

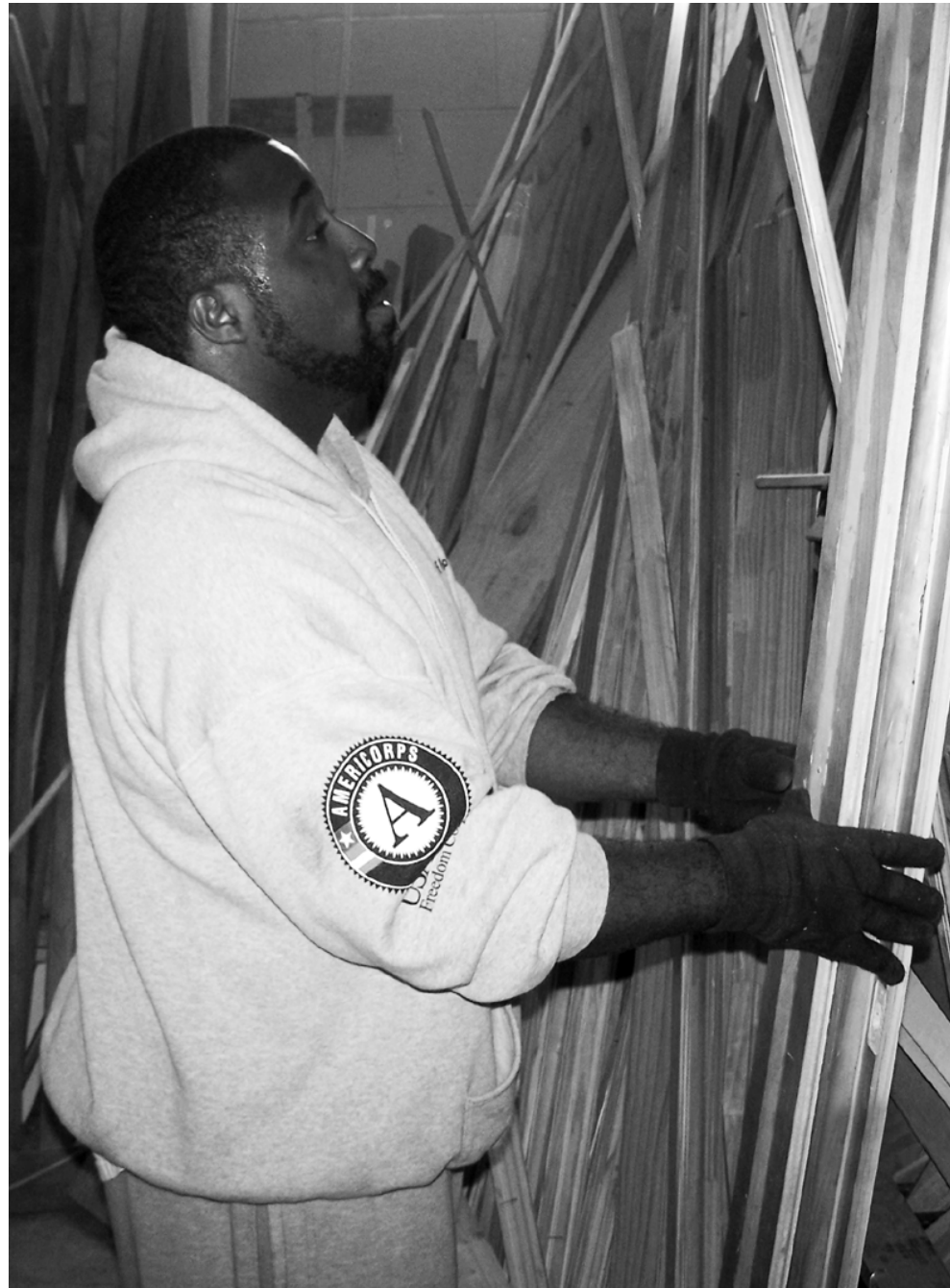
# Virginia AmeriCorps

Annual Report  
2009-2010



Virginia Department of Social Services  
Office on Volunteerism and Community Service

Governor's Advisory Board on National  
and Community Service



# What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a national network of programs that engages more than 75,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in communities throughout the nation. In Virginia, AmeriCorps\*State engages AmeriCorps members in direct service and capacity-building to address unmet community needs.

AmeriCorps\*State operates through the Virginia Department of Social Services' Office on Volunteerism and Community Service (OVCS) with the support of the Governor's Advisory Board on National and Community Service. AmeriCorps\*State grants are provided to public and nonprofit organizations that sponsor service programs throughout Virginia, including faith-based and community organizations, higher education institutions, and public agencies.

Grants assist these groups in recruiting, training and placing AmeriCorps members to meet community needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment across the Commonwealth. Members also mobilize community volunteers and strengthen the capacity of the organizations where they serve.

AmeriCorps members who complete their terms of service may be eligible to receive:

- »» An education award that may pay for college, graduate school, or qualified student loans (full-time members).
- »» A partial education award (part-time members).
- »» A modest living allowance during their term of service.

## AmeriCorps\*State Accomplishments

AmeriCorps members performed the following service for our communities in 2009-2010.

Members addressed issues in education, the environment, emergency preparedness and other human services needs.

The economic value of member service hours and volunteers recruited and engaged by AmeriCorps members:

**\$9,557,726 [1]**

1. 2009 Dollar Value of Volunteer Time:  
\$20.93 per hour - Virginia Employment  
Commission

### AmeriCorps Members and Service

»» Number of members	386
»» Total service hours	345,780
»» Hours of service per member	896

### Mobilizing More Volunteers

»» Number of volunteers recruited by members	10,504
»» Total recruited volunteer hours	110,872
»» Volunteers recruited per AmeriCorps member	27
»» Hours of volunteer time per AmeriCorps member	287

### Ensuring a Brighter Future for All of America's Youth

»» Individuals mentored	16,922
»» Disadvantaged children and youth served	9,334
»» Children and youth of incarcerated parents served	27

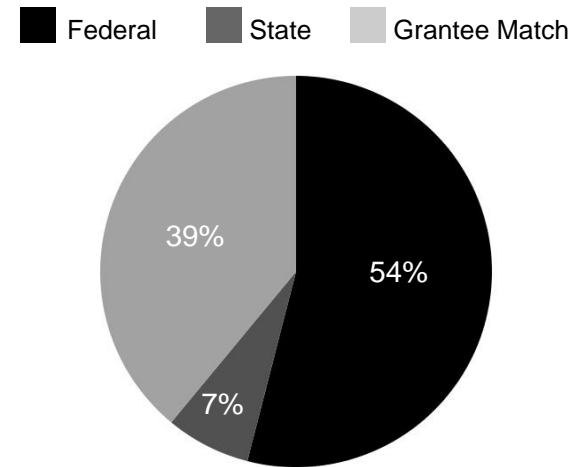
### Disaster Preparedness and Response

»» Individuals receiving disaster assistance from members	25
»» Members available for deployment in support of any disaster	33

## Funding & Fiscal Impact

In 2009-2010, AmeriCorps in Virginia directed more than \$7 million in funds to communities working to meet important human services needs. The Commonwealth of Virginia provided more than 7% of that total, the federal government provided 53% through the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the remaining 40% came from AmeriCorps' sponsor organizations.

These funds leveraged another \$9.5 million in member service hours and recruited volunteer time during 2009-2010. The combined impact makes over **\$16.5 million** in human capital available to organizations helping others through volunteerism and community service.



	Administration Training	Disability Outreach	State Program Grants	Program Grants Competitive	ARRA*	Total	
Federal	\$270,916	\$103,804	\$59,238	\$2,210,731	\$685,852	\$525,808	\$3,856,349
State	\$270,916	\$0	\$0	\$252,031	\$0	\$0	\$522,947
Grantee Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,117,146	\$636,332	\$54,392	\$2,827,870
Total	\$541,832	\$103,804	\$59,238	\$4,579,908	\$1,342,184	\$580,220	\$7,207,166

\*American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
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## 2009-2010 AmeriCorps\*State Programs

### **Alternatives, Inc.**

#### **PASS (Peninsula AmeriCorps Serve and Support)**

Alternatives, Inc., supports strategies designed to enhance life skills, health and wellness, workplace readiness skills and career preparation, participation in the arts, and expand service learning and civic engagement opportunities that build a commitment to service and altruism.

### **Arlington County Board**

#### **AmeriCorps Four Mile Run Restoration**

AmeriCorps members work with Arlington County's community-based Remove Invasive Plants program to help eradicate non-native invasive plant species in preparation for reintroduction or natural reestablishment of native plant infrastructure.

### **Boaz and Ruth, Inc.**

#### **Boaz & Ruth AmeriCorps Endeavor (BRACE)**

BRACE addresses challenges faced by ex-offenders by offering training in life and job skills, civic responsibility, and leadership.

### **Carroll County Public Schools**

#### **Reading for Life**

AmeriCorps members serve as literacy tutors in K-8 schools in Carroll County.

### **Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries**

#### **CALM AmeriCorps**

CALM AmeriCorps members participate in activities related to K-12 tutoring, Senior Solutions, Parish Nursing Initiative, Individual Development Account program, and Hispanic Outreach.

### **City of Richmond, Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services, A.C.E.S. (Action for Community Enhancement Services)**

A.C.E.S. provides the coordination of volunteer and referral services through a dedicated volunteer office to increase citizen access to volunteer opportunities and build community capacity.

### **Community Housing Partners**

#### **Project RISE! (Respect, Involvement, Skills, and Education)**

Project RISE! provides skills development to young residents of its affordable housing development in the areas of literacy, conflict resolution, mediation and service-learning.

### **EMBRACE Richmond – Community Works**

EMBRACE Richmond is a faith-based charitable organization helping Richmond area families and individuals who are experiencing a housing crisis achieve and sustain self-sufficiency.

### **Escuela Bolivia – Empowering Latino Families**

Escuela Bolivia, Inc. works to meet the needs of a growing immigrant Latino population and address the achievement gap between Latino and other students.

**Greenbrier Learning Center****Learning Links**

Learning Links builds on partnerships with four local elementary schools and the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing to provide after school tutoring and enrichment activities in two South Arlington neighborhoods.

**Harmony Place Community Volunteer Program**

Program members assist in recruiting, training, and scheduling volunteers to work alongside Harmony Place staff to answer the hotline, co-facilitate support groups, teach life skills, provide clerical support, and assist with childcare.

**Literacy Council of Northern Virginia****English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Learning Centers**

Members teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English to empower them to become more active citizens.

**Mountain Empire Community College (MECC)****AmeriCorps Tutoring Program**

AmeriCorps members serve as tutors in grades K-3.

**Ms. Wheelchair Virginia****Helping Virginians with Disabilities**

This organization has developed a program to educate and advocate for individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities throughout the Commonwealth.

**New River Community Action – NRCA AmeriCorps**

The NRCA AmeriCorps program engages members in three program service areas: Head Start, Self-Help, and Exchange Resource, as well as the Homeless Intervention Program.

**Occupational Enterprises, Inc.****AmeriCorps Community Care**

The AmeriCorps Community Care program provides substance abuse and prisoner re-entry services to 14 jurisdictions in Southwest Virginia.

**Petersburg Urban Ministries – Pathways AmeriCorps**

Pathways AmeriCorps addresses the school drop-out rate by providing a training program for youth that includes GED instruction, life-skills, leadership development, health education, job readiness, and civic engagement.

**SynerGeo, Inc.**

This program provides volunteer opportunities for students and adults in after school art and music programs, elder adult visitation, and intentional community living/serving.

**University of Virginia – College Guide Program**

College Guides assist public high school students with college admission, financial aid, and scholarship applications.

**Virginia Commonwealth University – VCU AmeriCorps**

This program is designed to ensure that every child in the Richmond Region reads well and independently by the end of the third grade.



“This award inspires me to continue to do the work I do and just enjoy my life as an AmeriCorps member.”

Charles Fitzgerald, 2009-2010 recipient, Robert E. Wone Award for Exemplary Service

## Robert E. Wone Award for Exemplary Service

The Robert E. Wone Award for Exemplary Service was established in memory of Robert Wone, a member of the Governor’s Advisory Board on National and Community Service from 2002-2006. The award recognizes an AmeriCorps member who has exhibited outstanding civic engagement and community service.

**Charles Fitzgerald** (left), of Richmond, was honored with the award this year serving with Embrace Richmond as an AmeriCorps member in the fall of 2008. Two years prior to joining AmeriCorps, Fitzgerald entered the Healing Place in Richmond. After more than 33 years of substance abuse, he reclaimed his life at age 49. Fitzgerald served as a peer mentor for two terms at the Healing Place and realized that he had a gift for helping others find freedom from addiction.

Like Wone, Fitzgerald is a tireless activist and volunteer who actively advances the interest of many charitable organizations through his willingness to speak and share his story on behalf of all the agencies that touched his life.

# 2009-2010 Governor's Advisory Board on National and Community Service

The Governor's Advisory Board on National and Community Service was established by the Governor of Virginia in Executive Order 66 (July 2008). It advises the Governor and Cabinet Secretaries on national and community service programs in Virginia and on fulfilling the requirements of the federal Corporation for National and Community Service.

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## What We Do

AmeriCorps is one of the programs that fulfills the mission and vision of the Office on Volunteerism and Community Service (OVCS). OVCS's mission is to serve organizations that strengthen their communities through volunteerism and service. Working with VirginiaCorps, the Volunteer Center Network of Virginia and the Governor's Advisory Board on National and Community Service, OVCS promotes a sustainable, holistic, cohesive, collaborative statewide system of volunteer service. The office also is responsible for promoting collaborations with faith-based and community organizations for the Virginia Department of Social Services.

### **Vision**

Virginians believe that volunteer service and civic engagement are a responsibility and a privilege, and practice them as an integral part of their daily lives. Corporations and small businesses, government and nonprofit agencies, civic and grass roots organizations, and neighborhoods and communities of faith encourage and provide opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to transform their communities through service.

## Partners

- »» Governor's Advisory Board on National and Community Service
- »» Partnership for People with Disabilities
- »» State Office, Corporation for National and Community Service
- »» Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- »» Virginia Department of Education, Learn and Serve
- »» Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services

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