



2009-2010 Annual Report

The AmeriCorps Pledge

***I will get things done for America -
to make our people safer,
smarter, and healthier.***

***I will bring Americans together
to strengthen our communities.***

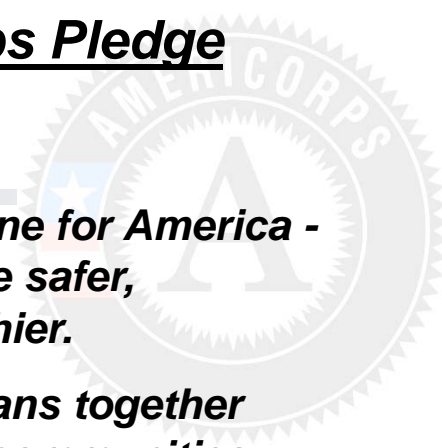
***Faced with apathy,
I will take action.***

***Faced with conflict,
I will seek common ground.***

***Faced with adversity,
I will persevere.***

***I will carry this commitment
with me this year and beyond.***

***I am an AmeriCorps member,
and I will get things done.***





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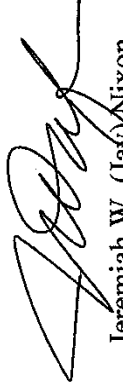
Dear Friends:

The roots of volunteerism extend deep into the rocks, bluffs and valleys of Missouri. As you review this annual report of the Missouri Community Service Commission, you will see exactly what I mean. Missourians are some of the most giving people on the planet. The report demonstrates that AmeriCorps is working in Missouri to build our communities. AmeriCorps members throughout the state serve as tutors in schools, assist at food banks, provide disaster relief, protect our streams and contribute other services in order to get things done for Missouri.

AmeriCorps Missouri is a means by which the Missouri Community Service Commission connects Missourians of all ages and backgrounds in an effort to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. AmeriCorps Members give one to two years of their lives to address the most pressing needs in their communities. They reach out to their fellow citizens and recruit others to join them in their fight against illiteracy, poverty, crime, homelessness and other social problems. Members help change lifestyles and build healthy futures. These members see a society that has hope and they want to be a part of strengthening their own communities.

I invite you to review this annual report and learn how the Missouri Community Service Commission is helping people change the lives of those around them for the better.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor



Letter from the MCSC



Since 1994 the Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) has helped build a sense of community and volunteerism throughout the state of Missouri by encouraging volunteerism and by providing grants to local communities.

The MCSC receives funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, DC. The purpose of these funds is to enable local communities and not-for-profits implement AmeriCorps programs in their geographical areas. AmeriCorps Members serve to address the most pressing local civic needs in their communities and neighborhoods in areas of education, environment, human needs, homeland security, and public safety.

We hope that you enjoy reviewing the MCSC's annual report for program year 2009-2010. If you have questions or comments, you may contact us at (573) 751-7488 or toll-free at (877) 210-7611. You may also visit us on facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Missouri-Community-Service-Commission/298261939709>.

Sincerely,

Linda Thompson

Executive Director

Janis VanMeter

Chair



Overview of the Missouri Community Service Commission

COMMISSIONERS

Janis VanMeter, Chair

Stanley Whitehurst, Vice Chair

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Jolene Schulz, Chair of Public Relations Committee

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Cindy Heislen, DESE Representative (Proxy)

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Elaine Powers

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Mission



The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) connects Missourians of all ages and backgrounds in an effort to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. The MCSC serves as the administrator for AmeriCorps*State funding in Missouri by awarding monetary grants and providing technical assistance and support.





Vision

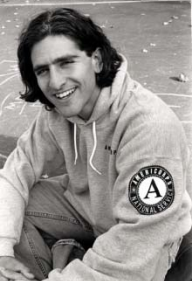


To Strengthen Missouri Communities Through Volunteerism and Service

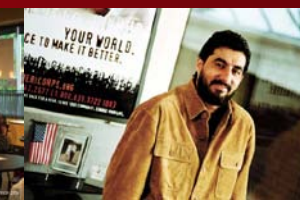


In collaboration with the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Office of Administration, the Jefferson City Samaritan Center, and other state agencies, the Missouri Community Service Commission collected 305 winter coats to help keep many children and adults warm during the winter of 2009. Featured in this photo from left to right: Samaritan Center employee; Kevin Edwards (MCSC); Katie Bellers (MCSC); Linda Thompson (MCSC); Veronica Salmons (MCSC); Andre Grinston (MCSC) and Samaritan Center staff.



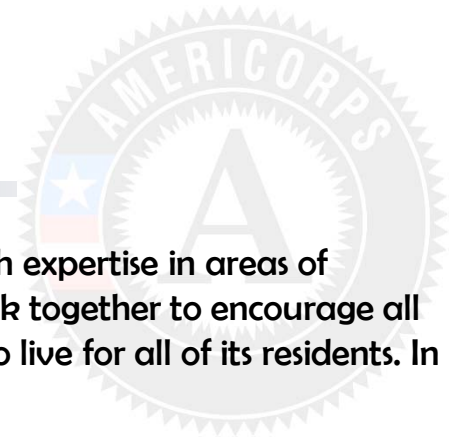


AmeriCorps Members serve diligently to beautify a distressed neighborhood in the inner-city St. Louis area.





Composition



The MCSC is composed of 15-25 Governor-appointed Commissioners with expertise in areas of community service and volunteerism. Commissioners and staff work together to encourage all Missourians to give of themselves to make Missouri a better place to live for all of its residents. In this annual report, we highlight some of those efforts.

Four standing committees serve to carry out the functions of the commission. Those committees are Service & Development, Program, Public Relations and the Executive Committee. Service & Development promotes volunteerism through awards and recognitions. This committee is also responsible for locating funds to carry out their mission. The Program Committee reviews applications and presents their recommendations for funding to the full commission for voting. The Public Relations committee is responsible for promoting volunteerism, and National Service in Missouri.

In addition to commissioners, five staff located within the Missouri Department of Economic Development, perform the daily operations to provide training, programmatic and fiscal oversight, and the necessary technical assistance to ensure the success of its sub-grantees. Staff consists of an Executive Director, Chief Field Program Officer, two Field Program Officers, and one Program Development and Events Coordinator.



Missouri Community Service Commission 2009-2010 Organizational Chart

David Kerr

Director

Missouri Department of Economic Development

Sallie Hemenway

BCS Division Director

Missouri Department of Economic Development

Linda Thompson

Executive Director

Missouri Community Service Commission

Kevin Edwards

Chief Field Program
Officer

Andre Grinston

Field Program
Officer

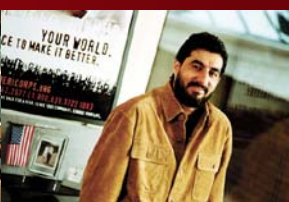
Katie Bellers

Events Planner & Program
Development Coordinator





2009-2010 Portfolio of Programs



St. Joseph Youth Alliance – 3308 S. Leonard Rd. – St. Joseph, MO (816) 232-0050
<http://youth-alliance.org>



Jumpstart Missouri – Columbia – University of Missouri – 201 Student Success – Columbia, MO (573) 882-8942 www.istart.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City – Project Learn – 6301 Rockhill Road – Kansas City, MO (816) 361-3600
www.bgc-gkc.org

Jumpstart Missouri – Kansas City – University of Missouri – 5100 Rockhill Road – Kansas City, MO (816) 235-1003 www.istart.org

UMKC-Institute for Human Development – Community Support Navigators – 2220 Holmes – Kansas City, MO (816) 235-5684
www.ihd.umkc.edu

Harvesters – The Community Food Network – AmeriCorps Community Outreach – 3801 Topping Avenue – Kansas City, MO (816) 929-3000
www.harvesters.org

Seneca AmeriCorps Program – 914 Frisco Street – Seneca, MO (417) 776-3926 www.seneca.k12.mo.us

Purdy R-II School District - Purdy Reading Coaches – 201 South Third – Purdy, MO (417) 442-3881
www.purdy.k12.mo.us

Waynesville R-VI School District – AmeriCorps Waynesville – 200 Fleetwood Dr. – Waynesville, MO (573) 433-2030
<http://www.waynesville.k12.mo.us>

Eldon R-I School District PAVE AmeriCorps Tutoring Program – 112 S. Pine – Eldon, MO (573) 392-8060
www.eldon.k12.mo.us

Poplar Bluff's Promise – Butler County Community Resource Council – 644 Charles St. – Poplar Bluff, MO (573) 778-2650
www.poplarbluffspromise.org

Bootheel Youth Museum, Inc. – Southeast Missouri Project Learning Experiences (SMPL) – 700 A. N. Douglass – Malden, MO (573) 276-3600
www.bootheelyouthmuseum.org

Missouri Stream Team AmeriCorps Project – 200 Old 63 South – Columbia, MO (573) 256-2602 www.moriver.org

Grace Hill Settlement House – Grace Hill AmeriCorps Trail Rangers – 2600 Hadley Street – St. Louis, MO (314) 584-6703
www.gracehill.org

College Bound AmeriCorps – 12 Maryland Plaza – St. Louis, MO (314) 540-8781 –
www.collegeboundstl.org

AmeriCorps St. Louis – St. Louis Partners Education Corps – 1315 Ann Avenue – St. Louis, MO (314) 772-9002
www.americorps-stl.org

AmeriCorps St. Louis – St. Louis Partners Safety Service Corps – 1315 Ann Avenue – St. Louis, MO (314) 772-9002
www.missouriserves.org



AmeriCorps St. Louis **St. Louis Partners – Education Corps** **Partnership for Youth, Inc.**

Members serve as a team, partnered with teachers, in grades K-8 in the inner city of St. Louis. Teams focus on literacy and communication skills; often using experiential learning and service learning as tools. Members also address other issues i.e. – individual tutoring, developing peer tutoring systems, after-school and summer expanded learning, parental involvement, and assistance to ESL (English as a Second Language) and bilingual students.





AmeriCorps St. Louis **St. Louis Partners – Safety Service Corps** **Partnership for Youth, Inc.**

Members serve in teams with police, schools, and neighborhood agencies. This program emphasizes community problem solving, conflict resolution, and mentoring youth. Community mediation and neighborhood stabilization are also a focus. A special unit of the Safety Service Corps serves as an emergency response team to the American Red Cross, FEMA, US Forest and National Park Services, as well as state and local disaster agencies.





College Bound **College Bound AmeriCorps**

College Bound's mission is to provide promising high school students from under-resourced backgrounds with the academic enrichment, social supports and life skills needed to apply, matriculate and succeed in four-year colleges. AmeriCorps members serve as College Coaches or as a Program Leader. The College Coaches mentor high school students through the processes of preparing for and applying to college, and the Program Leader coordinates enrichment programming such as service learning, cultural enrichment, and leadership programs for College Bound students.



Towards the end of the semester, AmeriCorps members celebrate by assembling care packages for students heading off to college. The collegians receive these great packages from College Bound just before finals!





Grace Hill Settlement Home

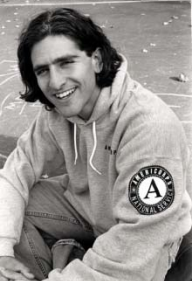
Grace Hill AmeriCorps Trail Rangers – St. Louis

AmeriCorps Trail Rangers assist in the development of the St. Louis Riverfront Trail and Columbia Bottom Conservation Area to strengthen the impoverished North City riverside communities, reinforce community responsibility, and provide educational and financial opportunities to its residents. Rangers continue to maintain the Trail area and provide services to over 13,500 annual Trail users. Rangers also give presentations that cover the topics of native plants, history, recycling, and their role.

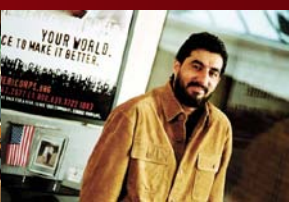


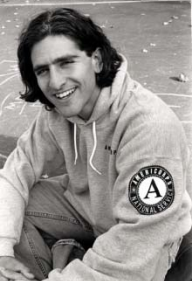
Grace Hill Rangers along with other regional AmeriCorps teams help clean up Peace Park in St. Louis, MO.



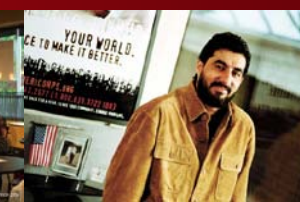


This area of the Riverfront Trail was once barren ground but now has waves of native switch grass. Volunteers serve under the leadership of Grace Hill AmeriCorps Rangers to harvest seed for more plantings.





Grace Hill AmeriCorps Trail Rangers improve habitat along 12 miles of the Mississippi Riverfront in the St. Louis City limits.





Purdy R-II School District

Purdy Reading Coaches



Members provide reading intervention to at-risk Kindergarten – 5th grade students who are reading below grade level through daily one-on-one tutoring sessions; focusing on skills and strategies to break the trend of reading failure. This is an “AmeriCorps Reading Coaches” model project that includes the English as a Second Language component to help bridge the language barrier for the growing Hispanic population of this community. Coaches also hold special community events.



Purdy Reading Coaches' annual day of service at Crosslines in Monett. Crosslines is a food pantry and resource center in the Ozarks. Members assembled 150 Christmas food baskets for families in Barry county. Pictured from left to right: Connie Moore, Brandon Tracy, and Maxine Gray.





Seneca R-7 School District **Seneca AmeriCorps Program**



Seneca AmeriCorps members serve in the Elementary and Middle Schools as Reading Coaches and as mentors to students identified as at-risk in the after-school programs. Members serve on the local capacity building committee to increase the effectiveness of community service as well as recruit volunteers. All AmeriCorps Members are required to become certified in CPR and First Aid. Seneca members can be seen to the right as they receive this training.





University of Missouri - Columbia & Kansas City

Jumpstart Missouri

Jumpstart recruits and trains achievement-oriented college students to deliver an innovative early education program via year-long one-to-one relationships. Jumpstart college student Corps Members are paired with pre-school children from low-income backgrounds in the classroom setting and work together on language, literacy, social, and initiative skills for one year. Through this relationship, Jumpstart inspires children to learn, adults to teach, families to get involved, and communities to progress together. Jumpstart is working toward the day when every child in America enters school prepared to succeed.





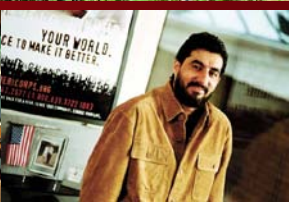
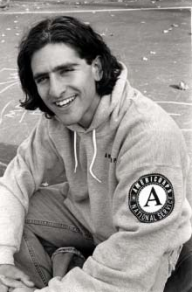
Eldon R-I School District ***PAVE AmeriCorps Tutoring Program***

PAVE AmeriCorps Members provide one-on-one tutoring to at-risk students in the Eldon R-I School District. Tutoring in communication arts, reading and math occurs during the school day at five campuses and includes Kindergarten through 12th grade students as well as students enrolled in the Mustang Academy. Members recruit and work with community and parent volunteers to enhance the services provided to at-risk students.



Missouri River Communities Network **Missouri Stream Team AmeriCorps Project**

The Missouri Stream Teams AmeriCorps Project (MSTAP) works to recruit, train and involve the 58,000 volunteer Stream Team Members in Missouri to adopt local streams and work on water quality activities in their local areas. Activities include: Water Quality Monitoring, litter pick ups, storm drain stenciling, educational presentations, outreach to new teams, and other environmentally related activities.





Waynesville R-VI School District ***AmeriCorps Waynesville***



The AmeriCorps Waynesville project is designed to provide academic support to K-8 students at all district schools. The program is based on providing service to students who are at greatest risk of school failure. The program provides tutoring and intervention to students in communication arts, reading and math.



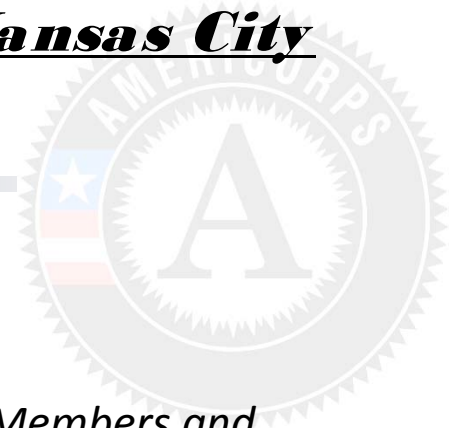
Pictured above, Waynesville AmeriCorps Members take the AmeriCorps Pledge.





Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City **Project Learn**

By building capacity through the service of AmeriCorps Members and community partners, The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City will reach additional youth in need through Project Learn, Deepening Impact, and Communication Arts Tutoring. These programs are designed to give school-age youth access to academic support away from school; improve the ability to learn; boost academic self-esteem; and improve performance in standardized testing and overall school performance.





Harvesters- The Community Food Network AmeriCorps Community Outreach - Kansas City

Members serve as Community Outreach Specialists in several key areas of Harvesters' mission. Each Member is assigned to volunteer services, food drives, or nutrition education. As the only food bank in Kansas City, Harvesters seeks to increase the amount of food and services that can be provided to those in need. Members contribute to the overall mission by increasing the quality and quantity of volunteers and food drives, and by educating low-income clients about healthy eating on a limited budget.



Cindy Paasch, Food Drive Specialist, provides tour of the Harvester's warehouse to volunteers during the MLK Day of Service.





St. Joseph Youth Alliance

It is the goal of the St. Joseph Youth Alliance and its partners to reduce substance use and abuse among youth and to strengthen collaboration among community partners through the development and implementation of expanded services for youth. This will be done through blending existing prevention efforts with the developmental asset philosophy. This marriage creates a community-building strategy that has the potential to complement, strengthen, and expand substance use prevention efforts. AmeriCorps Members are placed with partnering organizations to develop and implement multi-faceted strategies designed to increase developmental assets and reduce the likelihood of substance use and abuse among youths.





UMKC-Institute for Human Development

Community Support Navigators

The Missouri Community Service Commission contracts with Missouri's University Center on Excellence for Developmental Disabilities which is housed within the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Institute for Human Development (IHD) to assist in identifying strategies for recruitment and successful service completion involving people with disabilities.

IHD provides outreach to the disability community

- to promote service opportunities,
- to work with local sponsor sites to increase their awareness,
- to develop capacity for members with disabilities to serve,
- to provide training to programs on "People First Language", disability etiquette, and inclusive recruitment,
- to disseminate information to individuals with disabilities who express an interest in serving,
- and to continue to enforce Dr. King's philosophy that "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve".

Over 5,000 individuals with disabilities, family members, key supporters and professionals at 20 events received information on how ALL people can serve, not only in AmeriCorps, but also in other streams of National Service.



UMKC-Institute for Human Development

Community Support Navigators

UMKC-IHD, along with its partners the Missouri Planning Council and local Senate Bill 40 Boards developed a multi-site program “Community Support Navigators”, the purpose of which is to increase the productivity, independence, inclusion, and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. AmeriCorps Members in this program mentor individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to access and navigate needed resources, support access to existing generic community programs, and support the development of self-advocacy and leadership opportunities.





Poplar Bluff's Promise **Butler Co. Community Resource Council**

Members address 2 primary areas of community need; 1) strengthening the community in order to reduce rates of juvenile crime and 2) assisting in the areas of disaster response and preparedness. Members conduct after-school learning activities, tutor students, increase program enrollment and recruit volunteers to serve. Members serve in three school districts, two Head Start programs, after-school programs, Scouting, a domestic violence shelter, and the Adult Education and Literacy program.



Poplar Bluff's Promise Members prepare for a food drive.





Bootheel Youth Museum, Inc. **Southeast Missouri Project Learning Experiences** **(SMPL)**

The goal of the Bootheel Youth Museum (BYM) Southeast Missouri Project Learning Experiences (SMPL) AmeriCorps program is to provide hands-on activities which strengthen the educational foundation of children. BYM SMPL AmeriCorps Members provide educational enrichment activities throughout Southeast Missouri in area schools, with community organizations and for museum guests. SMPL is a collaborative partnership between the Bootheel Youth Museum and Lincoln University Cooperative Extension.



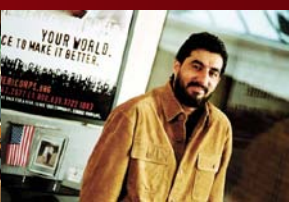
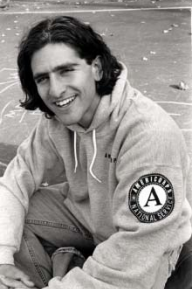
Bootheel Youth Museum - Malcomb is an AmeriCorps Member in Kennett, MO. He is educating children about the New Madrid Fault system.



Funding

Funds Awarded to the Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) in 2009-2010

Fund	Purpose	Award
Administrative	These are federal funds utilized for overall operational expenses related to the Missouri Community Service Commission.	\$ 340,000
Program Development & Training (PDAT)	Federal funds used for the development and training of sub-grantees.	\$ 97,730
Inclusion Project (Disability Funds)	Federal funds used to provide outreach and recruitment to individuals living with disabilities.	\$ 76,313
State General Revenue funds	Staff Salaries	\$ 32,069
Formula	These federal funds are granted to the Missouri Community Service Commission and the Commission sub-grants the funds to qualifying applicants for the purpose of creating and conducting AmeriCorps programs in Missouri. The amount of Formula dollars allocated to Missouri is based on Missouri's population.	\$1,546,637
Competitive	Federal funds granted to qualifying applicants for the purpose of creating and conducting AmeriCorps program in Missouri. This is a competitive process among states. State Commissions determine which applications will be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Services for consideration.	\$1,165,663
Total		\$ 3,258,412.00



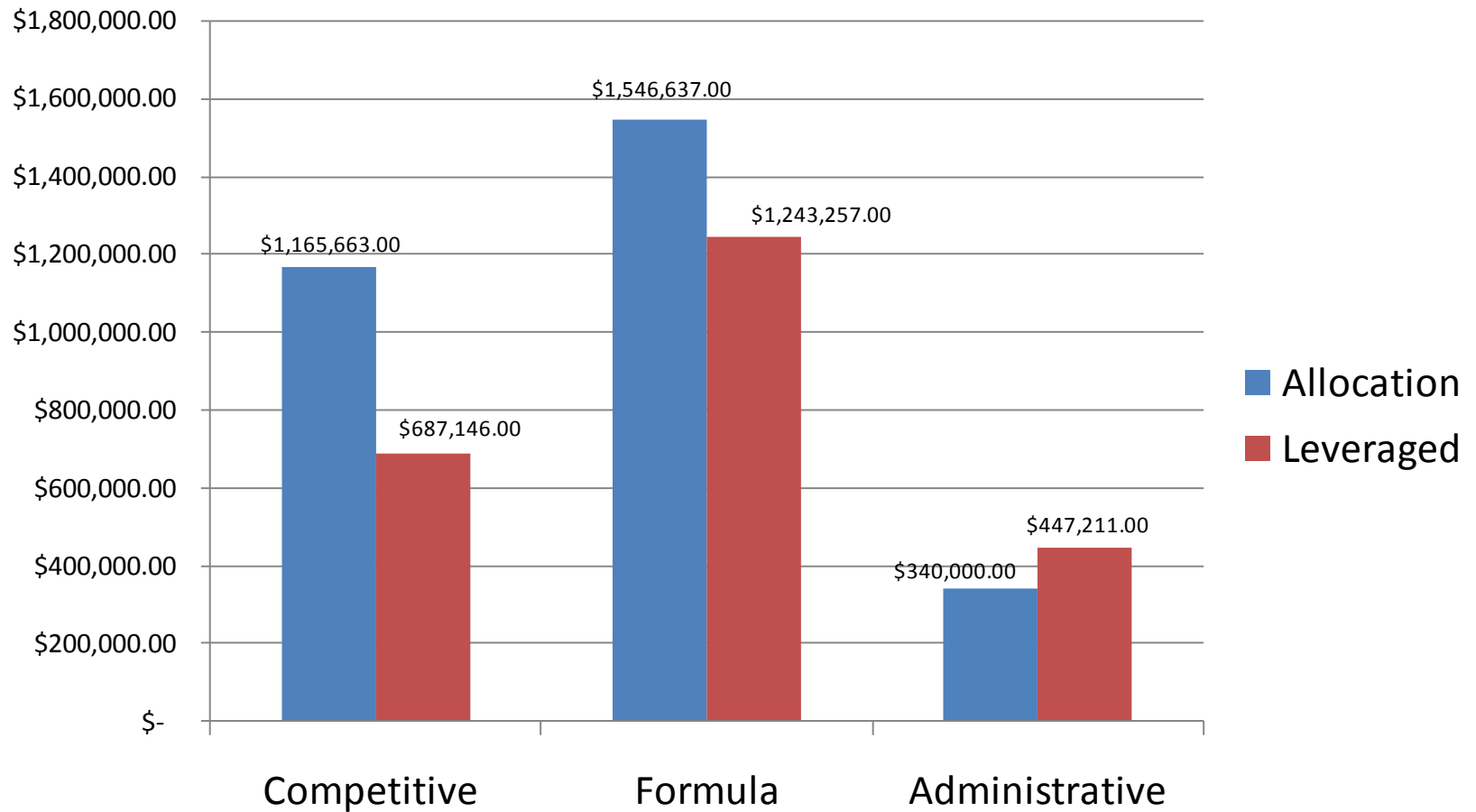


Return on Investment

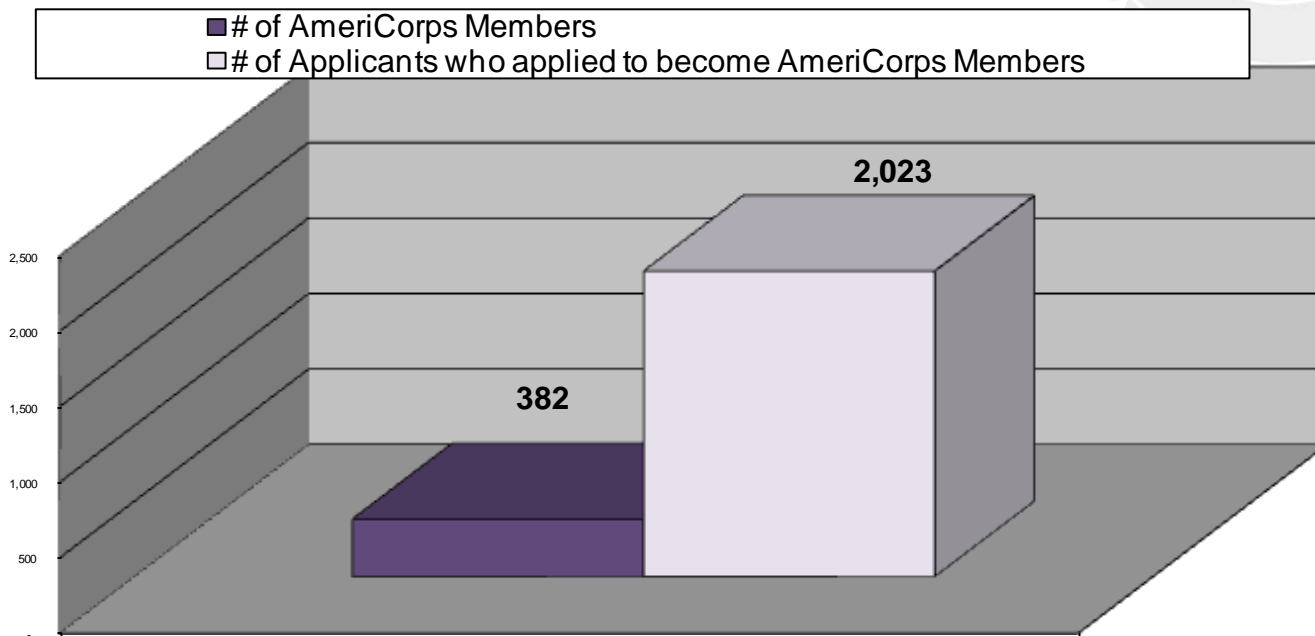
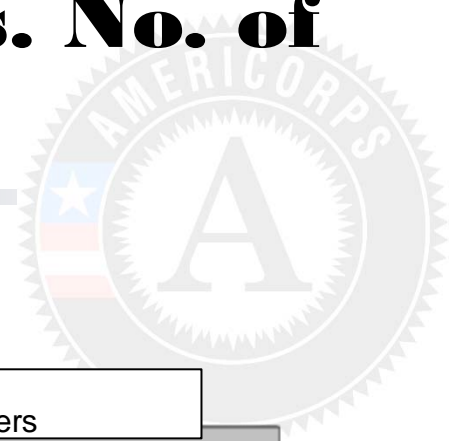
In the following sections, you will see investments leveraged from the public and private sector as a result of federal dollars invested in Missouri. By matching these federal dollars, resources to educate our youth and others seeking continuing education were increased. Resources enabling Emergency Response technicians to perform search and rescue missions and to assist people in getting their lives back on track when affected by disasters were also increased. These dollars helped to support volunteers and volunteer generation. The list of human and community needs are infinite and thanks to these public and private investments, AmeriCorps Members and volunteers were able to “Get Things Done” in Missouri. As you move through these slides, you will note that the aforementioned resources are not only financial, but are also inclusive of human resources from all walks of life.



Leveraged Dollars



No. of Applicants vs. No. of Members



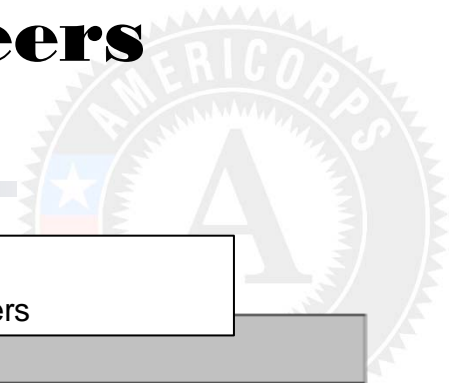
Volunteer Generation



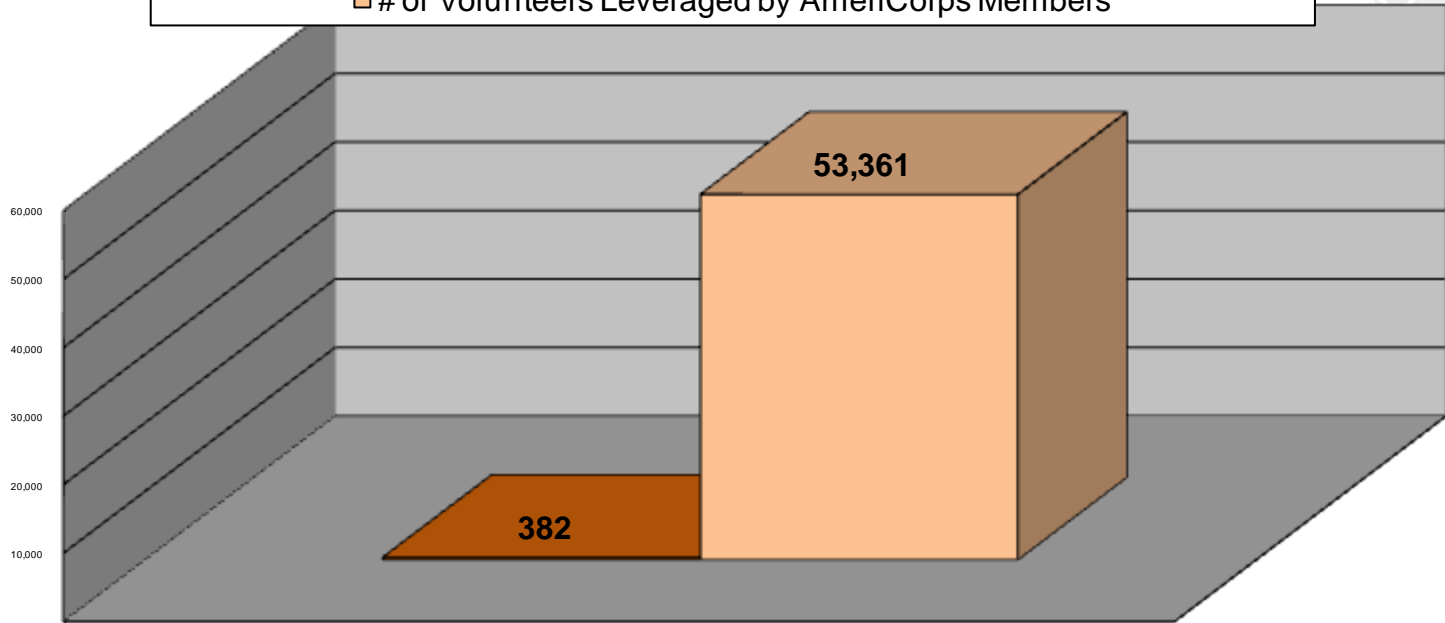
**Grace Hill Trail Rangers arrange “Show-Me”
Service Project in Peace Park.**



Leveraged Volunteers



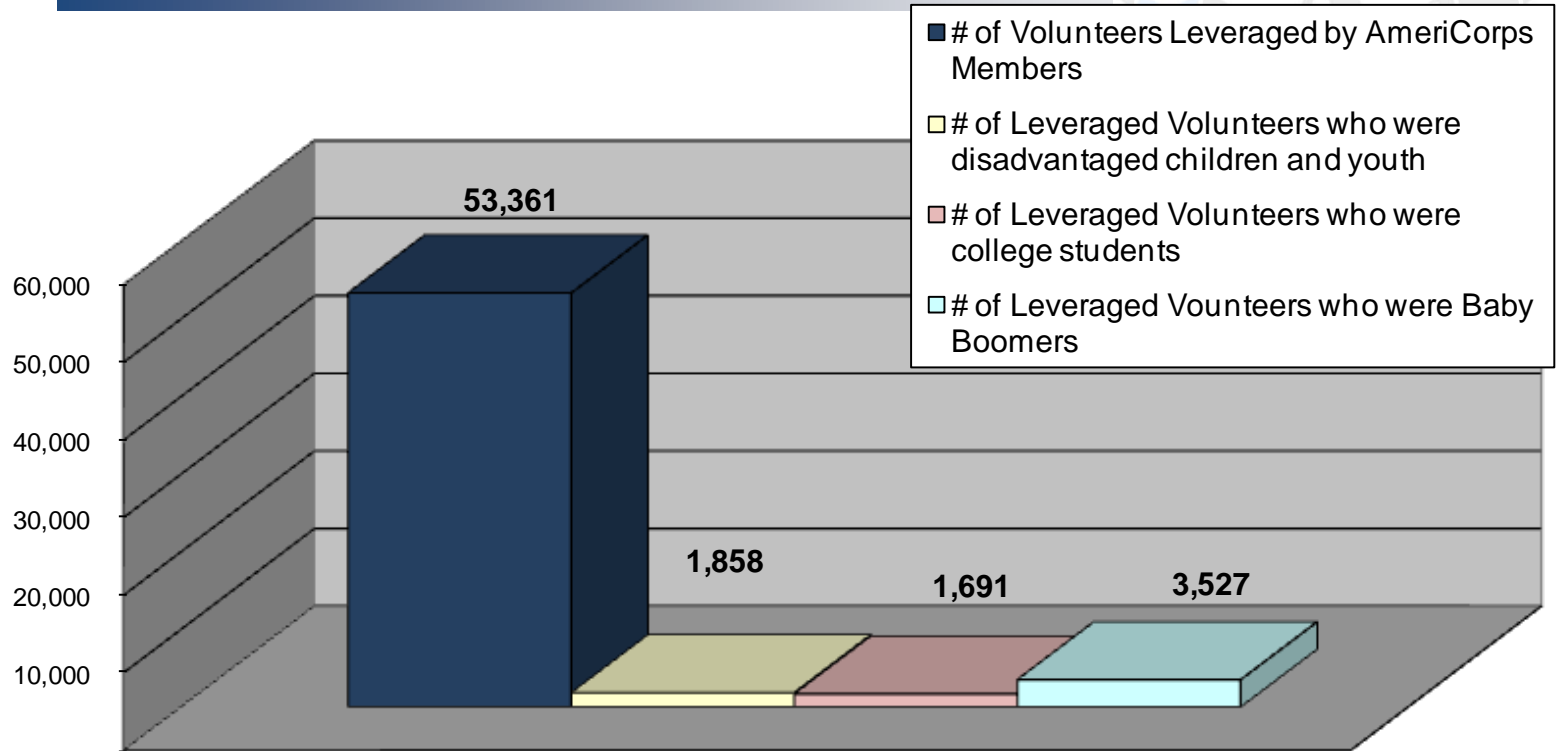
- # of AmeriCorps Members
- # of Volunteers Leveraged by AmeriCorps Members



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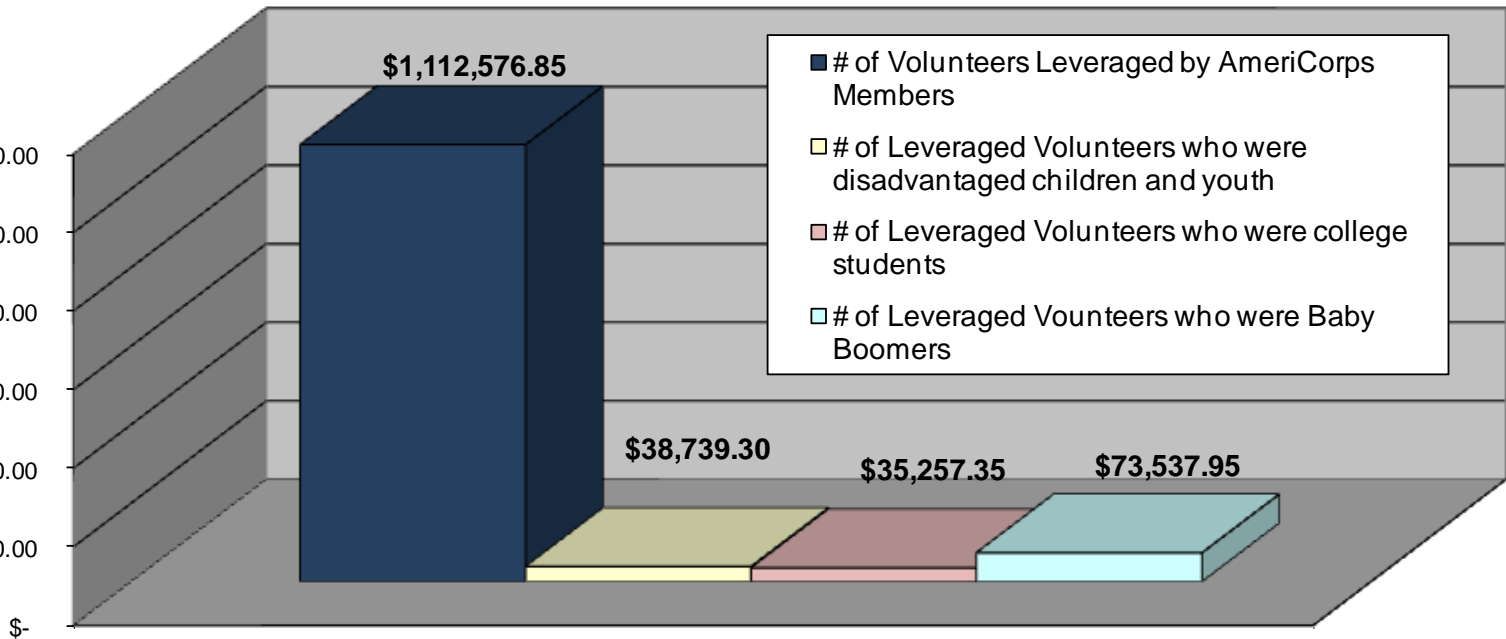


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Financial Impact of Volunteering

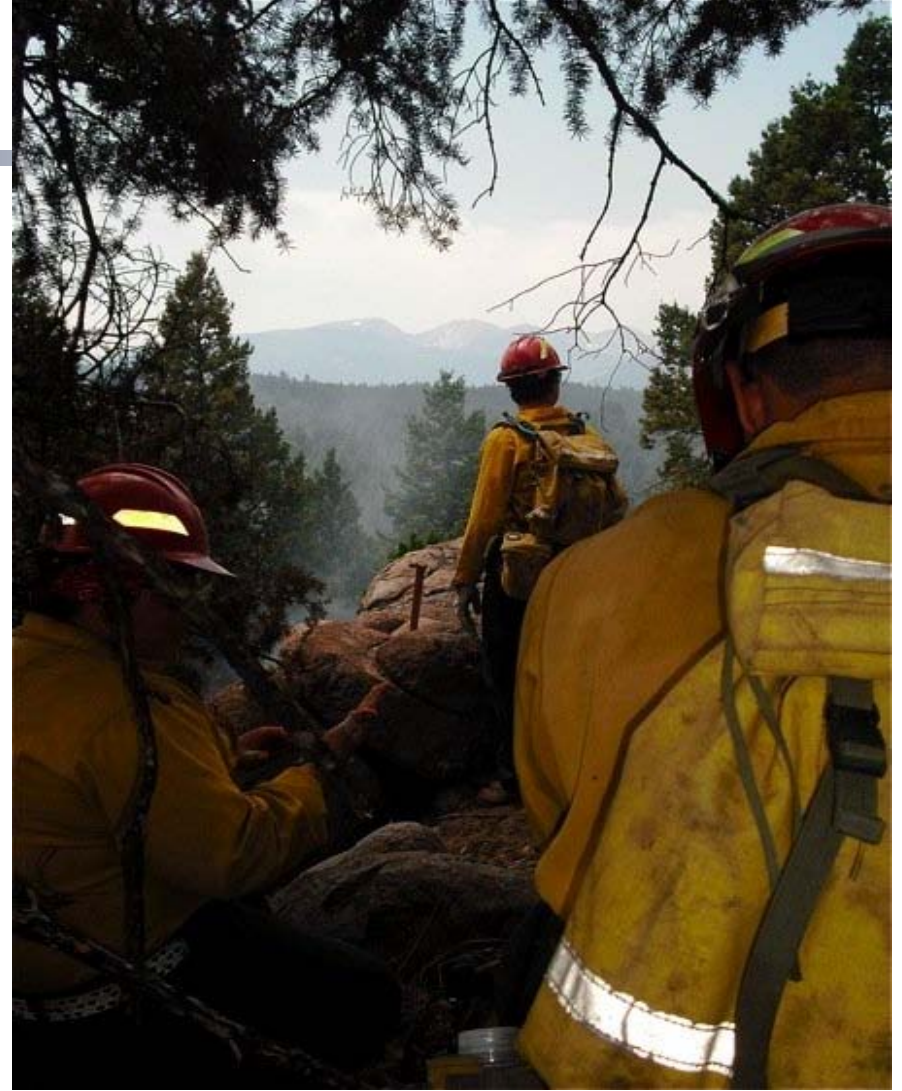
Based on information from The Independent Sector (http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html), volunteer time is worth \$20.85 per hour. This means that the time contributed by the 53,361 volunteers equates to \$1,112,576.85.



Disaster Relief



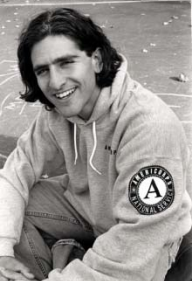
**AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety
Service Corps respond to a wildfire
in Winona, Missouri**





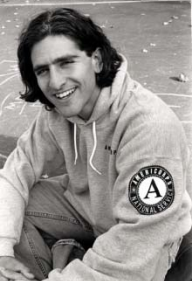
AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps provides aid to citizens of Holmes County, MS after a tornado.





AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps provides fire relief in Winona, MO.

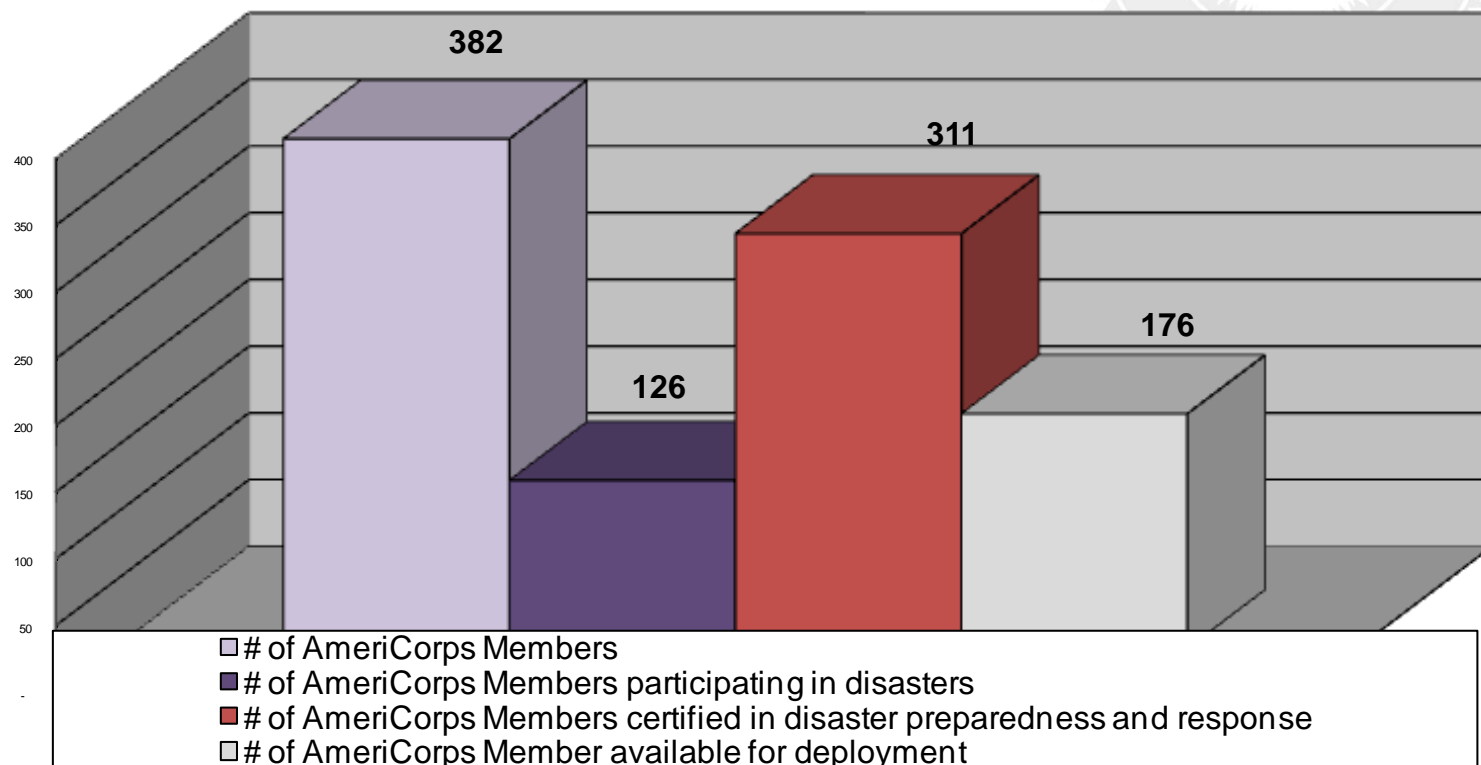




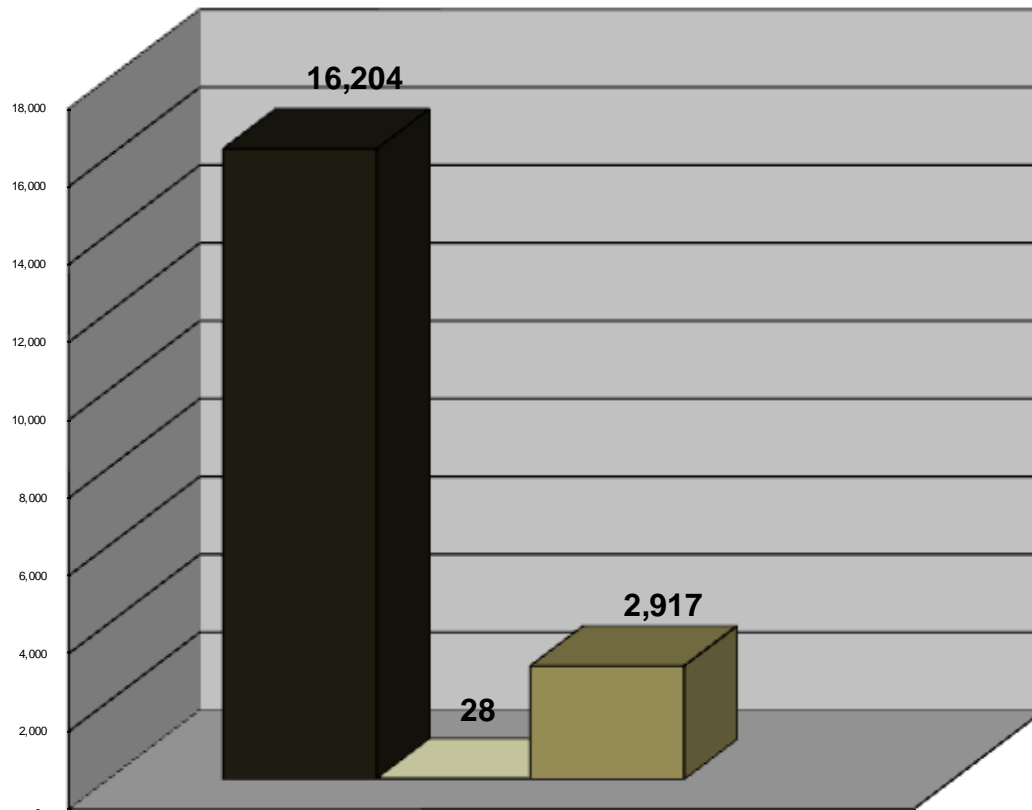
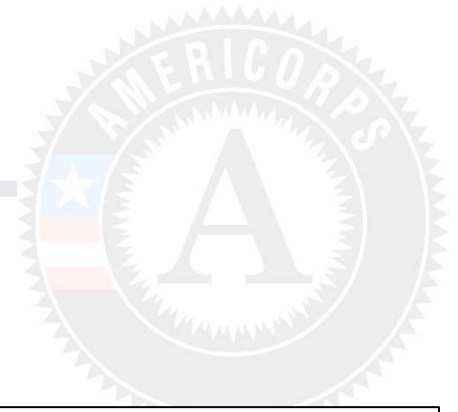
AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps, Dylan Kane Assists with debris removal in Holmes County , MS.



No. of AmeriCorps Members Participating in Disaster Relief



Beneficiaries



■ # of disadvantaged children and youth served by AmeriCorps Members

□ # of children and youth of incarcerated parents served by AmeriCorps Members

■ # of individuals mentored by AmeriCorps Members



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