

## 2008 Make A Difference Day Results

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**71 tons** of food was collected and distributed to local food pantries and emergency feeding centers - enough food to feed **283,880 Kentuckians** (8 oz-serving). If all 283,880 Kentuckians were standing in line for their serving of food, that line would be more than 100 miles long!

With the current economy, many people need help feeding their families, and food banks are low on donations. The Make A Difference Day food drive helps so many people, even with a majority of

participating schools and organizations located in some of the poorest counties in Kentucky. Many participating food banks rely on the infusion of food from the annual Make A Difference Day food drive collection to help them sustain their clients through the winter.

The KCCVS held two food drive competitions – one involving our Kentucky AmeriCorps programs and another among Cabinet for Health and Family Services' community-based service regions. Our AmeriCorps programs also participated in various service projects in their areas.

Not only will the winning program and region earn bragging rights for a year, but they will receive the special Make A Difference Day Traveling Award, which remains with the winner for one year and travels to reside with each consecutive winner. If a program or region wins the award three consecutive years, it is theirs to keep. The award is presented in the spring at the annual Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

The region award will go to Eastern Mountain – it is their first year to win. Due to the amazing effort, the KCCVS will be awarding TLC the award for their third successful year and a new traveling award will be issued to MSU for their first year winning effort!

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Use the charts below to see the breakdown by program or region. Also included in the total is 22,602 ounces collected by AmeriCorps members at the 2008 Kentucky AmeriCorps Launch and 5,319.34 ounces collected by the Bluegrass Community Action Senior Companion Program.

### AmeriCorps Programs

| # | Program Name       | Number of Ounces | Number of Members | Ounces Per Member | Number of Servings (8 oz.) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | MSU Corps          | 878,739.00       | 31                | 28,346.42         | 109,842.38                 |
| 2 | The Learning Corps | 841,158.00       | 49                | 17,166.49         | 105,144.75                 |
| 3 | FRYSC Corps        | 186,806.00       | 25                | 7,472.24          | 23,350.75                  |
| 4 | SUCCESS Corps      | 105,587.14       | 17                | 6,211.01          | 13,198.39                  |

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|---|--|---------------------|----|----------|-------------------|
| 5 | SERV Corps   | 124,088.00          | 30 | 4,136.27 | 15,511.00         |
| 6 | Homeland Security Corps/Senior Connections         | 2,411.00            | 29 | 83.14    | 301.38            |
|   | Every 1 Reads AmeriCorps Program                   | 0.00*               |    |          |                   |
|   | <i>Getting Things Done for Kentucky's Homeless</i> | 0.00                |    |          |                   |
|   | <i>Louisville Metro AmeriCorps Program</i>         | 0.00                |    |          |                   |
|   | <i>Prevent. Prepare. Respond.</i>                  | 0.00                |    |          |                   |
|   | <i>UNITE Service Corps</i>                         | 0.00                |    |          |                   |
|   |  | <b>2,138,789.14</b> |    |          | <b>267,348.64</b> |

\* The Every 1 Reads AmeriCorps Program collected 30,200 ounces, however their report was turned in after the reporting deadline, so it is not included in the total.

Thanks to the efforts of the participating programs, area food banks will be able to feed more than **267,000 Kentuckians** (based on an 8-oz. serving). The Kentucky AmeriCorps programs collected **2.1 million ounces - almost 67 tons!**

#### Community Based Service Regions

| # | Region Name                            | Number of Employees | Number of Ounces | Ounces Per Employee |
|---|--|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | <b>Eastern Mountain Service Region</b> | <b>496</b>          | <b>64,777.61</b> | <b>130.60</b>       |
| 2 | Two Rivers Service Region              | 489                 | 22,496.65        | 46.01               |
| 3 | The Lakes Service Region               | 368                 | 6,312.20         | 17.15               |
| 4 | Northern Bluegrass Service Region      | 356                 | 5,026.10         | 14.12               |
| 5 | Cumberland Service Region              | 505                 | 5,719.90         | 11.33               |
|   | <i>Northeastern Service Region</i>     |                     |                  |                     |
|   | <i>Jefferson Service Region</i>        |                     |                  |                     |
|   | <i>Salt River Trail Service Region</i> |                     |                  |                     |

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|  | <i>Southern Bluegrass Service Region</i> |  |                   |  |
|  |  |  | <b>104,332.46</b> |  |

Thanks to the efforts of the participating regions, area food banks will be able to feed more than **13,000 Kentuckians** (based on an 8 oz. serving).

**Other Make A Difference Day Activities**

Kentucky AmeriCorps programs also participated in various service projects in their areas. For example, 2 members of the SUCCESS Corp collaborated with members of MSU Corps to send care packages to soldiers. Members of the MSU Corps also participated in various other projects such as coat and clothing drives.