

Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service
Make A Difference Day 2008

On Make A Difference Day, this is what we did:

We collected **71 TONS*** of food to distribute 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!** That is about the distance from Washington D.C. to Richmond, VA.

We 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. 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 (see attachments for details).

We decided to do this because:

With the economy the way it is, many people need help feeding their families and also food banks are low on donations. This project helps so many people, even though a majority of participating schools and organizations are 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.

What we did will have a long term effect because:

So many people were helped. We showed people that volunteering can be fun and easy. Hopefully people will continue to help their local food pantries. We achieved these results with only half of our AmeriCorps program participating and 5 of 9 regions participating. We will continue to expand this initiative each year.

Here's how we heard about Make A Difference Day:

We have been participating for several years now. In fact, this year we collected more than **4** times as much food as last year (almost 16 tons), **6** times more than in 2006 (almost 11 tons) and **8** times more than in 2005 (almost 9 tons).

We provide certificates, signed by the Governor, to those who participated in the food drives.

***Calculations:**

- Collected enough food to serve 283,880 Kentuckians! (8 oz. serving)
 $2,271,042.94 \text{ ounces} / 8 \text{ ounces} = 283,880.37 \text{ 8 oz. servings}$
- Translates to almost 71 TONS of food
 $2,271,042.94 \text{ oz.} / 16 \text{ oz.} = 141,940.18375 \text{ lbs.} / 2,000 \text{ lbs.} = 70.97 \text{ tons}$
- If all 283,880 Kentuckians were standing in line for their serving of food, that line would be more than 100 miles long!
Using 24 inches for each person
 $283,880 \times 24 \text{ in.} = 6,813,120 \text{ in.} / 12 \text{ in.} = 567,760 \text{ ft.} / 5,280 \text{ ft.} = 107.5303 \text{ miles}$

Additional Information:

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.

A program (or region) that wins three consecutive years, gets to keep the award. Due to the AMAZING effort we 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!

The region award will go to Eastern Mountain – it is their first year to win.

#	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
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			
		2,138,789.14			267,348.64

#	Region Name	Number of Ounces	Number of Employees	Ounces Per Employee	Number of Servings (8 oz.)
1	Eastern Mountain Service Region	64,777.61	496	130.60	8,097.20
2	Two Rivers Service Region	22,496.65	489	46.01	2,812.08
3	The Lakes Service Region	6,312.20	368	17.15	789.03
4	Northern Bluegrass Service Region	5,026.10	356	14.12	628.26
5	Cumberland Service Region	5,719.90	505	11.33	714.99
	<i>Northeastern Service Region</i>	0.00			
	<i>Jefferson Service Region</i>	0.00			
	<i>Salt River Trail Service Region</i>	0.00			
	<i>Southern Bluegrass Service Region</i>	0.00			
		104,332.46			13,041.56

#	Name	Number of Ounces	Number of Servings (8 oz.)
1	2008 Kentucky AmeriCorps Launch	22,602.00	2,825.25
2	Senior Companion Program (Janet Gates)	5,319.34	664.92
		27,921.34	3,490.17

Totals	Number of Ounces	Number of Servings (8 oz.)
Regions	104,332.46	13,041.56
Programs	2,138,789.14	267,348.64
Misc.	27,921.34	3,490.17
	2,271,042.94	283,880.37

