



ANNUAL REPORT 2012



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PARTNERS & FRIENDS,

2012 was a year of exciting transitions at Volunteer Florida. A new Executive Committee has been elected including our Chair, Susan Towler; and we now have 19 Governor-appointed Commissioners. As we congratulated Wendy Spencer on her appointment to serve as CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, our staff embraced a new leader with CEO Chester Spellman.

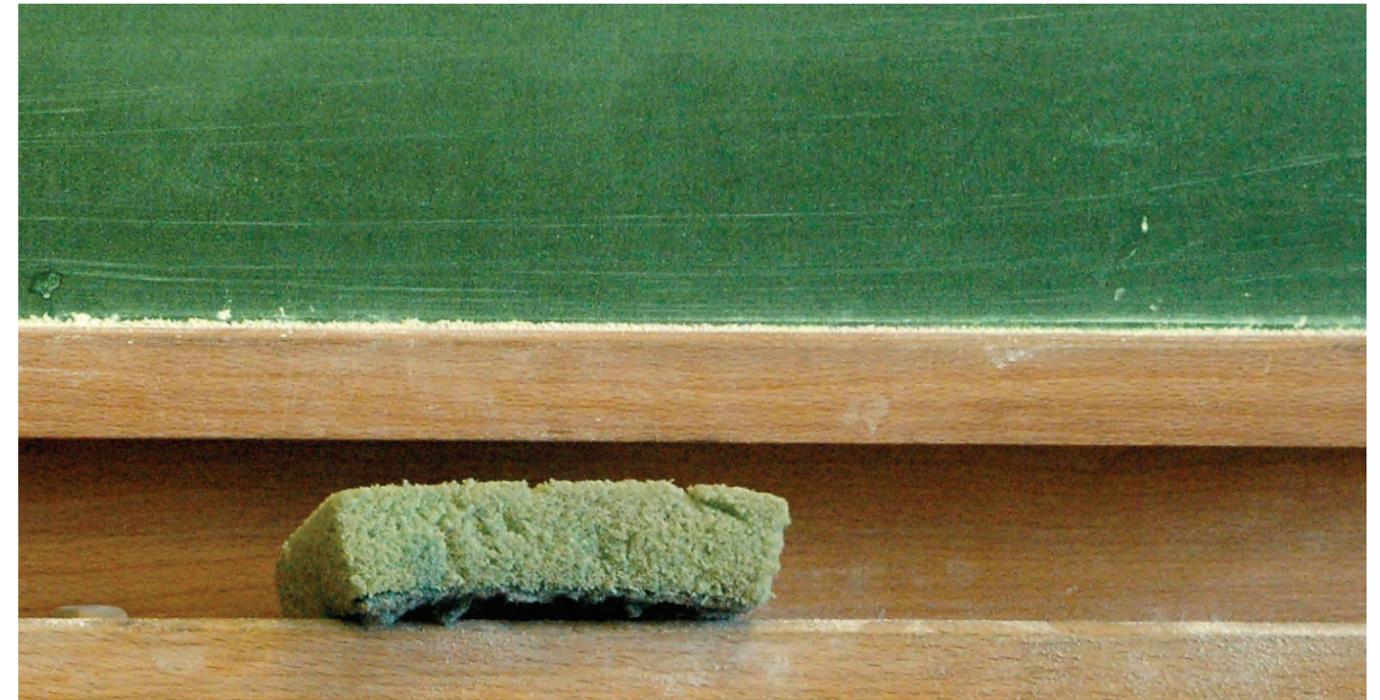
With new leadership by our Commission and staff, Volunteer Florida renewed our commitment to strengthen Florida's communities through volunteerism and national service. We were proud to partner with 683 organizations in Florida to achieve this mission.

Paralleling the Governor's priority on education, many of our AmeriCorps members served in education-based programs. In fact, 48,147 students received teaching, tutoring or mentoring from an AmeriCorps member in nearly 400 Florida schools. These AmeriCorps members serve with nonprofits

including City Year, Teach for America and Communities in Schools.

AmeriCorps members served in many other capacities to improve the lives of Floridians. In this report, you will read about AmeriCorps programs addressing disaster preparedness, the environment, public safety, seniors, veterans and more. The Commission strives to have a diverse portfolio of AmeriCorps programs, and this report includes valuable information about the many ways these programs are having a real impact in Florida's communities.

As Florida's lead agency for coordinating volunteers and donations in a disaster, our Emergency Management department was especially active this year, including full activations for Tropical Storms Debby and Isaac and deployments to the northeast for Hurricane Sandy. Our Emergency Management team regularly partners with voluntary organizations and county emergency managers to



ensure communities are trained and able to leverage the tremendous power of volunteers when disaster strikes.

To ensure Florida is on track to sustain a strong volunteer presence, our programs work to build capacity as "force-multipliers." Our 1,232 AmeriCorps members leveraged an additional 9,234 volunteers; and our BEST Neighborhoods program generated 14,633 volunteers - including nearly 8,000 first-time volunteers!

In this report, we have highlighted these achievements and also illustrated the State of Florida's significant return on investment. As you will read, every dollar invested by the state leverages approximately \$26 from non-state funding sources. This investment has helped Volunteer Florida to secure \$21.3 million in federal, local and private funds in the past year, including \$6.1 million in college scholarships for AmeriCorps members.

We hope that this report is informative and inspiring. When we set out to look at our year's successes, we are pleased to realize achievements - but we also know there are many successes that can't be measured. For example, when a child is brought up to read at the same grade level as their peers because of their work with an AmeriCorps tutor, we celebrate this milestone. We also recognize that the child's confidence, happiness, and future will be positively impacted far beyond their tutoring sessions. And of course, we can't forget the benefits experienced by the tutor themselves!

We hope you enjoy reading about this year's successes, and we look forward to our work together in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Susan Towler, Chair
Chester W. Spellman, CEO

MISSION

Volunteer Florida strengthens Florida's communities through volunteerism and national service

ABOUT US

Volunteer Florida's Commission is administratively housed within the Executive Office of the Governor and guided by a bipartisan board of Commissioners, who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Administration of national service programs is a top priority of the Commission. National service programs like AmeriCorps offer Floridians the opportunity to engage in intensive service to their community while increasing capacity for nonprofits and other service organizations. In fact, 88% of Volunteer Florida's funding is sub-granted to educational foundations, nonprofits, faith-based organizations and other qualifying organizations for national service and volunteer programs.

Volunteer Florida provides necessary oversight and accountability of these grants through its Commission and staff. Because national service grants require matching funds and a competitive application process, our staff ensures that these

grants have proper programmatic and financial oversight, and provides grant staff with trainings and professional support.

Volunteer Florida also leads initiatives throughout Florida that use volunteerism as a strategy to meet local needs. These initiatives include engaging Floridians in service for Florida Volunteer Month, service projects for national days of service including September 11 and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and honoring Floridians' volunteer work through awards and recognitions. The Commission also routinely provides training and technical services that are requested by local agencies throughout the state. This assistance includes coaching communities on how to apply for grants, establishing volunteer centers, and trainings to prepare county emergency management staff and their partners on volunteer and donations management.



"All Floridians have the potential to transform communities and change the lives of Florida families through volunteering. When Floridians work together, we can accomplish anything and I encourage everyone from the Keys to the Panhandle to lend a helping hand and give back to our state."

- Governor Rick Scott



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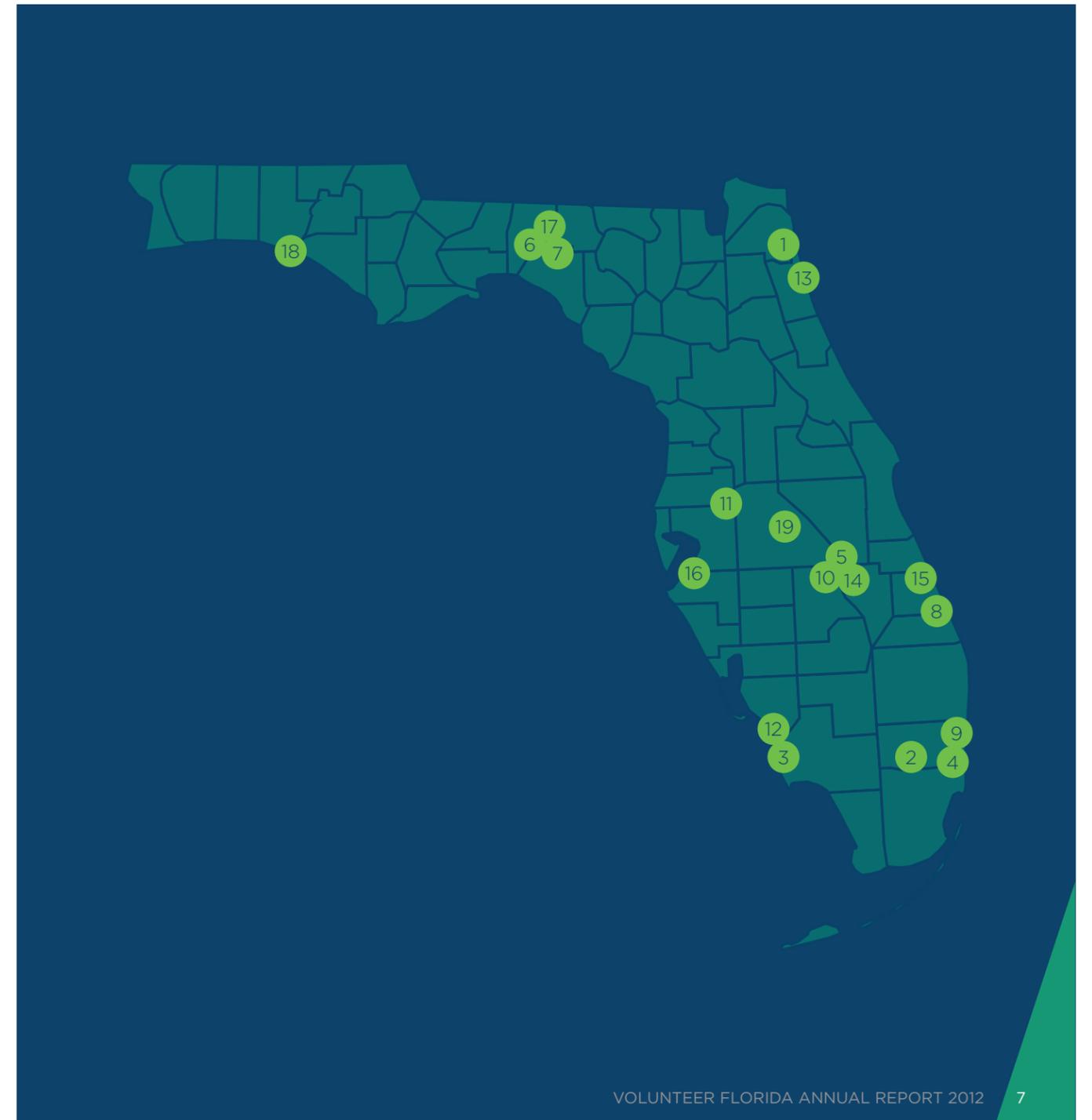
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2012 AT A GLANCE



1,232

Volunteer Florida's 1,232 AmeriCorps members provided 1,565,420 hours of service, valued at \$29.2 million.*



23,867

Volunteer Florida's national service programs (AmeriCorps and BEST Neighborhoods) generated 23,867 volunteers who served 175,965 hours, valued at \$3.3 million!*

*www.independentsector.org



\$1

\$26

For every \$1 the State of Florida invested, Volunteer Florida leveraged \$26 in non-state funding sources.



\$6.1

million

Volunteer Florida's AmeriCorps members were eligible for \$6.2 million in college scholarships as a result of their service.

*2011 Annual AmeriCorps Statewide Evaluation



87%

87% of AmeriCorps partners surveyed through Florida State University's College of Social Work reported that their affiliation with Volunteer Florida's AmeriCorps programs improves or greatly improves their success in attracting new resources.*



2,707

Volunteer Florida staff trained or conducted presentations for 2,707 participants. Forums included the Florida AmeriCorps and National Service Conference, Governor's Hurricane Conference, and AmeriCorps Program Directors' trainings.



EDUCATION

Keeping in line with the priorities of Governor Rick Scott and Volunteer Florida's Commission, 86% of Volunteer Florida's AmeriCorps programs are education-based. Many of these programs place AmeriCorps members as teachers, tutors and mentors to at-risk youth in Florida schools.

Last year, AmeriCorps members served 48,147 students in 385 Florida schools. These AmeriCorps members served through several nonprofits, educational foundations and schools, including:

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- ▶ Big Brothers/Big Sisters of St. Lucie County
 - ▶ Centro Campesino - Florida City
 - ▶ City Year Miami
 - ▶ City Year Orlando
 - ▶ Communities in Schools, Jacksonville
 - ▶ Communities in Schools, Miami
 - ▶ Hillsborough County Education Board
 - ▶ Florida Campus Compact
 - ▶ Gadsden County School Board
 - ▶ Girl Scouts of the Gateway
 - ▶ Northwest Florida State College
 - ▶ Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition
 - ▶ South Florida Urban Ministries
 - ▶ Strong Women, Strong Girls, Inc. - Miami
 - ▶ Take Stock In Children - Broward, Collier, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties
 - ▶ Teach for America Miami
 - ▶ Teach for America Jacksonville
 - ▶ The ARC of Jacksonville
 - ▶ The Polk Education Foundation
 - ▶ Trinity Church - Miami-Dade
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▶ *AmeriCorps members receive a college scholarship for their service. Since 1994, over \$30 million in AmeriCorps scholarships have been honored at Florida colleges and universities.*

ACHIEVEMENTS



385

AmeriCorps members served in 385 Florida schools.



60% 45

Teach for America programs in Miami and Jacksonville helped 60% of students served in 45 of Florida's highest risk schools to achieve at least one year of academic grade gain.



48,147

48,147 students worked with an AmeriCorps mentor, tutor or teacher.



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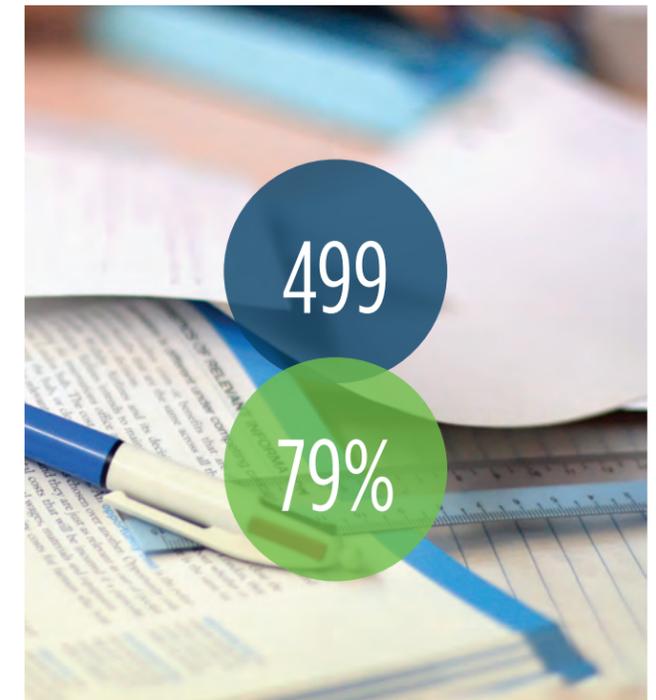
AmeriCorps programs with Strong Women Strong Girls and Girl Scouts provided mentoring to girls in 20 middle schools and 8 elementary schools in Jacksonville and Miami, resulting in improved attendance rates.

COLLEGE PREPARATION



1,414

Florida Campus Compact's College Access AmeriCorps Program provided college preparation services including mentoring, site visits, academic support and college application assistance to 1,414 at-risk middle and high school youth.



499 79%

AmeriCorps members with Take Stock in Children provided 499 high school juniors and seniors with college readiness services - 79% improved their academic standing.

TUTORING

12,784

AmeriCorps provided one-on-one and small group mentoring to 12,784 students at risk of academic failure.

78%

78% of students receiving a full year of academic tutoring improved their reading skills.

LITERACY COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY AMERICORPS

Bryce Johnson is a 7-year old elementary student who receives tutoring at the Boynton Beach City Library through the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition's AmeriCorps program. This program promotes literacy and volunteerism in distressed communities and low performing schools in Palm Beach County. The program places members in sites throughout the county to provide literacy services to K-12 students, as well as GED and Adult literacy services. Members also serve as graduation coaches by mentoring

students at risk of dropping out of school, and participate in community events to increase volunteerism in the county.

"We started our son Bryce with AmeriCorps tutoring in October. He really enjoys doing his homework now with the tutors, and he looks forward to their sessions. He is also much happier with his reading results, which makes his school day a lot easier."

- *Lori Johnson, Bryce's mom*



Bryce Johnson works on reading with his AmeriCorps tutor, Cathy Hentschel.



Anahy Gomez (right) attended Centro Campesino's AmeriCorps after-school program starting in first grade! She was inspired by the AmeriCorps members to join the corps at Centro Campesino and is currently also a Freshman at Miami-Dade College.

WHAT IS NATIONAL SERVICE?

National service programs engage more than 4 million Americans to improve communities through AmeriCorps, SeniorCorps and the Social Innovation Fund. Addressing our nation's needs in education, the environment, public safety, emergency management and other human needs, national service programs utilize the tremendous power of citizens as change-agents in their communities.

National service programs are funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). State commissions like Volunteer Florida leverage state and local funding to draw down CNCS grants for the

administration of AmeriCorps programs. Nonprofits, educational foundations and other qualifying organizations apply for national service grants through Volunteer Florida in a competitive process.

Volunteer Florida is also one of 19 state commissions to be awarded a Social Innovation Fund grant from CNCS to generate more volunteers in Florida (pg. 45). This grant made Volunteer Florida's "BEST Neighborhoods" program possible from 2010-2013.



CITY YEAR EXPANSION

Thanks to efforts by Volunteer Florida's Commission and local champions, City Year, a national nonprofit dedicated to keeping students in school and on track to graduation, has expanded its Florida programs. In the fall of 2012, City Year celebrated the start of its fifth year in Miami and launched new sites in Orlando and Jacksonville.

City Year recognizes that 50 percent of our nation's dropouts come from just 12 percent of the schools. City Year AmeriCorps members serve where the need is greatest. By partnering with public schools, targeting high-risk schools and students and harnessing the power of young people, City Year is having a tremendous impact and is among the most trustworthy nonprofits in America.

► *Volunteer Florida congratulates City Year Miami on its 5th anniversary and looks forward to impacts in Orlando and Jacksonville in the years ahead.*



City Year Miami, in partnership with Miami Dade County Public Schools, expanded from 8 schools to 15 in 2012. Their 135 AmeriCorps members celebrated these achievements:

- Served 2,687 students in small group reading intervention
- Served 1,689 students in small group math intervention
- Joined 707 students for lunchtime mentoring
- Engaged 748 students in afterschool programs
- Spent 63,624 hours in small group learning

As a result of City Year Miami's efforts:

- 74% of tutored students improved oral reading fluency
- 53% of tutored students made significant learning gains in reading
- 43% of students receiving lunch mentoring who began the year off-track in attendance ended the year on-track



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Volunteer Florida is the lead agency for volunteers and donations on the State Emergency Response Team's Emergency Support Function 15 (ESF-15). In this role, Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management staff regularly trains local communities and collaborates with over 40 disaster relief agencies and all 67 counties to enhance volunteer and donations management programs.

► *"I went to do disaster services in New Jersey and New York. We drove the Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle from Lee County and we used it to feed people in the most devastated areas. We would go up and down the streets - there would be boats sometimes in people's living rooms, and no electricity, and they had absolutely no utilities ... the people would just cheer and say, 'Thank you Red Cross, Thank you AmeriCorps.' I believe it's well worth going up there and helping people."*

- **Julianne Ballard**, an AmeriCorps member with the Red Cross of Florida's Gulf Coast, on deploying to New Jersey and New York to assist with Hurricane Sandy response



2012 DISASTER ACTIVATIONS

2012 was an active hurricane season, including two full activations of ESF-15 for Tropical Storms Debby and Isaac and deployments of Emergency Management staff to assist with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts in the northeastern United States.

► *In response to Tropical Storm Debby, 3,917 volunteers served 46,153 hours, valued at \$861,220.*

TROPICAL STORM DEBBY

Tropical Storm Debby impacts resulted in 34 Florida counties receiving either an Individual Assistance or Public Assistance (or both) Presidential Disaster Declaration. Volunteer Florida staff worked at the Florida Emergency Operations Center and the FEMA/Florida Joint Field Office (JFO) in Tallahassee supporting voluntary agency efforts in the response and recovery to Tropical Storm Debby.



TROPICAL STORM ISAAC

Tropical Storm Isaac impacts were not as severe as Tropical Storm Debby, though flooding was experienced in some southeastern Florida counties. Staff worked at the Florida Emergency Operations Center supporting voluntary agency efforts in the response and recovery to Tropical Storm Isaac.

HURRICANE SANDY

Volunteer Florida supported New York and New Jersey, which were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Through FEMA's Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), Volunteer Florida coordinated EMAC personnel who served a total of 43 days on EMAC missions and supported donations management efforts in these states.

TRAININGS

Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management staff trained or delivered presentations to 1,796 participants in 2012. These included training local governments, faith-based organizations and voluntary agencies on managing spontaneous volunteers and donations in a disaster.

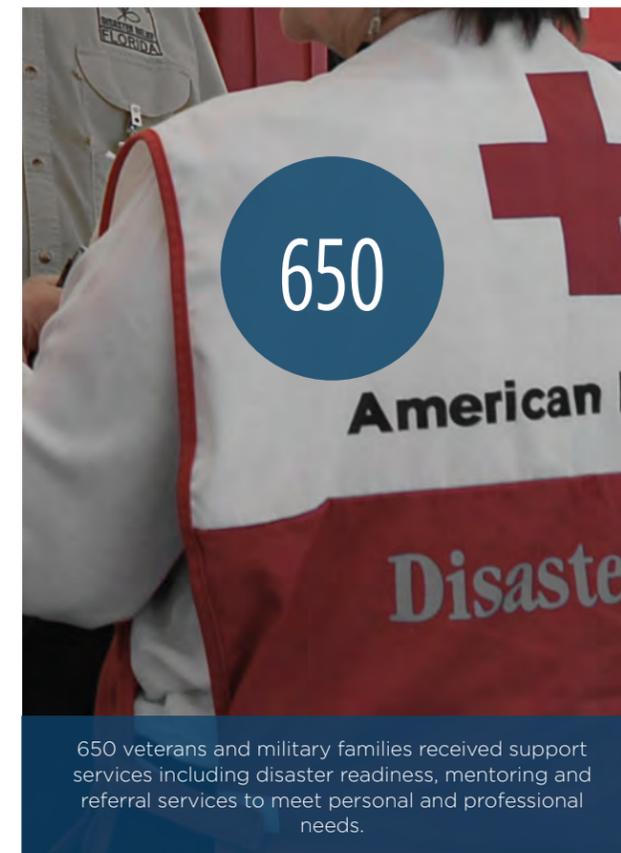


Volunteer Florida Emergency Management consultant Merrilee White in a FEMA training in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

AMERICORPS SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

AmeriCorps provided disaster training and disaster response benefitting thousands of families in Florida and throughout the northeastern United States. These AmeriCorps members served through the American Red Cross of Greater Miami and the Keys and the American Red Cross of Florida's Gulf Coast.

Also, AmeriCorps members were deployed to assist the Northeast following Hurricane Sandy. Members helped citizens in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to access critical communication, secure food and medical care, and also assisted with debris removal and rebuilding efforts.



650 veterans and military families received support services including disaster readiness, mentoring and referral services to meet personal and professional needs.



8,147 children and adults were trained in health, safety, emergency response and disaster preparedness programs.



799 families in South Florida received emergency assistance and support during local disasters like home fires.



Sunday, November 11, 2012

SUNDAY'S LETTERS: FOR DISASTER DONATIONS, CASH WORKS BEST

As the most hurricane-prone state in the nation, Florida is no stranger to recovering from the effects of a storm. Now we see the same devastation in the Northeast caused by Hurricane Sandy. All across the country, Americans are opening their hearts to help.

After a disaster, cash is critical, versatile and immediate. Cash helps relief organizations purchase the supplies needed most and gets aid to survivors as quickly as possible.

Cash also helps the local economy in recovery. When relief organizations are able to purchase

needed goods in impacted areas, they support local businesses. This stimulates the local economy and puts people back to work, which is critical to economic recovery.

Cash is easier to donate than ever before. AT&T and Verizon customers can text to donate \$10 to the American Red Cross (text REDCROSS to 90999), Salvation Army (text STORM to 80888) or American Humane Society (text HUMANE to 80888). The donations are simply added to a customer's phone bill.

After a storm, it is important that potential volunteers confirm that they are needed before traveling to impacted areas. Volunteers can visit

www.fema.gov/volunteer-donate-responsibly for information on voluntary organizations active in New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Hurricane Sandy left many of our neighbors in need. In the aftermath, we see Americans doing what Americans do best: picking themselves up and beginning the process of putting lives back together. Whether you choose to help through donating cash or your time and talent, know that you are helping to keep America strong.

Bryan W. Koon, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management; **Chester Spellman**, Chief Executive Officer, Volunteer Florida

Tampa Bay Times

The Miami Herald 

The Gainesville Sun



ENVIRONMENT

FLORIDA STATE PARKS AMERICORPS

Since 1996, AmeriCorps members participating in the Florida State Parks program have improved natural resources in state parks and other public lands throughout Florida by removing exotic plants, reintroducing native species, surveying for endangered animals and plants, improving beaches and rivers, conducting controlled burns, and maintaining trails. AmeriCorps members also conduct classes and recruit volunteers for communities to foster awareness and develop a greater appreciation for the environment.

The Florida State Parks AmeriCorps program is administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and operates in Florida's state parks and their surrounding communities.

► *"We are extremely thankful to these dedicated and passionate individuals for their love of Florida's environment and service in our state parks," said Florida Park Service Director **Donald Forgione**. "Florida State Parks AmeriCorps members inspire visitors daily and create a lasting legacy of community pride in our parks." - (WCTV)*

2012 FLORIDA STATE PARKS AMERICORPS



Provided habitat restoration for 43,834 acres of Florida's Public Lands through prescribed burns, exotic plant removal, sand dune and beach restoration, and native plant species reintroduction.



Provided 9,588 Florida State Park visitors and community members with environmental education programs, increasing their knowledge of the natural environment.



Maintained 1,563 miles of recreational-use trails within public lands.



"AmeriCorps changed my life and started me on a dream career with the Florida Park Service, and I'll be forever grateful for the experiences, camaraderie, education and all the great people I met during my service. I'm reminded of how much I loved being in AmeriCorps whenever I see current members at Wekiwa and I find every

opportunity I can to promote this valuable and very rewarding program."

- **Aggie Armstrong**, Florida State Parks AmeriCorps Alum and current Florida Department of Environmental Protection Park Programs Development Specialist



GRASSES IN CLASSES – AN AMERICORPS LEGACY

- *Brittany Tate*

Grasses In Classes is a curriculum developed by Brittany Tate, an AmeriCorps member who served at Northwest Florida State College's AmeriCorps program at the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (CBA). This program now engages over 1,600 students in Okaloosa and Walton County Schools in a year-long restoration project.

Fresh out of college, I had no idea which career field I wanted to venture into. A fortuitous newspaper article led me to apply for Northwest Florida State College AmeriCorps to serve with the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (CBA).

This opportunity included hands-on experience restoring and enhancing the Choctawhatchee Bay Watershed. Most days were filled with sweat, dirt and rotting oysters. My heart – and my clothes! -- were permanently stained with one of the most enjoyable times of my life.

Our biggest accomplishment that year was the creation of the O.y.s.t.e.r. (Offer Your Shell to Enhance Restoration) Recycling Program. Working with local seafood restaurants in Destin and South Walton, AmeriCorps and CBA picked up shucked oyster shells from restaurants for use in shoreline restoration projects throughout the Choctawhatchee Bay. To this day, the smell of these oysters has not disappeared at Northwest Florida State College because AmeriCorps and CBA still actively pick up shells from local restaurants.

As my first year of service drew to a close, I decided another year of service with AmeriCorps and CBA was the direction I should take. My service, however, took a more educational turn. A mutual goal of AmeriCorps and CBA was to expand environmental

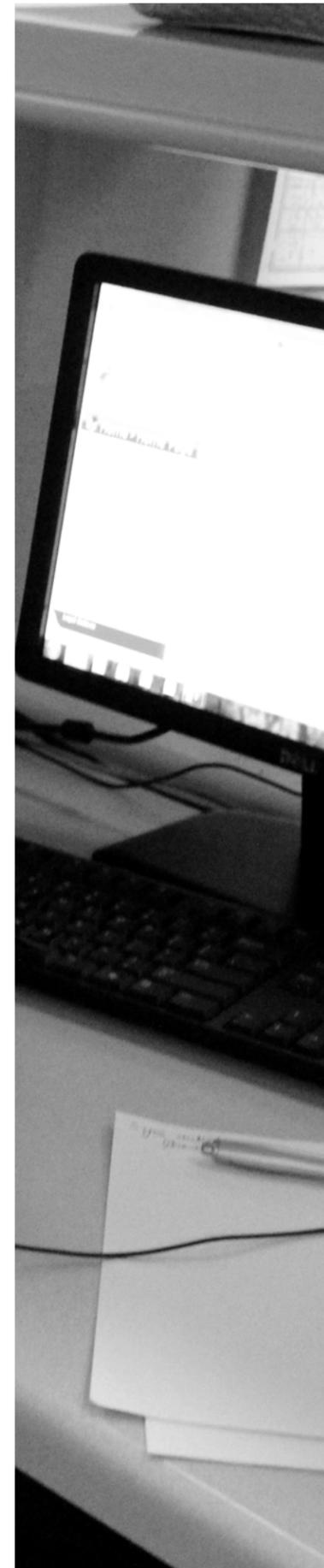
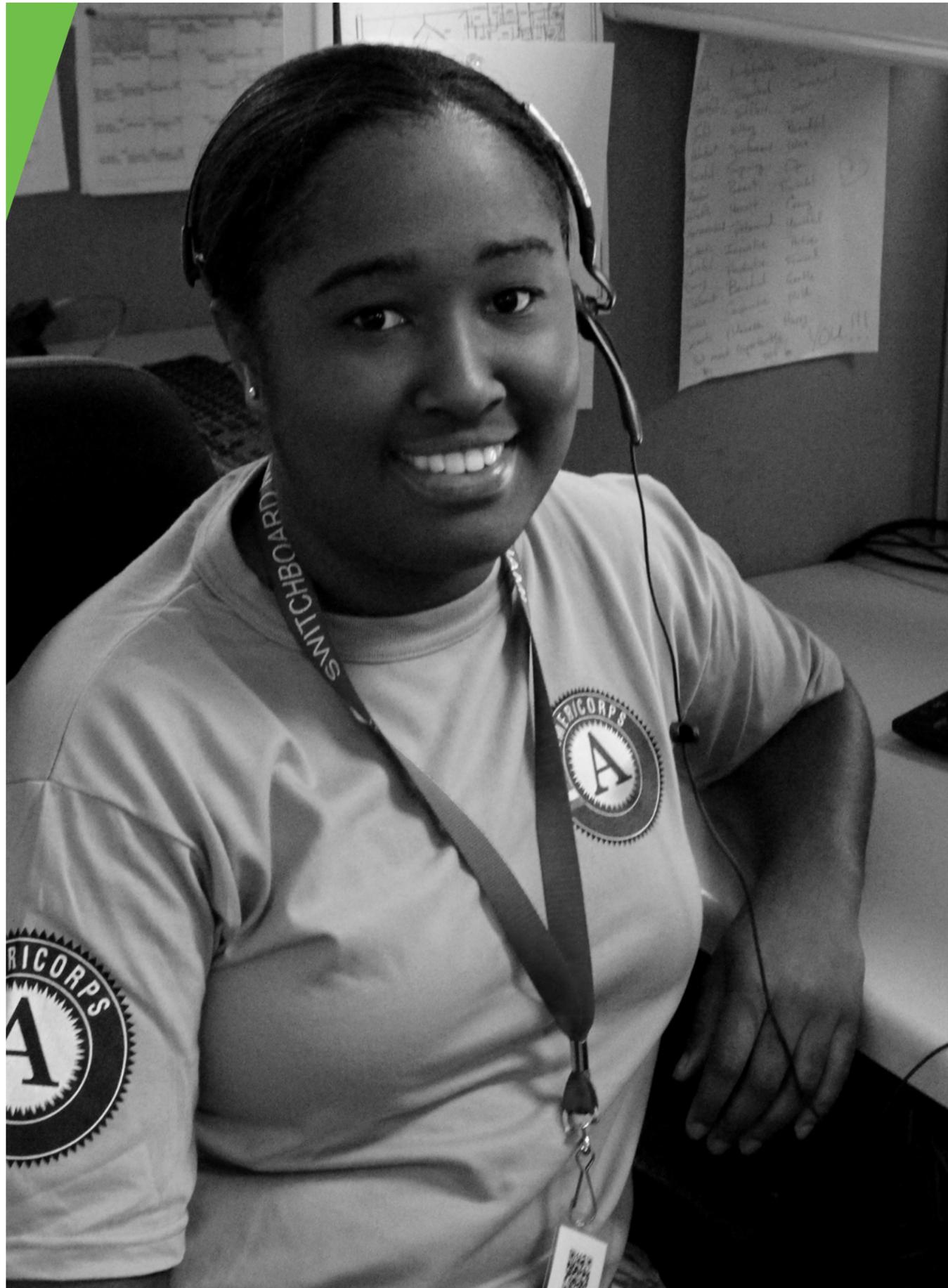
education throughout the Choctawhatchee Bay watershed. Having a year of service in the trenches, I now found myself in a leadership role and set to work implementing a “Grasses in Classes” program in nine Okaloosa County Schools.

I worked long hours in front of the computer developing the curriculum and structuring eight lesson plans fit to meet the state of Florida's Sunshine State Science Standards for fifth grade. Soon a strong program began to take shape that would lead the way for our AmeriCorps team to become very close friends with a plant named *Spartina alterniflora*.

The Grasses in Classes program became larger and stronger than I ever anticipated, and throughout the year I saw students truly develop a love and passion for the study of science. Students, who, in October, could not even pronounce Choctawhatchee Bay, were conducting research on their own about the local environment by April. In May, we brought 800 students to the bay to participate in a shoreline restoration program. Not only were these students actively participating in a real-world application of science -- they were making a difference in their local environment.

My year working to develop and implement “Grasses in Classes” allowed me to take a leadership role I never saw myself in before. And as a result, I was offered a full-time position as the Education Coordinator for CBA.

My AmeriCorps experience taught me to have a better appreciation of service and the environment, and led me on a new path to a career I love. I will be forever grateful to AmeriCorps and the CBA for giving me the opportunity to serve.



HUMAN NEEDS

SWITCHBOARD OF MIAMI

At Switchboard of Miami, AmeriCorps members provide telephone counseling and suicide prevention to residents in crisis. In the past year, these remarkable AmeriCorps members connected 36,701 callers to community resources, with 90% of callers reporting complete satisfaction with services provided.

► *“As I was nearing the end of my shift in the contact center I received one last call that I was glad came to me because I know it has left a mark in my life. I spoke to a young lady named Erin*, who was highly suicidal and on edge due to a variety of problems going on in her life ... we spoke for about 45 minutes.*

“At the end of the conversation Erin was extremely grateful to me and promised that she was going to be able to keep herself safe until her boyfriend got home. She thanked me for my time and willingness to listen, which is what she really needed, and she was at a much better place. Hearing this from Erin just reinforces my passion for doing what I do and she has helped me as much as I was able to help her.”

– **Grace Morales**, AmeriCorps Member

*name changed for privacy

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



SENIORS

At Senior Friendship Centers, Inc., AmeriCorps provided critical services for 13,024 seniors within senior centers in Sarasota and Lee Counties in 2012.

Services provided include respite care, educational programs, health care management and the creation of support networks to sustain a high quality of life. These AmeriCorps members also recruit volunteers to assist in the provision of services to seniors.



AmeriCorps members serving at South Florida Urban Ministries.

FOCUS ON FAITH

Faith-based organizations provide critical services in some of Florida's most underserved communities. The goal of these programs is to promote safe and supportive communities as well as school success for children and youth.

At Trinity Church in Miami, AmeriCorps members provide reading, mentoring and tutoring services to school age youth at six service sites. Members also serve as intake processors at local centers where they assist low income families with client intake, referrals and case management. Last year, AmeriCorps members at Trinity Church connected 2,402 individuals to social services including food stamps, job readiness and financial assistance.

The AmeriCorps team at South Florida Urban Ministries, which is also based in Miami, provides after-school activities and economic development programs. These AmeriCorps members serve at Community Resource Prosperity Centers, where they assist in hunger relief efforts, tax preparation, energy assistance programs and financial literacy. Last year, these AmeriCorps members assisted 1,057 individuals.



PUBLIC SAFETY

AmeriCorps protects the health and well-being of families and children through public safety programs.

CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

AmeriCorps Clearwater Police Department is a public safety AmeriCorps program that has benefited the Clearwater community for the past 15 years. It is a terrific gateway experience for people who are exploring a career in law enforcement - in fact, 15 officers currently employed at the department got their start there as an AmeriCorps member.

"I was only 20 years old when I started my law enforcement career with little life experience prior to the AmeriCorps Program. The AmeriCorps Program provided me with a great deal of experience working with the public and alongside law enforcement officers. In turn, the Clearwater Police Department was able to evaluate my potential and solidified my future career in law enforcement."

- **Sergeant Anthony Monte**, Homicide Division Sergeant and highest-ranking AmeriCorps alumni

► *The safety monitoring, security patrols and responses to crimes provided by Clearwater Police Department's AmeriCorps program saved \$597,724 of police officer time in 2012.*



WOMEN IN DISTRESS

► In 2012, Women In Distress' AmeriCorps program in Broward County engaged 17,937 youth and adults in domestic violence awareness and prevention education through 2,334 school and community-based trainings. 93% of participants demonstrated a positive change in their attitude, beliefs and/or behaviors about domestic violence as a result.

Q&A WITH PROGRAM DIRECTOR JENNIFER DEFERRARI

Q: Tell us about your program.

A: Every day, AmeriCorps Violence Prevention Educators at Women In Distress combat violence by facilitating to grades K-5 and at numerous community sites throughout Broward County. Our Violence Prevention Educators work with local youth on how to handle anger in non-violent ways; they address aspects of bullying; and for our adult sites, domestic violence. Violence has no boundaries. These members are changing the lives of thousands of youth and adults every program year.

Q: How does AmeriCorps help an organization like Women In Distress?

A: The AmeriCorps program at Women In Distress helps by facilitating hard discussions about violence and providing materials on topics about which many are afraid to speak. The members are within elementary schools daily, providing youth with a solid foundation on healthy ways to handle their anger so they do not resort to violence. Many youth only know violence if they see it at home, through video games and the media. The AmeriCorps members are able to open new doors for these youth to live a healthy life, free from violence. The young people that AmeriCorps members facilitate to not only learn about healthy ways to handle anger, but they also learn about conflict resolution, diversity and bullying. Domestic violence is a learned behavior, so with these changes, we are decreasing bullying, teen dating violence and ultimately, domestic violence.

The AmeriCorps program is also active facilitating prevention and awareness about domestic violence for adults in Broward County. They are getting people to open up and discuss a topic that so many have been afraid to speak of, although it affects so many. One in 4 women and 1 in 9 men are affected by domestic violence. Without the efforts of the AmeriCorps team, there would be no stop to this issue. Prevention and awareness are the key strengths that the AmeriCorps program brings to Women In Distress with the hope that this social issue becomes less and less over time, with the ultimate goal of it ending.

Q: Do you see a change in your AmeriCorps members after their year of service?

A: The members are never the same after they have served a year in this program. After dealing with topics such as domestic violence and bullying, these members will forever be advocates no matter what field they go into at the conclusion of their service year. I regularly receive phone calls and e-mails from former AmeriCorps members recounting how they were able to make a safety plan and ultimately save a victim of domestic violence after their service year. This just goes to prove that the training and knowledge of our AmeriCorps members goes far beyond just their one year of program service. Many members that have children are so grateful that, armed with the knowledge they now carry, they are confident that they can help their own children to positively deal with issues such as bullying and teen dating violence. This program is a life changing experience, as these members hear so many disclosures; but at the same time they are able to affect thousands of youth and adults just in their one year of service.

Our AmeriCorps members also feel that through the development and mentoring that is provided they are more prepared for their next role, whether earning a new degree or building their career. Something happens to a person when they know they have potentially saved a life by safety planning with the survivor (victim), providing a survivor with the resources at Women In Distress or hearing that story of the student who bullied in the past but is not bullying anymore. Those are lives that have been affected or changed in a positive way, and our AmeriCorps team lives that every day.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

In 2012, Volunteer Florida's Volunteer Services Department awarded 13 grants to 13 organizations for its BEST Neighborhoods Program.

BEST Neighborhoods is a 3-year program with funding through the Corporation for National and Community Service's Social Innovation Fund. The 3-year goal of the program was to generate 20,000 volunteers - in 2012, this goal was exceeded at 28,850 total volunteers (2010-2012).

BEST Neighborhoods, which stands for "Build, Engage, Sustain, Transform," is a program based on "neighboring," a model concept of community engagement that uses volunteering as a tool to empower, mobilize and facilitate positive changes within communities. Instead of identifying problems, neighboring highlights the strengths in a community and engages leaders within that community to identify needs and create solutions.

► *"Projects associated with the BEST Neighborhoods program helped us realize that volunteers have varying degrees of willingness to serve and that it is incumbent upon us to fully utilize the talents of those who have much to give."*

- **Sue Ring**, Community Vision - 2012 BEST Neighborhoods grantee

BEST NEIGHBORHOODS 2012

► Volunteer Florida's BEST Neighborhoods program engaged 14,633 volunteers.



SPOTLIGHT: TACOLCY

A BEST Neighborhoods grantee, TACOLCY is a nonprofit organization located on a 3.5 acre City of Miami Park in the heart of Liberty City. It is a safe haven for children, youth, young adults, families and mentors to come together in a variety of activities to strengthen the bonds and skills that produce healthy, educated, confident and compassionate leaders of tomorrow.

During the 2012 BEST Neighborhoods grant term, TACOLCY managed 510 volunteers, with 236 being new and 274 returning. Volunteers completed a total of 3,341 hours. As a second-year grantee, TACOLCY tripled their BEST Neighborhoods projects and almost doubled their number of volunteers and hours.

2012 projects included an MLK Mural Project, HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event, Liberty City Health Fair, community conversations, sports coaches training series, afterschool festivals, and more.



SPOTLIGHT: H.O.P.E. PROGRAM, GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the H.O.P.E. (Helping Ourselves Promote Excellence) program, which was made possible by Volunteer Florida's BEST Neighborhoods grant, is to promote positive change and growth in the Gainesville communities that have continually and historically been left behind in education, economics, and neighborhood development. This program focused on improving conditions and development in communities with the highest rates of crime and lowest rates of income by offering educational programs for both youth and adults, neighborhood revitalization and clean up, and crime prevention through crime watch groups, a police volunteer program, and programs for at-risk juveniles. The program aimed to reduce crime, increase education, and revitalize low-income neighborhoods.

One project of the H.O.P.E. program was a Family Fun Day. This community event was hosted by the Gainesville Police Department as an outreach effort to promote health and fitness in the community, as well as give the community an opportunity to interact with police officers. There were informational booths, sports games, an obstacle course, and raffles.

Other service projects in the Gainesville Police Department's BEST program year included an anti-violence rally, parenting workshops, teen lawn care program, kids' camp, citizens on patrol program and afterschool programs.



A Family Fun Day was offered to Gainesville residents through the H.O.P.E. program with grant funding administered by Volunteer Florida.





INCLUSION

Floridians with disabilities are welcome and valuable volunteers – responding to disasters, preserving the environment, tutoring students, and more. Volunteer Florida strives to ensure our AmeriCorps programs and BEST Neighborhoods grantees are equipped to recruit and retain volunteers and AmeriCorps members with disabilities.

Volunteering and national service are great ways for people with disabilities to strengthen their community while also increasing job skills. AmeriCorps members also have access to the AmeriCorps college scholarship and living stipend.

► *“During my time in AmeriCorps I learned customer service skills, sales and maintenance. AmeriCorps allowed me to experience life skills for when I’m ready to achieve a job. I would also have the confidence in doing the job that I am expected to do. I enjoyed working with people and working with my hands. I feel everyone should have the opportunity to try AmeriCorps so they may also have the experience that I was given.”*

- **Julian Feliciano**, On Campus Transition student at The Arc Jacksonville

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

INCLUSION COUNCIL

Volunteer Florida engages Floridians with disabilities through its Inclusion Council, which promotes national service and volunteering as a way to eliminate barriers and strengthen community ties for people with disabilities. Volunteer Florida's inclusion signature projects are designed to include people with disabilities in service and improve accessibility.



Jasmine Davis (L) and Karla Gonzalez-Rubio serve with Strong Women Strong Girls in Miami. Karla, a college student majoring in public health, says living with a disability has inspired her to help others through AmeriCorps and her career.



6 DAYS 6 RAMPS

6 Days 6 Ramps is a community service project that builds wheelchair ramps for low-income Floridians with disabilities.

2012 partners in Leon County included Ability 1st, Faith Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, Crawfordville United Methodist Church and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office.

In Orange County, the AmeriCorps Florida State Parks team and Center for Independent Living in Central Florida also participated.

A total of 9 ramps were constructed with the service of 78 volunteers, including 6 volunteers with disabilities.



PROJECT IMPACT

► *Project Impact supports high school and college-age students with disabilities as they learn about volunteering and service.*

Project Impact introduces high school and college age students with disabilities to AmeriCorps and their community to facilitate practical career exploration and preparation through service. The program also establishes local, mutually beneficial partnerships between AmeriCorps programs and youth initiatives in schools, colleges, and nonprofit organizations with a focus on youth with disabilities.

Now in its sixth year, Volunteer Florida partnered with 13 AmeriCorps programs and 13 organizations serving persons with disabilities for Project Impact 2012. All partners were provided training utilizing the Project Impact Activity Guide, a curriculum developed by Volunteer Florida.

The curriculum guides AmeriCorps members and transitioning students with disabilities, beginning with a community mapping exercise and ending with the completion of a student-led service project, reflection activities and celebration. In meetings, Project Impact participants discuss how service relates to employment and building employability skills.

The culmination of Project Impact is the completion of a service project in recognition of Global Youth Service Day. Projects in 2012 included participants organizing and collecting donations for a thrift store in Duval County, a clam bayou cleanup in Pinellas County, and assisted-living facility improvements in Okaloosa County.



2012 PROJECT IMPACT INTERNSHIPS

College students with disabilities are eligible to complete a seventy-five hour internship with participating AmeriCorps programs. Through a partnership with the Miami Dade College ACCESS MEED Program at the Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami, college students have the opportunity to apply for and complete an internship with any of the ten AmeriCorps programs located in Miami-Dade County. The internships allow students to explore different careers based on the type of service a particular AmeriCorps program provides, and potentially transition into an AmeriCorps program once the internship has been completed.

“Project Impact benefits our Miami Dade College students with disabilities by providing an array of opportunities that have an impact in their career goals and personal lives; this opportunity cultivates in our students the spirit of service and opens doors to explore beyond what is expected of them. It helps students develop, strengthen, and discover new skills; and also serves as a stepping stone leading to AmeriCorps memberships, gaining valuable work experience and service to our community.”

- **Lucy Moscoso**, MEED Center, Miami Dade College

1,229

A total of 287 AmeriCorps members, students with disabilities and volunteers participated in Project Impact's 2012 year-end service projects, serving 1,229 hours.

50%

Of the 10 completed MEED Center internships in 2012, 5 college students with disabilities successfully transitioned to serve as AmeriCorps members.



PROJECT IMPACT: FOCUS ON AUTISM

The goal of the Service Works initiative is to measure how Project Impact, a Volunteer Florida Signature Project, influences career development, self-determination, and social skill building for 100 youth who have a disability classified as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Volunteer Florida believes that national service helps to build these skills, which are especially important for future employment. This study will also attempt to identify characteristics of national service that are most helpful for young adults in building their skills. This information will be used to develop resources, including training and published materials, to help increase national service opportunities for all youth, including those with autism.

Volunteer Florida is a recipient of a \$240,000, three year grant from the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts at Boston via the U.S Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. This grant was awarded to identify how the Project Impact: Service Works initiative affects the development of employability and social skills of students who have an Autism Spectrum disability.

“Duval County Schools’ Exceptional Education and Students Services Department is excited to have the opportunity to work with the Institute for Community Inclusion, AmeriCorps, and Volunteer Florida through Project Impact.

“Through this innovative transition strategy to youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Duval County, students will gain: informal career and interest assessment by trying out different roles and experiences; learning experiences in a community setting, creating opportunities to define what their future workplaces and careers might look like; participation in concrete activity relevant and valuable to any Individual Education Plan (IEP); and increased employability by developing soft skills.

“Duval County students with disabilities will certainly be better prepared for the future through the opportunity to be involved in Project Impact over the next two years.”

- *W. Drew Andrews, Ed.D., Transition Coordinator*



THE ARC JACKSONVILLE - AMERICORPS YOUTH TRANSITION



Matt Breidenstein, Program Director, The ARC Jacksonville - AmeriCorps Youth Transition

Q&A WITH PROGRAM DIRECTOR MATT BREIDENSTEIN

Q: Tell us about your AmeriCorps program.

A: AmeriCorps Youth Transition is made up of dedicated and selfless leaders of all ages and backgrounds. Our program is diverse and with this diversity, I believe we are better able to relate and therefore provide better services. Day in and day out, corps members provide vital one-on-one mentoring to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our mission is to help each individual we touch reach his and her full potential. The members work diligently to accomplish this mission by providing a wide range of services including independent living, work readiness, wellness and social skills training.

Q: How does AmeriCorps help an organization like The Arc Jacksonville?

A: Not only does AmeriCorps assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities reach their potential, but AmeriCorps also helps The Arc Jacksonville reach its full potential and better accomplish the organization's mission. Due to AmeriCorps, The Arc Jacksonville is able to provide better services and provide these services to a larger population of individuals who desperately need it in

our community. On behalf of The Arc Jacksonville, AmeriCorps members are ambassadors to the community, raising awareness and informing the community about vital services they may not have known about otherwise. Lastly, it is common for members to develop a deep passion for those with disabilities during their term of service which leads to a pool of talented and experienced individuals that The Arc Jacksonville can pull from after their term of service has ended.

Q: Do you see a change in your AmeriCorps members as a result of their service?

A: As an alumnus of AmeriCorps Youth Transition I know firsthand the life changing effects of continued service to others. When serving one-on-one with those with disabilities you cannot help but develop a deep rooted passion for this field. This program provides an avenue for the members to develop lifelong friendships with a population of individuals they most likely would not have met without serving in AmeriCorps. Each year AmeriCorps Youth Transition produces advocates and this has a ripple effect on the community. Each member becomes an agent for change by breaking down the stereotypes that too often prevent those with disabilities from reaching their potential or living out their passions.

PARTNERS

Volunteer Florida partnered with 683 organizations in 2012.

<p>Fort Osceola, Fort Lauderdale Boys and Girls Club of Martin County Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County Pompano Beach High, Pompano Beach South Dade, Homestead Miami Senior, Miami Sunrise Middle, Fort Lauderdale Plew Elementary, Niceville Active Community Team Services Ketterlinus Elementary, St. Augustine Crestwood Elementary, Tampa Lenora Braynon Smith Elementary, Miami Chasco Middle, New Port Richey Miami Pametto High, Miami Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary, Miami Oasis Elementary Charter, Cape Coral Ft. Walton Beach High, Ft. Walton Beach Kings Academy, West Palm Beach Santa Rosa County School Board Dr. Henry Mack/West Little River Elementary, Miami American Red Cross Mid-Florida Region, Orlando Shoal River Middle, Crestview Mae M. Walters Elementary, Hialeah Dan McCarty Middle, Fort Pierce Communities in Schools of Jacksonville Northwestern High, Miami Branford Middle, Branford St. Vincent's Healthcare, Jacksonville Senior Volunteer Services, Fort Lauderdale Master East Academy Middle 6-9, Miami Neighborhood Housing Services, Miami Fort Myers High, Fort Myers Stranahan High, Fort Lauderdale Olympic Heights High, Boca Raton Janie Howard Wilson Elementary, Lake Wales</p>	<p>Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind City Year Orlando Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Boca Raton Longwood Elementary, Shalimar Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City Santa Clara Elementary, Miami Cape Coral High, Cape Coral Fort Lauderdale High, Fort Lauderdale Suwannee Middle, Suwannee RSVP of Seminole County RSVP of Indian River County Silver Palms Elementary, Pembroke Pines Tanglewood Elementary, Fort Myers Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables Florida's Duvarre Community Library Monarch High, Coconut Creek The Lawton Chiles Foundation School for Advance, Homestead Christian Contractors Association Palm Beach Community High, Wellington The Center for the Resource Center of Sarasota County Nature Coast Volunteer Center, Lecanto Jesse McCrary Elementary, Miami Florida Fraternal Order of Police Center for Creative Learning, Sarasota Lehigh Middle, Lehigh Acres Teach For America Serendipity Solutions, Florida & USVI Coral Park Elementary, Miami Treasure Coast Sebastian Miami Edison Senior, Miami Lee County Emergency Operations Center South Walton Montessori Academy, Point Washington Miami Central High, Miami City Year Miami</p>	<p>AAAF Young Boynton Beach David Faich Ronald McD Northwest F Atlantic Tech Laurel Hill M Universal Stu Relations Coral Gables Senior Friend Ruth Frank bourne Tampa Metro H.L. Johnson Beach Young Wom Miami Falcon Cove BRACE, Esc United Way ville Barton Elem Miami Lakes Polk Educati Forest Hills Beach Miami-Dade Management City of St. Cl Calvin Huns City of Lakel Flanagan Hig George Was Mase Acader McNicol Mid Florida City Wolfson Hig</p>
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Partner organizations include non-profits, school-boards, faith-based organizations, government agencies and more.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

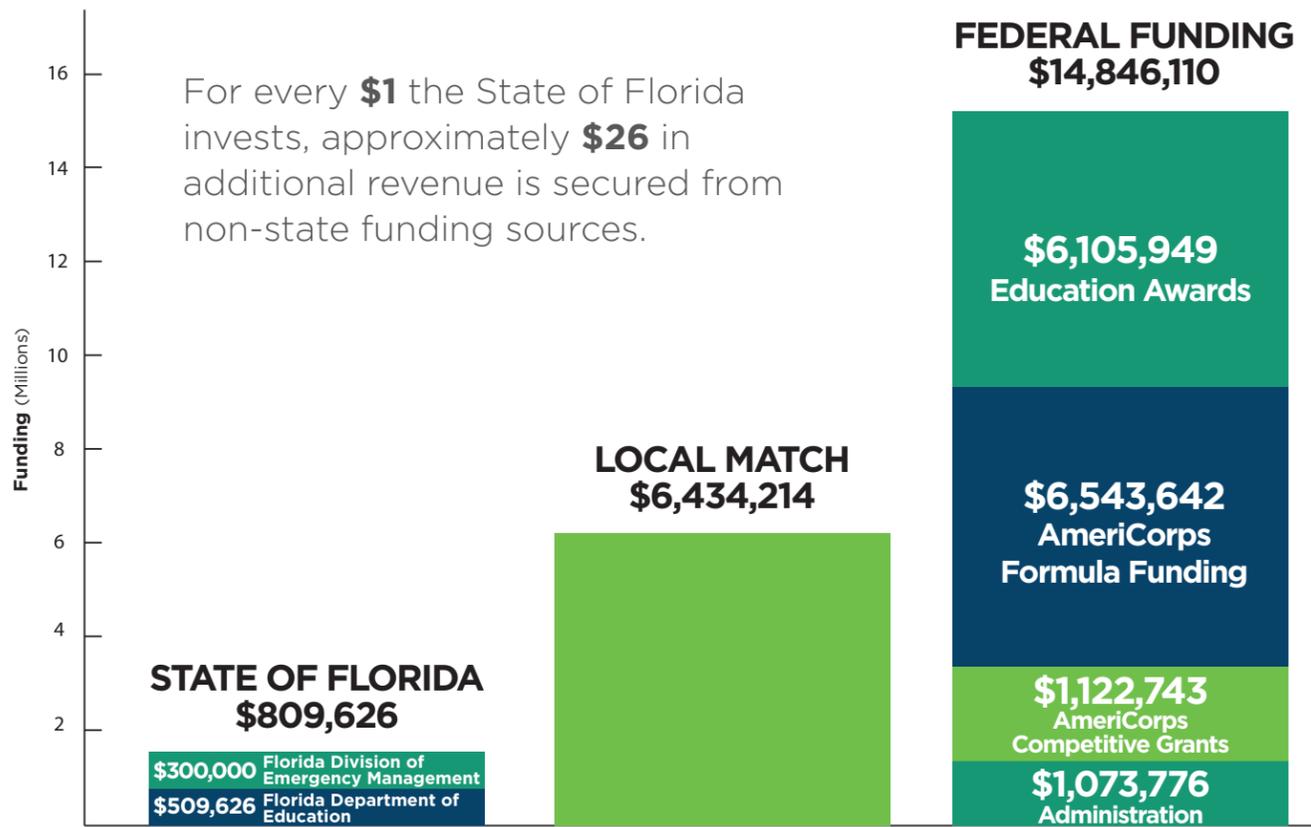
Volunteer Florida administers a combination of federal, state and private funding to deliver high-impact national service and volunteer programs in Florida. This funding is subgranted to educational foundations, nonprofits, faith-based organizations and other qualifying organizations to strengthen Florida's communities.

With oversight from Commissioners and staff, grantees are required to compete for grants, provide local match and deliver measurable impacts in the areas they serve. The Commissioners work through an appointed Finance and Audit Committee, appointed by the Chair. This committee is responsible for ensuring the Commission executes its responsibility as a steward of public funds.

► *88% of Volunteer Florida's funding is sub-granted to educational foundations, nonprofits, faith-based organizations and other qualifying organizations for national service and volunteer programs.*

2012 FUNDING

FUNDING TOTAL: \$22,089,950



Federal Funding is granted through December 31, 2012.



AmeriCorps programs served Floridians in 40 of Florida's 67 counties.

AMERICORPS FORMULA GRANTS

Grantee	Grant Amount	Match	Counties Served
American Red Cross of Lee County	\$69,265	\$33,516	Collier & Lee
American Red Cross of Miami & the Keys	\$270,124	\$125,684	Broward, Miami-Dade & Monroe
ARC of Jacksonville	\$129,692	\$84,333	Duval
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County	\$104,089	\$104,089	St. Lucie, Indian River & Okeechobee
Centro Campesino	\$114,998	\$181,528	Miami-Dade
City Year, Inc.	\$881,389	\$951,600	Miami-Dade
Clearwater Police Department	\$175,459	\$161,304	Pinellas
Communities in Schools of Jacksonville	\$411,380	\$202,410	Duval
Communities in Schools of Miami	\$328,050	\$425,019	Miami-Dade
Florida Department of Children & Families	\$133,000	\$181,084	Escambia & Santa Rosa
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	\$666,449	\$416,287	Statewide
Florida State University - Campus Compact	\$74,824	\$38,444	Statewide
Girl Scouts of Gateway	\$117,046	\$161,853	Duval
Goodwill of Big Bend Industries	\$110,689	\$41,763	Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa & Taylor
Hillsborough Education Foundation	\$195,197	\$182,389	Hillsborough
NorthWest Florida State College	\$147,778	\$306,948	Okaloosa & Walton
Osceola Council on Aging	\$43,619	\$79,499	Osceola
Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition	\$557,118	\$255,308	Palm Beach
School Board of Gadsden County	\$304,274	\$222,859	Gadsden
Senior Friendship Centers	\$130,174	\$61,421	Lee & Sarasota
South Florida Urban Ministries	\$248,641	\$167,787	Miami-Dade
Strong Women Strong Girls	\$123,996	\$46,182	Miami-Dade
Switchboard of Miami	\$75,016	\$98,892	Miami-Dade
Take Stock in Children	\$100,636	\$49,842	Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach
Teach for America	\$469,405	\$225,000	Duval & Miami-Dade
Trinity Church	\$344,187	\$179,736	Miami-Dade
Women in Distress of Broward	\$217,149	\$118,475	Broward
Formula Grant Totals	\$6,543,642	\$5,103,252	

AMERICORPS COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Grantee	Grant Amount	Match	Counties Served
City Year, Inc.	\$809,246	\$817,400	Miami-Dade
Polk Education Foundation	\$313,497	\$245,281	Polk
Competitive Grant Totals	\$1,122,743	\$1,062,681	

BEST NEIGHBORHOODS SUBGRANTEES

Grantee	Grant Amount	Match	Counties Served
The Advisory Council On Liberty City Youth - Belafonte Center (TACOLCY-Belafonte)	\$17,297	\$12,498	Miami-Dade
Community Drug and Alcohol Council (CDAC)	\$17,071	\$20,309	Escambia
Chain Reaction	\$13,765	\$8,765	Escambia
Chautauqua Learn and Serve Charter School	\$20,000	\$22,616	Bay
Community Vision	\$20,000	\$69,748	Osceola
Earth Learning/Growing Hope Initiative	\$19,800	\$13,453	Miami-Dade
Flagler Volunteer Services	\$11,655	\$6,302	Flagler
Gainesville Police Department	\$10,406	\$15,902	Alachua
HandsOn Broward	\$16,826	\$22,721	Broward
Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA	\$19,996	\$33,929	Hillsborough
United Way of Suwannee Valley	\$19,969	\$14,084	Suwannee, Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette
Volunteer Services of Manatee County	\$17,500	\$12,106	Manatee
VolunterLEON	\$15,284	\$15,848	Leon
Total	\$219,479	\$268,281	

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS June 30, 2012
June 30, 2012

<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$304,503
Grant receivables	\$1,454,444
Total Current Assets	\$1,758,947
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$1,659,261
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,659,261
NonCurrent Liabilities	
Accrued leave	\$90,309
Total Liabilities	\$1,749,570
Net Assests	
Unrestricted net assets	\$9,377
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,758,947

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2012

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues Federal Awards and State Matching Funds	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Change in Net Assets
Primary Government			
Government Activities:			
Volunteer Program services	\$15,470,497	\$15,529,690	\$59,193
TOTAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES	\$15,470,497	\$15,529,690	\$59,193
Transfers to the State of Florida General Revenue Fund			--
Change in Net Assets			\$59,193
Net Assets, Beginning of Year			(\$49,816)
Net Assets, End of Year			\$9,377

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2012

<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$304,503
Grant receivables	\$1,454,444
Total Current Assets	\$1,758,947
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$1,659,261
Total Liabilities	\$1,659,261
Fund Balance	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$99,686
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$1,758,947
AMOUNTS REPORTED FOR "GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES" IN STATEMENT ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE:	
Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$99,686
Long-Term liabilities, including accrued leave, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.	\$90,309
Net Assests of Governmental Activities	\$9,377

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2012

<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	
Revenues	
Federal grants	\$8,943,343
Program matching contributions	\$5,755,790
State Matching funds	\$809,626
Other income	\$20,931
	\$15,529,690
Expenditures	
Current	
Volunteer program services:	
Sub-grantee transfers	\$7,766,976
Program matching expenditures	\$5,755,790
Personnel services	\$1,389,633
Operating expenses	\$607,613
Total Expenditures	\$15,520,012
Net change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$9,768
Assigned Fund Balance, July 1, 2011	\$90,008
Assigned Fund Balance, June 30, 2012	\$99,686

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO
THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2012

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND	\$9,678
Amounts reported for "Governmental Activities" in Statement of Net Assets are different because:	
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Net Assets do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Decrease in accrued leave	\$49,515
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$59,193

Reporting Entity

These financial statements are intended to present the financial position and results of operations of the Florida Commission on Community Service ("Volunteer Florida"). Volunteer Florida is a blended component unit of the State of Florida and is included in the State of Florida's annual financial report. The financial statements contained herein represent the financial transactions of only Volunteer Florida.

The Florida Commission on Community Service (Volunteer Florida) was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature in response to the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. Section 14.29, Florida Statutes, specifies that Volunteer Florida shall be administratively housed within the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) and shall independently exercise the responsibilities required to comply with the Florida Volunteer and Community Service Act of 2001, the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, and other provisions of state law. Volunteer Florida grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for all citizens, including youth, seniors and individuals with disabilities; promotes volunteerism for disaster preparedness and response; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

Volunteer Florida is a governmental entity whose activities are accounted for in a special revenue fund.

Government-Wide and Fund Accounting

Volunteer Florida's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB). GASB Statement No. 34 establishes financial reporting requirements for state and local governments throughout the United States. The financial data of Volunteer Florida is presented in the required GASB format as discussed on the following pages.

Government-Wide Accounts

The government-wide financial statements, including the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, report information regarding the activities of Volunteer Florida. Government-wide statements distinguish between government-type and business-type activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

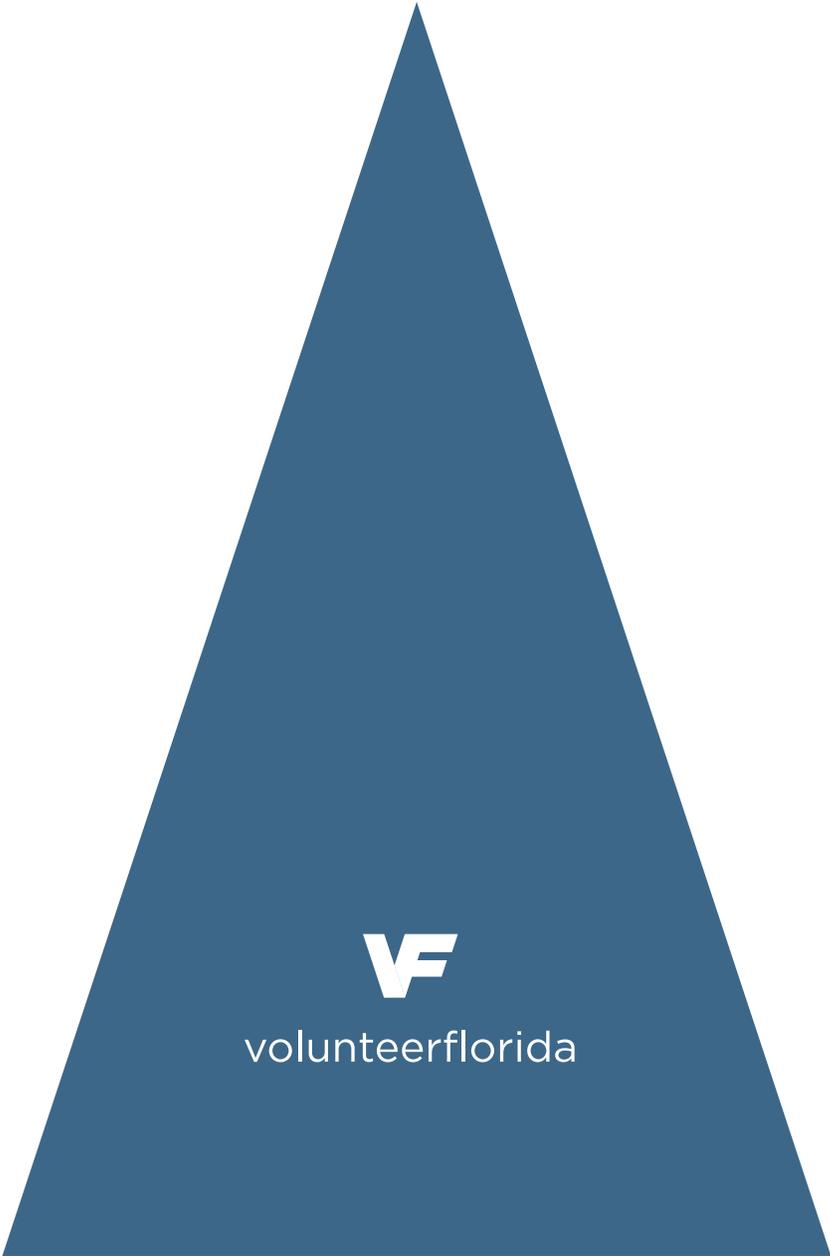
As a branch of government that does not levy taxes, Volunteer Florida is funded by appropriations of the Florida Legislature through the Florida Department of Education and Florida Division of Emergency Management. Volunteer Florida is also funded by indirect charges to its federally awarded grant programs funded through the Corporation of National Community Service. The government-wide financial statements present this activity as a special revenue fund.

Fund Accounting

In fund accounting, the diverse nature of government operations and the necessity of determining compliance with legal provisions require modification of accounting systems commonly used by commercial enterprises. Volunteer Florida's special revenue fund is considered a separate entity with self-balancing accounts that include, where applicable, its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, expenditures and other financial sources and uses.

Government Fund Type: Special Revenue Fund - Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments or expendable trusts) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

GASB Statement No. 34 was amended by GASB Statement No. 54 for periods beginning after June 15, 2010. GASB Statement No. 54 requires fund balance reported in the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Within this hierarchy, fund balance is first classified as non-spendable, then restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Due to the nature of Volunteer Florida's operations the fund balance is classified as assigned.



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