



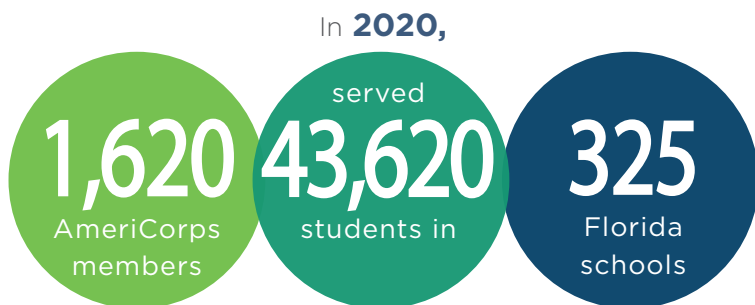
# volunteerflorida

In 1994, **VOLUNTEER FLORIDA** was established in Florida Statutes to manage national service programs and advocate for volunteerism throughout Florida. Since then, Volunteer Florida has evolved to serve as the state's lead agency for mobilizing volunteers and coordinating donations before, during and after disasters. With over \$34 million in federal and state funding, Volunteer Florida delivers high-impact volunteer programs that are engaging Floridians, transforming communities and making the state a better place to live.

## NATIONAL SERVICE

### AMERICORPS

AmeriCorps is a national service program that provides opportunities for individuals to serve their communities in many different capacities. In exchange for a living stipend, educational award and valuable on-the-job experience, members work in nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, schools and local government agencies for one year, helping mentor at-risk students, train job-seekers and conserve public land, among other initiatives.



### VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND (VGF)

The Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) increases the capacity of nonprofit organizations to recruit, manage and retain skills-based volunteers to serve in nonprofit organizations. Skills-based volunteerism expands the impact of these organizations by leveraging the skills of professionals, such as IT consultants, accountants and lawyers.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Volunteer Florida plays a critical role in the state's emergency management functions. This includes administering the Florida Disaster Fund, the state's official fund established to help communities with disaster response and recovery; partnering with nonprofit organizations and local and state government agencies to meet volunteer and donation needs; and managing Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) throughout Florida.



Following **HURRICANE MICHAEL**,



## PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteer Florida's Volunteer Services Department strengthens Florida's communities by promoting volunteerism as a solution to critical, community-wide needs in Florida. The following opportunities are offered:

- ▶ Volunteer Connect is Florida's official volunteer opportunities platform and serves as an intermediary between 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental entities who mobilize volunteers and Floridians who are interested in engaging in community service.
- ▶ In-person and digital training is provided to government entities, volunteer centers and disaster relief agencies, allowing them to effectively enlist and manage volunteers.



## SIGNATURE SERVICE PROJECTS



In an effort to further promote volunteerism throughout Florida, Volunteer Florida is actively engaged in signature service projects, to include:

- ▶ Suits for Session takes place at the Florida Capitol and allows legislators, state employees and other local professionals to donate gently worn professional attire for job-seekers in Florida.



For the 2020 calendar year,  
**for every \$1**  
the State of Florida  
invested in Volunteer Florida,  
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volunteerflorida **leveraged \$18**  
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