran support programs.
- Meeting with US Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Shinseki as a student veteran, sharing insights on the importance of veteran support at major universities and how student veteran organizations can help new student veterans get accustomed to and succeed on campus.



"My time with AmeriCorps has been a life changing experience that has led me down the path of service learning and towards the career field of Public Health. I would recommend this opportunity to serve to any college student who wants to gain quality experience that will compliment any aspect of their future."

- Rachel Henry on AmeriCorps service at Peru State College

Towards the end of her AmeriCorps service, Rachel started efforts on a new mobile food pantry known as "Feeding 44", targeted at ending food insecurity in Nemaha County. Food distributions held on the Peru State College campus provide individuals with access to healthy and nutritious food.



PROH AmeriCorps Center for People in Need



PROH is an acronym for Providing Resources Opportunity & Hope. Serving low-income residents in Lancaster County, AmeriCorps members distribute food and household necessities, provide job training and computer training, educate and address domestic violence, and connect people to financial assistance and other resources to help them move out of poverty.



Deb Daily
Program Director



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Sadegh Abak



Ahmed Al-Nidawi



Hadi Ali



Mohsin Alsalo



Dobuony Bukjiok



Awel Dong



Lori Dugan



Moe Free



Amber Long



Haji Hameka



Rasim Hamza



Ashley Heckman



Adriana Hibler

PROH AmeriCorps Center for People in Need



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Jaime Rauner

RISE AmeriCorps Nebraska State Probation

Elevating Probationers through Employment Assistance and School Support



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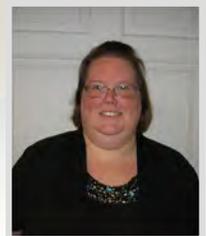
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RISE AmeriCorps Nebraska State Probation



"Success stories like this, and the bonds I make with those I serve, make my role in AmeriCorps a blessing in my life.

I have one young lady that was constantly late for school or was missing school altogether. When I asked her why she was missing school, she stated that she sometimes wakes up late and after taking her sister to school she just does not go herself. I asked her if it would help if I gave her a wake-up call in the morning. At the time I was joking with her; however, she looked at me and said, "yes, that would help." She gave me her cell phone number and I told her that if I see a tardy or absence again, I would start calling her when I wake up in the morning. I ended up calling. When I would call I would say, "RISE and shine." She would laugh and say, "OK, I'm up." Her attendance improved significantly while in my program and her grades improved as well. "

- Carrie Joyce

Carrie's story was featured nationally by ServiceNation in its 20 Stories in 20 Days blog series in September 2013

TOP: Katie Rea, Charles Lieske and Chelsea Guiffre in a public service announcement for the Cornhusker Community Book Drive

UPPER MIDDLE: RISE members and supervisors take part in a civic reflection exercise during the RISE Year End Training

LOWER MIDDLE: Cathy Wagoner-Wiese explains the goals of her service.

BOTTOM: Grand Island graduates of the RISE program



Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska Kearney Public Schools Foundation



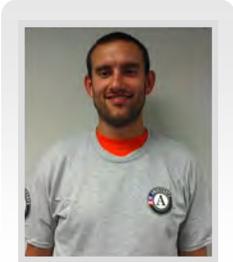
Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska AmeriCorps members assist students in Pre-K through High School levels to achieve academic success through service in Kearney Public School classrooms and Kearney Community Learning Center before and after school programs. Rural Corps members mentor, provide academic assistance, help in English Language Learner classrooms and Alternative Education classrooms, and also help with homework and enrichment activities. The program partners with the University of Nebraska Kearney Office of Service Learning.



Geraldine Stirtz
Program Leader



Nancy Williams
Program Leader



Geoff Carnahan



Courtney Cave



Daphne Darter



Jeremiah Hogins



Sarah Koch



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Garrett Martin



Laura O'Brien



Dawn Rios



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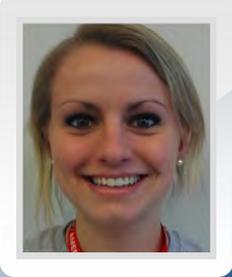
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Brooke Wuehler



Doris Younes



Angelica Young

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Anastasia Barber
Lillian Barnes
Alison Davis
Adam Niedbalski

YouthBuild Omaha AmeriCorps

Goodwill Industries



YouthBuild Omaha AmeriCorps members simultaneously serve their communities while building their own future. The program enrolls young adults, ages 16-24, who are looking to make a life change and guides them in obtaining their GED, gaining construction skills and becoming self-sufficient engaged citizens. Members' time is split between the GED classroom and on the construction worksite. Houses are built in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity and the Abide Network. Members receive case management, career services, and leadership skills while enrolled in the program.



Miriam Blair
Program Director



Norman Barnes
Construction Trainer



Michael Anderson
Classroom Teacher



Kierra Amerson



Lakena Amerson



Raylan Cartwright



Vershan Collins



Tyree Cruse



Olivia Garcia



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Taylor Hill



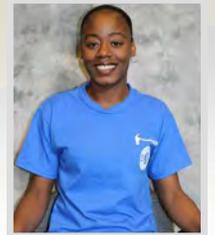
Joseph Martinez



Marcus McCray



Taviyon Mills



Kiyuanna Pryor

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NOT PICTURED:

- Dalton Banfield
- Cortez Cabbell
- Jonesha Dancer
- Peyton Floyd
- Antonio Heard
- Venetia Marshall
- Troy Murphy
- James Priester
- DaeShawn Sherman
- JayVontez Smith
- Timlisha Smith
- Matthew Thompson
- Altanta Wilson-Harding



Lafayette Reed



Shawnpaul Simpson



Tracy Tate



Mystery Wakefield



Eric Youngblood

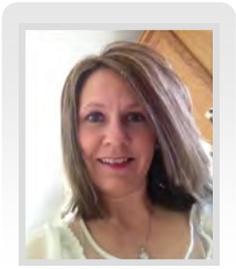
YWCA Adams County AmeriCorps

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eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca



YWCA Adams County AmeriCorps deploys members to address community-identified needs in Adams, Nuckolls, Clay and Webster counties. At the YWCA, the AmeriCorps members assist at the Zone, an after and before-school program for middle to high school youth and provide one-on-one training and job interview opportunities for women. "Power for Employment" gives women the opportunity to learn how to make a good first impression, prepare for an interview, type a resume, and learn interview etiquette. AmeriCorps members at the Hastings Literacy Program assist adult education instructors by providing one-on-one and small group instruction in English as a Second Language (ESL), General Educational Development (GED), Computer Literacy and other Adult Education classes.



Jennifer Lewis
Program Leader



Anne Cannon
Program Leader
Hastings Literacy Ctr



Dona Haberer
YWCA Adams County



Jose Jimenez
YWCA Adams County



Don Eberle
Hastings Literacy Ctr



Katie Helwick



Jessica Hunt



Kelly Junker



Ian Nickel



Tyler Richters



John Roman



Maddie Thurston



Jocelyn Schade



Kristine Tully



Carissa Uhrmacher

Not Pictured: Kristine Halbmaier • Jennifer Linne

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Success Stories

The AmeriCorps member for the Career Closet assisted a young mom on a revamp of her resume. This past week the young mom has had three call backs. She told us before that her resume resulted in no calls for even an interview.

At the Hastings Literacy Program, a student came in need of her GED as she would lose her job if she didn't earn it. She had tried before and had given up. When she re-enrolled, she was placed an AmeriCorps member. The member went above and beyond to help this student. Even after the student failed her math test, she didn't give up. The member gave her more one-on-one instruction up to the day of her retaking her test. She passed and was able to keep her job.





APPENDIX

Partners

BVCA AmeriCorps

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership

Central Elementary School, Fairbury
Chance School, Fairbury, Jefferson
Fairbury Junior/Senior High School, Fairbury
Jefferson Community Coalition, Fairbury
Jefferson Intermediate School, Fairbury
Kids Connection Learning Center, Fairbury
Public Health Solutions - Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson,
Saline, and Thayer counties
Thayer Healthy Kids Coalition, Hebron

College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps

College Possible

Avenue Scholars, Omaha
College of St. Mary, Omaha
Concordia College, Seward
Creighton University, Omaha
EducationQuest, statewide
Holland Foundation, Omaha
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Omaha
Mutual of Omaha Foundation, Omaha
Omaha Benson High Magnet School, Omaha
Omaha North High Magnet School, Omaha
Omaha Northwest High School Magnet, Omaha
Omaha South High Magnet School, Omaha
Papillion-La Vista High School, Papillion
Papillion-La Vista South High School, Papillion
Partnership 4 Kids, Omaha
Peter Kiewit Foundation, Omaha
Ralston High School, Ralston
TeamMates, Omaha
University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha
Urban League, Omaha
Weitz Family Foundation, Omaha
Westside High School, Omaha

ECHO AmeriCorps

City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation

Aging Partners, Lincoln
Airpark Recreation Center, Lincoln
Lincoln Arts Council, Lincoln
Asian Community and Cultural Center, Lincoln
Belmont Recreation Center, Lincoln
Calvert Recreation Center, Lincoln
Community CROPS, Lincoln
El Centro de las Americas, Lincoln
Everett Community Learning Center, Lincoln
F Street Recreation Center, Lincoln
Food Bank—Backpack Program, Lincoln
4-H, Lincoln
Goodrich Community Learning Center, Lincoln
The HUB, Lincoln
Indigo Bridge Books, Lincoln
Irving Recreation Center, Lincoln
Kiwanis, Lincoln
Lighthouse, Lincoln
Lincoln Literacy Council, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln
Malone Community Center, Lincoln
McPhee Community Learning Center, Lincoln
Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, Lincoln
Willard Community Center, Lincoln
Youth Service System, Lincoln

Healthy Rural Communities AmeriCorps

Volunteers of America Western Nebraska

Center for Rural Affairs, Lyons
University of Nebraska Kearney, Kearney

LFS AmeriCorps

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (LFS)

Angel Guardians, Omaha
Benson Area Refugee Task Force, Omaha
Camp Luther, Schuyler
Catholic Social Services, Lincoln
Center for Holistic Development, Omaha
Christ for the City International, Omaha
Community Action of Lancaster & Saunders Counties, Lincoln
Completely Kids, Omaha
Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy (HETRA), Fremont
International Center for the Heartland, Omaha
Justice for Our Neighbors, Omaha
Kent Bellows Studio, Omaha
Kids Can, Omaha
LFS —At Ease, Omaha & Bellevue
LFS —Human Resources, Omaha
LFS —North Omaha Center for Healthy Families, Omaha
Mary Treglia Community House, South Sioux City
Midlands Latino Community Development, Omaha
Nebraskans for Civic Reform, Lincoln
Pottawattamie Center for Healthy Families, Council Bluffs IA
Reception & Placement (R&P), Lincoln & Omaha
Refugee Employment & Education Program, Omaha
Salvation Army North Corps, Omaha
Targeted Adult Service Coordination (TASC), Lincoln

MCC*Corps

Metropolitan Community College

D.R.E.A.M., Omaha
NorthStar Foundation, Omaha
Omaha Public Schools, Omaha
Outward Bound Omaha, Omaha
Siena Francis House, Omaha

MMI AmeriCorps

Munroe Meyer Institute

University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)

Ashland Family Clinic, Ashland
Alliance-Box Butte Hospital, Alliance
Beatrice Behavioral Health Clinic, Beatrice
Baker Place-UNMC, Omaha
Chadron Medical Clinic, Chadron
Children's Physicians, Bellevue
Children's Physicians Val Verde, LaVista
Creighton/Children's Physicians-Dundee, Omaha
Creighton University Hospital/Children's Physicians, Omaha
Columbus Children's Healthcare: Pediatric Clinic, Columbus
Crawford Legend Buttes Health Center, Crawford
Crete Behavioral Health Clinic, Crete
Fremont Pediatric Partners, Fremont
Gordon Medical Clinic, Gordon
Grand Island Clinic, Inc. Grand Island
Great Plains Pediatrics, North Platte
Holy Name School, Omaha
Kearney Clinic, PC, Kearney
Plattsmouth Children's Physicians, Plattsmouth
Omaha Children's Clinic, Omaha



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Partners

MMI AmeriCorps (Continued)

Munroe Meyer Institute

University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)

OneWorld Health, Omaha
Physicians Clinic-Hawthorne Court
Rushville Medical Clinic, Rushville
UNMC Ambulatory Pediatrics Clinic, Omaha
UNMC, Bellevue
UNMC Developmental Pediatrics, Omaha
Village Pointe Pediatrics, Omaha
Wahoo Behavioral Health Clinic
West Center Pediatrics, Omaha
Western Nebraska Behavioral Health, Rushville
York Medical Clinic, York

Nebraska Campus Compact Service Scholars

University of Nebraska Lincoln

Arc of Buffalo County, Kearney
Asian Cultural & Community Center, Lincoln
College of Saint Mary, Omaha
Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska, Hastings
Doane College, Crete
Guidance to Success, Lincoln
Hastings College, Hastings
Mercy Housing-Crestview Village, LaVista
Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha
Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln
North Central District Health Department, O'Neill
Peru State College, Peru
South Heartland District Health Department, Hastings
Special Olympics, Scottsbluff
St. Luke United Methodist Church Teen Center, Omaha
University of Nebraska Kearney, Kearney
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha
Wayne Community Activity Center, Wayne
Wayne State College, Wayne
Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff

PROH AmeriCorps

Center for People in Need

Bed Bath and Beyond, Lincoln
Boy Scouts of America—Cornhusker Council, Lincoln
Center for Legal Immigration, Lincoln
Catholic Social Services, Lincoln
City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation, Lincoln
City of Lincoln Mayor's Office, Lincoln
F Street Recreation Center, Lincoln
Food Bank of Lincoln, Lincoln
Good Neighbor Community Center, Lincoln
Good 360, Lincoln
Human Services Federation, Lincoln
Lancaster County Medical Society, Lincoln
Lincoln Benefit Life, Lincoln
Lincoln Children's Museum, Lincoln
Lincoln Children's Zoo, Lincoln
Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln
Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln
Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, Lincoln
Lincoln Police Charities –Santa Cop, Lincoln
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Lincoln
Malone Community Center, Lincoln
Region V Services, Lincoln
ResCare, Lincoln

PROH AmeriCorps (Continued)

Center for People in Need

St. Elizabeth's Regional Medical Center, Lincoln
State of Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation
Southeast Community College, Lincoln
Southwood Lutheran Church, Lincoln
United States Marines Toys for Tots, Lincoln
Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Lincoln
United Way of Lincoln & Lancaster County, Lincoln
Wal-Mart, Lincoln

RISE AmeriCorps

Nebraska State Probation

Probation Administration, Lincoln
Probation District 1, Beatrice
Probation District 5, Columbus & Schuyler
Probation District 5, Seward & York
Probation District 6, Blair & Fremont
Probation District 6, South Sioux City & Thurston County
Probation District 7, Norfolk, Pierce, Stanton & Wayne
Probation District 8, O'Neill
Probation District 9, Grand Island & Kearney
Probation District 10, Hastings, Holdrege & Minden
Probation District 11, McCook & North Platte
Probation District 12, Gering

Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska

Kearney Public Schools Foundation

Kearney Community Learning Center, Kearney
Kearney Public Schools, Kearney
University of Nebraska, Kearney

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Goodwill Industries

Abide Ministries, Omaha
Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Omaha
John E. Mitchell Community Center, Omaha
Soby Ranch Ministry, Omaha

YWCA Adams County AmeriCorps

YWCA of Adams County

Bristol Station, Hastings
Catholic Social Services, Hastings
Central Community College, Hastings
Crossroads Center, Hastings
Hastings College, Hastings
Hastings Literacy Program, Hastings
Hastings Public Schools, Hastings
Mid Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Hastings
Multicultural Coalition of Grand Island, Grand Island
State of Nebraska Nutrition Department, Hastings
State of Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation, Hastings
United Way of South Central Nebraska, Hastings
Unity House, Hastings



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Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission