



Arizona Serve
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Program Year 2016

Tucson, Arizona

Federal Legislative District(s)

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Congressional District(s): 3,4
State Legislative District(s): 1,3,9,10
Service Area by County/City: Prescott, AZ and Tucson, AZ
Project Federal Share: \$1,118,532
Project Local Match: \$594,286
2014 – 2015 Community Volunteers Recruited: 2196
2014 – 2015 Volunteer Hours Served: 25,682
Value of Volunteer Hours: \$578,359
2014 – 2015 Cash and In Kind Support Generated: \$1,116,161
*[2013 Independent Sector Rate](#) or the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$22.52

Community Need

In Arizona, 15% of people are living in poverty, including 24% of young children. The City of Tucson, where most of our AmeriCorps members serve, has the 6th highest poverty rate of any large city in the country. Arizona Serve works to fight poverty by improving economic opportunity, promoting access to education, and supporting community members in working toward healthy futures.

National Priority Area and Program Performance Goals

Education: The majority of our programming is focused on connecting students in the K-12 system with programming and services to ensure students graduate and have access to opportunities after graduation.

Capacity Building: AmeriCorps members with Arizona Serve help organization develop new programs and systems to expand their capacity to address poverty.

Program Activities

The AmeriCorps State and AmeriCorps VISTA members with Arizona Serve do groundbreaking and influential work. Our members do a variety of activities including volunteer management, tutoring, grant writing, curriculum delivery, and program development. We work with organizations with diverse missions and programs encouraging people to become engaged in the fight against poverty. What connects the work of all of our diverse members and partner sites is the focus on working together to strengthen communities.

In 2015, Arizona Serve, in partnership with the City of Tucson Mayor’s Office, was awarded an Operation AmeriCorps grant. This helped launch the Tucson Community Schools Initiative, which will help to improve graduation rates and increase post-graduation opportunities including college, jobs, paid internships, national service and military service.

Program Impact

In 2015, National Service members serving with Arizona Serve provided services to 16,614 people including 11,235 disadvantaged youth. Additionally, they generated over a million dollars in cash and in kind resources and leveraged the talents of over 4,000 community volunteers.



AmeriCorps members painting murals at Wakefield Middle School on 9/11 Day of Service, 2015

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Mission

The mission of Arizona Serve is to empower communities to address poverty through service and volunteerism.

Vision

Arizona Serve envisions that healthy, compassionate, engaged, and vibrant communities are able to meet their own needs and create their own visions for a sustainable and just future.

History

Arizona Serve was created in 2006 when several Yavapai County service providers saw a need to build collaboration among AmeriCorps VISTA members and their projects.

Today, Arizona Serve is housed in Prescott College. Arizona Serve places AmeriCorps VISTA members and AmeriCorps State members in nonprofit organizations and schools across Pima and Yavapai Counties. Additionally, in 2015, Arizona Serve established a partnership with the Tucson Mayors office in order to implement the Tucson Community School Initiative.

Arizona Serve strives to create opportunities for collaboration between national service teams, and is an active participant in the Arizona National Service Coalition.

Partnerships

Tucson Partners Include: Banner Health, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tucson, Catholic Community Services, the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, Compass Affordable Housing, The Easter Seals Blake Foundation, El Rio Health Center, Flowing Wells School District, Higher Ground Resource Center, Make Way for Books, Our Family Services, Pima County Joint Technical Education District, The Primavera Foundation, Sunnyside Unified School District, Tucson Unified School District, and The United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

Prescott Partners Include: The Boys and Girls Club, Boys to Men, The Coalition for Compassion and Justice, The Hopi Foundation, The Launch Pad Teen Center, U.S. Vets, the Veterans Administration, The West Yavapai Guidance Clinic Foundation, Yavapai College, and Yavapai County Health Services

We are proud to partner with the Tucson Mayor's Office in order to realize the aims of the community schools initiative supported by Operation AmeriCorps.

Other

In 2015, Arizona Serve expanded to include two additional national service grants—and AmeriCorps State grant placing 37 half time AmeriCorps State members and 54 minimum time members with partner sites, and an Operation AmeriCorps grant placing 15 AmeriCorps VISTA members and 24 AmeriCorps State members working collaboratively with partner agencies and in schools with the Tucson Community Schools Initiative.



Tucson national service members with Mayor Rothschild and Wendy Spencer for Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service