

KCCVS News

Updates on national service initiatives in Kentucky

Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS)



I Want to Join AmeriCorps

Five years ago, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act made it possible for even more Americans to get things done. Now it's your turn.

Do you want to help a child succeed in school? Or help seniors remain independent? Or teach disaster preparedness?

Share this [60-second PSA](#) (also in Spanish) with your friends, family and anyone else who is ready to #GetThingsDone.

Learn more about [Kentucky AmeriCorps programs](#).

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Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

Sixty-four Kentucky mayors participated in the second annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 1. Joining more than 1,750 mayors nationwide, these mayors spotlighted the impact of national service across the Commonwealth.

Mayors Day is a nationwide bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service, to thank those who serve and to encourage citizens to give back to their communities.

Check out photos on the [KCCVS Facebook page](#) and learn more about the national effort on the [CNCS website](#).



Social Media Blitz

To boost our social media efforts, each week starting in May and leading up to the 20th anniversary celebration in September, the

KCCVS is featuring content on our [Facebook](#) page from our AmeriCorps programs, commissioners, alums and staff. Check out how Kentucky #AmeriCorps members are #GettingThingsDone!

Stay tuned for more details about Kentucky's celebration of the AmeriCorps 20th Anniversary on Sept. 12, 2014.

Welcome (back) Carrie Stith-Webster



After Andrea Sieloff, RSM, left the position as Program Officer at the end of April to return home to Michigan, we at KCCVS were at a loss if anyone could fill the impressive shoes she left behind. We are very fortunate that Carrie Stith-

Webster has stepped up to fill this challenging role, challenging not only because of the job itself, but also because of the high expectations left by Sister Andi.

The KCCVS Program Officer is responsible for coordinating the Kentucky AmeriCorps Request for Proposals grant application processes and ensuring all programs are in compliance with federal regulations. Luckily for the KCCVS (and Kentucky AmeriCorps), Carrie is not easily intimidated and loves national service, so it's a perfect match!

[Learn more about Carrie.](#)



Governor's Awards for Volunteerism and Service

Judging for the 19th annual awards is complete. Program Coordinator Shannon Ramsey and the rest of the KCCVS staff express their sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to nominate an outstanding individual, volunteer group, nonprofit or business.

All winning nominators have been contacted by phone. Other nominators have been notified by mail. Planning is underway for the awards ceremony to be held on July 22 at the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort.

Learn more about the [awards program](#).



Kentucky Receives \$4.8 Million in Service Grants

Governor Steve Beshear announced on May 12 that Kentucky has received more than \$4.8 million in AmeriCorps funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to assist organizations that teach and tutor children, combat homelessness, provide drug resistance education and empower victims of domestic violence.

AmeriCorps is a national service program administered by the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS) and the federal Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). AmeriCorps members serve faith-based and nonprofit organizations with critical educational, environmental and safety needs.

“National service is an essential part of the solution to many of the challenges facing our Commonwealth,” Gov. Beshear said. “These AmeriCorps members will meet pressing local needs and strengthen communities as they develop civic and leadership skills to last a lifetime. I congratulate these outstanding organizations and thank all those who serve their communities through AmeriCorps.”

[Read the press release by Gov. Steve Beshear.](#)
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[Read the press release by Rep. Hal Rogers.](#)

[Read the press release by Sen. Mitch McConnell.](#)

[Read the national press release by CNCS.](#)